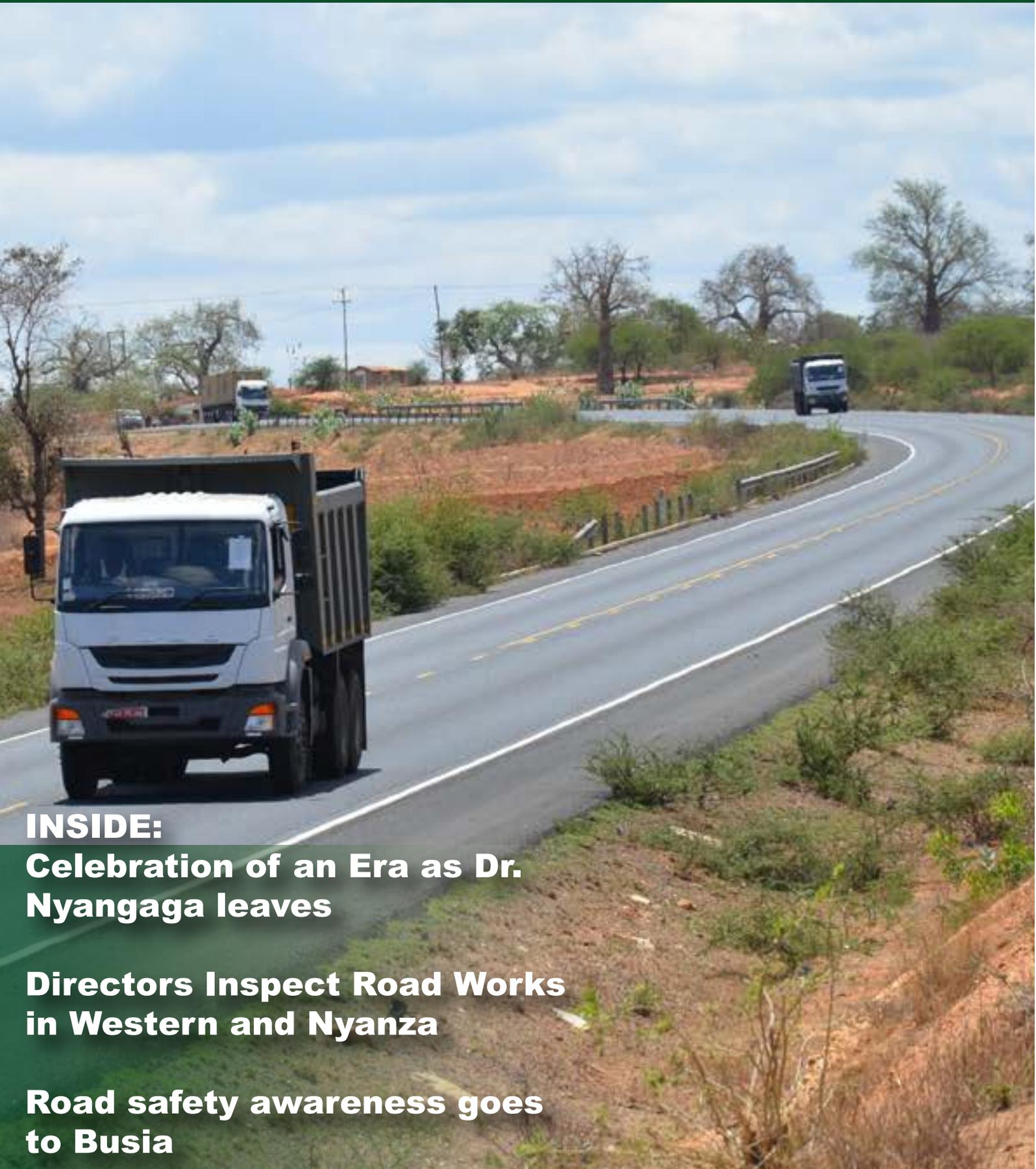


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## Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to this 12<sup>th</sup> Issue of the KRB Newsletter. In this issue, we celebrate Dr. Nyangaga our former Executive Director. Dr. Nyangaga has seen KRB from inception through its formative stages to a point where we have 10 years experience. In April, we bade farewell to him as he started another phase of his career, we will surely miss his wise counsel.

The Government rolled out the construction of 10,000 kilometres of roads within the next 5 years. The project which is a flagship project of the Government is expected to connect every corner of this country.

In our continued efforts on road safety, we conducted a road safety awareness for boda boda operators in Busia where in we provided training by Automobile Association, Kenya Red Cross and provided helmets and other road safety accessories. The event also included a HIV awareness campaign. The event was also attended by KRB Directors as they conducted a roads tour of western and rift valley regions. The construction of footbridges along Mombasa road, funded by KRB is also progressing well despite earlier delays. It is expected the bridges will be in use by end October, 2014.

During the period, we have automated our ISO processes that ensure that our quality management system continues to improve.

The Board has approved the annual public Roads Programme FY 2014/2015. The programme which comprises of a budget of Kshs. 25 billion

Enjoy the reading

Eng. Jacob Z. Ruwa

Executive Director - Kenya Roads Board



# Dr. Nyangaga's farewell party

After serving KRB for over 10 years, Dr. Nyangaga retired in February, 2014. It was difficult for the staff to say goodbye to the man who had been involved with KRB since its formative stages.. During his tenure, Dr.Nyangaga had many firsts. He saw the growth of the KRB Fund from Kshs. 8 billion to Kshs. 24 billion annually and oversaw the implementation of road projects funded by fuel levy for approximately Kshs. 240 billion. KRB was ISO certified in 2010 making it the first institution in the roads sub sector to be certified. This was a demonstration of his commitment to continually improve quality in all KRB services. During his tenure, a regime for axle load monitoring was implemented to monitor overloading by transporters.

KRB will forever be grateful to him for the contribution he made not only to KRB but to the roads sub sector and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.





# Boda Boda campaign goes to Busia County

Busia boda boda operators came in their thousands for the KRB awareness training at the Ministry of Agriculture Training Centre in Busia.

As early as 8 a.m the operators had parked their motorbikes and ready to learn. It was encouraging to see so many of the operators ready to sacrifice their daily earnings to come learn issues of safety, first aid and traffic regulations. The county government, county commissioner and the police. By conducting these awareness workshops, KRB hopes that by providing training opportunities for the operators, they may influence behavior change and thereby reduce accidents caused by the operators.

Kenya Red Cross conducted training on how to handle accident victims, protecting oneself when administering first aid and avoiding exposure to the chest when riding. Most of the operators acknowledged that it was always a big challenge to handle an accident situation.

The Busia Police Base Commander assured the operators that police were not harassing them

but were trying to ensure safety for all road users.

The Minister for Roads in Busia County informed the operators that the County government had included construction of motor cycle lanes in the new road works contracts

KRB Chairman informed the operators that over 80% of all road traffic crashes were attributable to human error and therefore a need for behavior change to reduce needless deaths and injuries on the roads. The Chairman led KRB directors and staff in issuing reflective jackets, first aid kits and jackets to the operators.



Kenya Red Cross demonstrates how to attend to an accident victim



# Ms. Mary Wambugu joins the Board

Mrs. Mary Wambugu has appointed Director of Kenya Roads Board representing the League of Kenya Women Voters. Mrs. Wambugu is an Economics graduate of the University of Nairobi and holds CPA qualifications and an alumnus of Alliance Girls. She also holds certificates in Corporate Governance and Labour Laws.

As an ardent golfer, she has risen to the prestigious position of Chairlady of Kenya Ladies Golf Union.

Currently, she is the Finance Director of a group of companies specializing in Construction and Real Estate business. Having served other boards like Suntra Investment Bank and League of Kenya Women Voter, she brings invaluable experience in management, corporate governance and strategic planning.



## Disbursement of funds FY 2013/2014

Kenya Roads Board has released **Kshs. 25.17 Billion** towards maintenance of various roads in the country for financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. The funds comprise of road maintenance levy and transit tolls collections.



Road Agency	Purpose	Disbursements	
		FY 2013/2014	FY 2012/2013
Kenya National Highways Authority	A, B, C (Major Trunk Roads)	10,330,789,000	9,944,179,999
Kenya Rural Roads Authority	D, E & Others (Rural Roads)	7,911,831,200	7,641,744,000
Kenya Urban Roads Authority	Urban Roads	3,708,670,875	3,582,067,500
Kenya Wildlife Service	National Parks	247,244,725	238,804,500
Allocated by KRB Minister for Roads/	Roads under Road Sector Investment Programme	2,472,447,250	2,388,045,000
Kenya Roads Board	Operations	503,489,450	485,609,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25,174,472,500</b>	<b>24,370,450,000</b>

The funds were been released to respective road agencies to finance road works as per the Annual Public Roads Programme for FY 2013/2014

By the close of the financial year, approximately 59,679 kilometres had been implemented. This represents 97.8% of works planned for the financial year and includes routine maintenance, sport improvement, period maintenance and structures. Of the above figure, rural roads accounted for 47,594 kilometres

## KRB at the IEK Conference

KRB participated at the Institution of Engineers Annual conference in May, 2014 by sponsoring its Engineers and exhibiting at the conference. The theme of the conference 'The Engineer and Rural Infrastructure' resonated very well with KRB and we have relevant strategies for improving the road infrastructure in the rural areas. This includes the support particularly for the Roads 2000 strategy which has been rolled out countrywide as well as support for cheaper road construction methods like low volume seal, cobblestone and Do Nou technologies. Development of rural infrastructure has shown to lead to poverty reduction. Development of rural roads is key to increasing development in agriculture and small industries, access to markets, access to healthcare, access to education and this ultimately will lead to development and poverty reduction.

However, for sustainable development to be realized, all key sectors of the economy e.g. energy, water will need to be developed



## KRB directors assess road projects in Western and Rift Valley

In June, 2014, directors and senior staff toured Western and Rift Valley regions to among other things assess the conditions of the road network in the country, obtain an overall view on the usage of the road maintenance levy for implementation of road maintenance projects, receive feedback from field officers on implementation constraints and interact with other stakeholders and road users. The Board visited the performance based contract for maintenance of Lanet-Njoro turnoff. The performance based contracting is a concept under trial where payments for the management and maintenance of roads assets is linked to the contract meeting defined minimum performance indicators.

Directors also inspected the construction of Mau Summit – Kericho which is being undertaken by SBI International-Holdings at a contract sum of Kshs. 6.8 Billion and Nyamasaria Kericho at a cost of Kshs. 8.0 Billion. When completed, these projects will go a long way in opening up the region, reducing travel time and cost. In Busia region, a total length of 493 kilometers was planned for maintenance through fuel levy funds

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Overall, the implementation of road works was on schedule. However, directors noted areas that required further action including encroachment of road reserves, erection of illegal bumps, lack of facilities for motor cyclists, inadequate road signs and road markings. The funding was still inadequate to cater for the needs of the network. In this regards, the Board is aggressively following up on other sources of funding including raising the fuel levy and floating and infrastructure bond.

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