

## Biosafety and diagnostic facility for rabies control unveiled in Turkana

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The Turkana County Veterinary Laboratory is set to be upgraded into a Level II Biosafety and Diagnostic Facility and a Centre of Excellence for rabies surveillance and control, the Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Allan Azegele, has said.

The upgrade is expected to strengthen disease surveillance and diagnostic capacity in Turkana and neighbouring counties, as well as serve the wider region, including Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia.

Dr Azegele spoke during a tour of Turkana County to assess ongoing national veterinary programmes and projects implemented by the Kenya Women Veterinary Association (KWVA) over the past five years.

He said the upgraded laboratory would be accredited to undertake specialised diagnostic tests for priority livestock and zoonotic diseases, including Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (CCPP), rabies and hydatidosis.

"Government intends to upgrade the laboratory to a Level II Biosafety and Diagnostic Facility to serve counties in the region and the three neighbouring countries of Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia," said Dr Azegele.

He noted that the facility would subsequently be linked to the national laboratory network to enhance coordination, management and utilisation of diagnostic services.

Dr Azegele also inspected an ongoing three-day campaign aimed at controlling rabies and hydatidosis in Turkana County.

The Chief Officer for Livestock Development, Mr Peter Ikaru, welcomed the national Government's support, assuring the Director that the

county would continue working closely with the national Government in implementing ongoing and future livestock development programmes.

Ikaru said the county was also aware of plans to revive the Turkana Tannery and Lomidat Abattoir, which are expected to support the transformation of the livestock sector into a commercial enterprise.

During the visit, Dr Azegele toured various sections of the veterinary laboratory, including bacteriology, cold chain and sterilisation, parasitology, serology, haematology and post-mortem units. He and his team also planted trees at the laboratory compound as part of environmental conservation efforts.

Dr Azegele also called for the establishment of a Faculty of Veterinary Sciences at Turkana University College, saying the institution would help address the shortage of veterinary personnel in the county and strengthen the fight against zoonotic diseases.

Speaking during a mentorship programme for final-year students organised by KWVA at the university, Dr Azegele noted that Turkana has a large livestock population and relies heavily on pastoralism, but continues to face a shortage of veterinary professionals.

He said training local students would help build a pool of professionals who understand the pastoralist community and can address animal and zoonotic diseases at source.

Turkana University College Principal, Prof George Chemining'wa, said the institution was ready to introduce veterinary training once it receives its charter.

"Once we get the charter, we will start with certificate courses, later introduce diplomas and eventually develop a fully-fledged faculty," said Prof Chemining'wa.



### INVITATION TO TENDER

#### PROCURING ENTITY:

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation  
PO Box 34585 - 00100 Nairobi.

The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation invites sealed bids for the following tenders/Contracts.

#### CONTRACT NAME AND DESCRIPTION as follows:

| RFX No.    | Contract name and Descriptions                                                      | Bid Security                 | Closing/ Opening Date |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1000001601 | Supply and Delivery of Conductor, Cables and Staywires                              | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 02.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001602 | Supply and Delivery of Conductor and Cables - Open to Youth                         | Not required                 | 02.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001603 | Supply and Delivery of Conductor and cables - Open to Women                         | Not required                 | 02.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001604 | Supply and Delivery of Conductor- Open to PWD                                       | Not required                 | 02.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001605 | Supply and delivery of Treated wooden poles - Open to Youth                         | Not required                 | 06.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001606 | Supply and delivery of Treated wooden poles - Open to Women                         | Not required                 | 06.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001607 | Supply and delivery of Treated wooden poles- Open to PWD                            | Not required                 | 06.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001608 | Supply and Delivery of Concrete Stay blocks -Open to manufactures                   | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 07.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001609 | Supply and Delivery of Concrete Poles fittings - Open to Manufacturers              | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 07.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001610 | Supply and Delivery of Concrete Poles - Open to Manufacturers                       | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 07.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001611 | Supply and Delivery of Cross Arms                                                   | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 08.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001612 | Supply and Delivery of Cross Arms - Open to Youth                                   | Not required                 | 08.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001613 | Supply and Delivery of Bolts and Nuts                                               | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 08.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001614 | Supply and Delivery of Bolts and Nuts- Open to Women                                | Not required                 | 08.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001615 | Supply and Delivery of Insulators                                                   | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 09.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001616 | Supply and Delivery of Insulators - Open to Youth                                   | Not required                 | 09.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001617 | Supply and Delivery of Poles Signs - Open to PWD                                    | Not required                 | 09.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001618 | Supply and Delivery of Overhead Line Fittings                                       | Required, Amounts in the TDS | 13.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001619 | Supply and Delivery of Overhead Line Fittings -Open to Women                        | Not required                 | 13.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |
| 1000001620 | Supply and delivery of Surge Diverters, Cut outs, Fuses and Isolators Open to Youth | Not required                 | 13.10.2026 @ 10.00am. |

- Tendering will be conducted under open competitive method (National) using a standardized tender document.
- Tenderers will be allowed to tender for one or more lots.
- Qualified and interested tenderers may obtain further information and inspect the Tender Documents during office hours 8.00am - 12.45pm to 1.45pm - 4.00pm Monday to Friday) at the address given below.
- A complete set of tender documents may be viewed and downloaded by interested tenderers free of charge electronically from the Website [www.rerec.co.ke](http://www.rerec.co.ke) under September, 2026 tender documents, through the e-procurement portal using <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> and on the Public Procurement Information Portal <https://tenders.go.ke>. The documents will be available to interested bidders starting 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2026.
- Tender documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from the website [www.rerec.co.ke](http://www.rerec.co.ke). Tenderers who download the tender document must forward their particulars immediately to [tenders@rerec.co.ke](mailto:tenders@rerec.co.ke) to facilitate any further clarification or addendum.
- Tenders must be accompanied by bank tender security of amount as specified in the TDS or tender securing Declaration Forms as specified in the TDS. Original bid security must be submitted in the tender box before closing date and time indicated in the table above.
- The Tenderer shall chronologically serialize all pages of the tender documents submitted.
- Completed tenders must be delivered to the SRM portal: <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal> with scanned documents uploaded to the collaboration folder on or before closing/opening date and time as indicated above. A guide on tender submission labelled (Quick bidding reference) can be found in the REREC website <https://www.rerec.co.ke/Supplier-Bidding-Quick-reference-guide.pdf>.
- Only Electronic Tenders will be permitted.
- Any addendum to this tender shall be uploaded to the Corporation's website [www.rerec.co.ke](http://www.rerec.co.ke) under the specific tender documents.
- Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline date and time specified above or any dead line date and time specified later. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence of the Tenderers' designated representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- Late tenders will be rejected.
- The addresses referred to above are:

#### Address for obtaining further information on tender documents

For hand Courier, Original Bid security delivered to the tender Box (Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Off Popo Road.). Contact Manager, Supply chain management, telephone number: 0709193000 and e-mail address: [tenders@rerec.co.ke](mailto:tenders@rerec.co.ke)

Address for Submission of Tenders: Online only through <https://suppliers.rea.co.ke:44300/irj/portal>

Address for Opening of Tenders. Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor, Online system

Designation: Chief Executive Officer

#### A. Address for Submission of Tenders.

- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
- Postal Address: 34585 - 00100 Nairobi
- Physical address for hand Courier Delivery; South C, Office Popo Road, Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor; e-mail address: [tenders@rerec.co.ke](mailto:tenders@rerec.co.ke) and [info@rerec.co.ke](mailto:info@rerec.co.ke)

#### B. Address for Opening of Tenders.

- Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation
- Physical address for the location: Kawi Complex, Block C, Ground floor.

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