



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa flags off coffee and avocado seedlings to farmers at the Trans Nzoia County Commissioner's residence.

State boosts tree planting with coffee and avocado seedlings in Trans Nzoia County

BY ISAIAH NAYIKA (KNA)

The Government has intensified efforts to achieve the 15-billion-tree target by distributing high-quality coffee and avocado seedlings to farmers in Trans Nzoia County. Speaking in Kitale after overseeing the distribution exercise, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Dr. Deborah Barasa chal-

lenged Kenyans to take advantage of the current heavy rains to help the government achieve the 15 Billion tree cover target by 2032. Dr. Barasa said the programme that aims to restore 10.6 million hectares of degraded land and increase the country's tree cover from 12 to over 30 percent has been progressing very well. She emphasized that every Kenyan had a role to play towards the achievement of the target.

"If learning institutions, farmers, households and all government departments were to go out in full gear during this planting season, an estimate of 533 million trees will have been planted by the end of it," she said.

She said among efforts being made by the government to realize the goal is the strategic distribution of assorted high quality seedlings specifically coffee and avocado to farmers, either through cooperatives or individually.

She revealed that since July 2025, Trans Nzoia County has received a total of 157,250 coffee and 28,570 avocado seedlings from the national government.

"Since the inception of this distribution, we have witnessed a transformative shift in the rural economy which has resulted to diversification of income, empowerment of youth and women and strengthening of cooperatives being some of the positive impacts," she said.

In an effort to enable farmers to fetch more from the local and international market, Dr. Barasa said the government was out to ensure value addition to coffee and avocado by opening up more processing and packaging factories in the country.

"To our farmers, the government has provided the seedlings, but the hard work of nurturing them lays with you. To the cooperatives, let us remain transparent and professional in our management to ensure farmers get the best returns from their investment," she advised.

Shift focus from theory to action in health research, higher learning centres told

BY MUOKI CHARLES (KNA)

Institutions of higher learning have been challenged to realign their research priorities toward addressing pressing health issues affecting communities, as the country grapples with rising cases of serious ailments. Experts say the focus should shift from theoretical research to delivering practical, sustainable solutions—particularly in the health sector—to improve the quality of life for Kenyans.

Speaking at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) during a two-day Scientific, Technological and Industrialization conference, the Director Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Archer Arina said universities must work closely with healthcare professionals to drive impactful research. Arina noted that such collaboration could unlock solutions to diseases such as cancer and other life-threatening conditions, reducing the need for Kenyans to seek expensive treatment abroad.

He emphasized that researchers are well-positioned to guide government policy on key health concerns, including nutrition and disease preven-



Archer Arina, Director of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) addresses journalists and stakeholders during a two-day scientific, technological and industrialization conference at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology (JKUAT).

tion, adding that funding has been made available to support such initiatives. He pointed out that local financial institutions are increasingly willing to invest in university research and help translate findings into viable products and services.

His sentiments were echoed by Dr James Micah Oando, Council Chair at JKUAT, who said the university has committed internal funds and secured donor support to sustain ongoing research projects.



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