Education Beyond overcrowded classrooms, many schools lack basic facilities for well-rounded learning experience,

Millions of learners, too few facilities: Trouble with our public schools



A schools survey released yesterday by the government exposes glaring gaps in infrastructure, teaching resources and basic amenities, raising questions about the country's readiness to deliver on the promises of the competency-based curriculum

BY MERCY SIMIYU

Kenya's education system is struggling to provide adequate learning facilities and resources for nearly 18 million learners, exposing significant gaps in the implementation of the competency-based education curriculum.

Many of the 121,873 basic education institutions lack key facilities such as libraries and computer laboratories as well as equipment for learners with disabilities.

The 2024 Kenya School Census, released yesterday by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), shows that only 12.9 per cent of schools have libraries and 6.4 per cent have computer laboratories, while 99.1 per cent lack assistive devices or software for learners with special needs.

The report was launched at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi, by the acting KNBS director, Benjamin Avusevwa, who observed that despite achievements in some areas, "there's still work to be done".

The census covered institutions across all 47 counties and recorded 17,789,342 learners in basic education. Public schools accounted for 14 million learners, representing 78.9 per cent of the total, while private institutions enrolled 3.7 million, or 21.1 per cent.

Mr Avusevwa said the census was intended to establish a detailed and reliable database of basic learning institutions to address information gaps and support education planning, policy formulation and decision-making.

Data collection was conducted between May 22 and September 20, 2024, across all counties. It was the second national school census since 2007. The findings provided a national snapshot of enrolment, staffing, infrastructure and resources available to schools in 2024.

Of the 121,873 institutions enumerated, 82,858 are public schools, accounting for 68 per cent, while 39,015 are privately owned. Nairobi City County has the highest number of institutions at 8,078, while Lamu has the fewest at 439.

The institutions comprise 44,588 pre-primary schools, 39,146 primary schools, 26,743 junior schools, 10,930 secondary schools, 310 pre-vocational schools and 156 international schools.

Primary schools accounted for the largest share of learners, with 8.29 million enrolled, followed by secondary schools with 4.32 million. Pre-primary institutions had 2.7 million learners, while junior schools had 2.43 million.

The census also recorded 100,258 refugee learners in basic education institutions. The majority, 81,290, were enrolled in primary schools, while 9,148 were in secondary schools, 6,228 in pre-primary and 3,592 in junior schools.

The country had 755,212 teaching staff across public and private institutions. Women accounted for 56.9 per cent of the teaching workforce, while men made up 43.1 per cent. Public schools employed 72 per cent of teachers, compared with 28 per cent in private institutions.

Primary schools had the largest number of teaching staff at 360,789, followed by secondary schools with 188,702, pre-primary institutions with 109,131 and junior schools with 91,211.

However, the availability of classrooms varied across school levels. The census counted 492,652 classrooms in pre-primary, primary, junior and secondary schools. Of these, 87.3 per cent were permanent structures, while 12.7 per cent were temporary.

Public schools had a higher proportion of permanent classrooms at 91.7 per cent, compared with 76.5 per cent in private schools. Only about two per cent of classrooms, representing 12,095, had been adapted for special needs education.

The learner-classroom ratio stood at 30 in pre-primary schools, 32 in primary, 37 in junior and 46 in secondary schools. Turkana County recorded the highest ratios in pre-primary and secondary schools, at 76 and 64 learners per classroom respectively.

The shortage of learning facilities extended to play areas, with 37.4 per cent of primary, junior and secondary schools reporting that they had no play facilities. Junior schools re-

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU

JUJA MUNICIPALITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Municipality of **Juja** is a beneficiary of the Kenya Urban Support Program Phase II (KUSP 2), a Government of Kenya initiative supported by the World Bank, aimed at promoting sustainable urban development, strengthening municipal institutional capacity, improving urban infrastructure and enhancing the delivery of efficient, inclusive and responsive urban services. The Municipality invites eligible Consultants to submit sealed Expression of Interest as follows.

S/No	NEGOTIATION NO	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY
1	CGK/EOI/KUSP/II/ JJA/01/26/27	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDIES, ENVIRONMNETAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT, PROVISION OF CIVIL/ STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (BUILDING SERVICES) FOR JUJA MUNICIPALITY UNDER KENYA URBAN SUPPORT PROGRAM (KUSP II)	CITIZEN

Mandatory requirements, tender conditions and further instructions are contained in the tender document that can be downloaded free of charge at the or ***at the Juja municipality website,*** www.kiambu.go.ke or www.tenders.go.ke

Completed Tender documents shall be dropped at the tender box located **Outside Municipal Managers Reception Office - Juja Municipality** on or before the Tender closing date, **Tuesday 8th December 2026 at 12:00 NOON**

The tender will be opened at Juja Municipality offices in presence of the tenderers or their representatives who may choose to attend at the same venue

LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER
JUJA MUNICIPALITY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU

27TH NOVEMBER 2026

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Members' Annual General Meeting for Kenyatta National Hospital Staff Superannuation Scheme (DB) for the year ended 30th June 2026 will be held on Friday 11th December 2026 at 9.00am. Details regarding the mode of attendance, registration and participation in the meeting will be communicated to members in due course.

The business to be transacted is as follows:
1. To read the Notice convening the meeting
2. To receive the Chairman's report
3. To receive the Audited Financial Statements
4. To receive the Report of the Investment Managers
5. To receive the Report of the Property Manager
6. To receive the Report of the Custodian
7. To receive the Report of the Administrator
8. To receive the Report of the Regulator
9. To consider and approve the revised Trustees' Remuneration Policy
10. Question & Answers session
11. Any Other Business

NOTE: A link to access the AGM documents will be circulated to all members alongside the notice. Members outside the workstation are requested to contact the KNH Pension Secretariat for the link.

All members of the scheme are invited and encouraged to attend.

MS. JANE AKUNDA
TRUST SECRETARY
27th November 2026

EUROPEAN UNION
DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

CALL FOR TENDERS FOR CLEANING SERVICES

Reference number EEAS/DELKENN/2026/RP/0097

Contract notice 226/2026 808078-2026

The Delegation of the European Union to Kenya has launched a call for tender for cleaning services.

If you are interested to participate in this call for tenders, please find the contract notice and all relevant documents on F&T Portal following the link below.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/tender-details/da2a3275-8f06-4bca-acd4-40dc8015c217-CN#anchorDocuments

DELEGATION DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE EN KENYA

APPEL D'OFFRES POUR DES SERVICES DE NETTOYAGE

Numéro de référence EEAS/DELKENN/2026/RP/0097

Avis de marché 226/2026 808078-2026

La Délégation de l'Union européenne au Kenya a lancé un appel d'offres pour la prestation de services de nettoyage.

Si vous souhaitez participer à cet appel d'offres, veuillez consulter l'avis de marché ainsi que tous les documents pertinents disponibles sur le portail Funding & Tenders, via le lien ci-dessous:

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