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Education

Health

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GOVERNOR

West Pokot County

Leadership guided by 3E's Principle - Education, Economy and Equity

*"I can do all THESE things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:3*

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"Most of our land, water and labour can be used intensively and effectively to generate wealth in West Pokot. Opportunities of this kind must be quickly and fully developed. This is the dream that I have for our County."

Vote for

Prof. John Lonyangapuo

A Bridge of Hope

EDUCATION

Education is the key to all forms of development. An educated society is a liberated one. Currently, many children in West-Pokot are unable to get education due to lack of enough schools and high fees. This is an area that we intend to invest in heavily to ensure that children in this county are empowered academically. WPC will establish an Education Foundation to support learning. The Governor will be the Patron

(a) ECD:

- In every village
- Each with at least 3 well-built and equipped classrooms
- At least 2 teachers
- Free milk will be provided by WPC for every child
- Reasonable remuneration for teachers
- There will be a Directorate in charge of ECD

(b) Adult Learning & Alternative Education

- Learning Centres to be established across WPC
- Mobile schools for herdsmen in far-lung areas
- Good curriculum to be initiated and maintained
- Qualified teachers to be recruited
- There will be a Directorate in charge of Adult Learning

(c) Lower Primary:

- Free milk will be provided by WPC for every child
- Enough learning materials to be provided in schools
- Playing facilities will also be provided

(d) Upper Primary:

- Increased boarding facilities in selected schools per sub-location
- Increase low-cost primary schools
- Initiate lunch programs (on a minimum cost-sharing basis)
- Build full boarding schools along the WPC borders with Turkana, Baringo, Marakwet, Trans-Nzoia and Uganda
- Some schools to be provided with a new school bus
- Examination candidates to be taken on exposure studies and benchmarking
- Teachers will be highly motivated. The Governor will hold a meeting with them every term

(e) Secondary Schools:

- More boarding schools to be build and well-equipped
- School fees to be subsidised in public schools
- Increased amount of bursaries for needy students
- Teachers to be well motivated. The Governor will hold a meeting with teachers and BOM every term
- Governor to work in close collaboration with educational institutions sponsors

- A special school will be set up in the county for talent development
- WPC will form a Talent Development Board comprising of former athletes and other sports personalities to aid in talent tapping and development

SECURITY & PEACE BUILDING

This is a National Government function: However, WPC shall:

- Work with the National Government and neighbouring counties to build more security agencies stations
- Support increased surveillance to reduce and eradicate incidents of banditry attacks and cattle rustling.
- Recognise the importance of the National Police Reservists (NPR) and engage them fully in security matters
- Provide vehicles to NPR in security prone areas
- Support and reward village elders and ‘Nyumba Kumi’ leaders to fight crime
- WPC will form and support Peace Building and Reconciliation Committee (comprising of former leaders, retired civil servants, and reformed warriors) to ensure cohesion between West-Pokot residents and the neighbouring communities. We shall also create the office of Peace Ambassador.

EQUITY

- Give equal opportunities regardless of gender, tribe or political affiliations
- Ensure Fairness and Equity in all aspects
- Equitable distribution of resources across the county
- Support vulnerable groups
- Special needs schools in WPC will be supported
- Affirmative action for employment of women, disabled and minorities in the County Government

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

The leadership of Prof. John Lonyangapuo will ensure that the affairs of West Pokot County are run above board. Corruption, among other vices, will not be tolerated.

- Aloe Vera processing unit in Kodich
- Value addition for wool in Tapach/Lelan
- Fresh produce storage facilities in Tapach/Lelan
- Water bottling plant
- WPC will develop industrial parks in every sub-county
- Cottage industries to be developed along Chepareria-Ortum highway (in Chepareria and Batei wards); and make this place an industrial hub of West Pokot.
- WPC will work with Tullow Oil Company to explore oil in West-Pokot. We shall also seek for investors to build solar energy and wind harvesting plant. Mining of Gold and other precious minerals will be supported by WPC: and will discourage exploitation.

TOURISM & CULTURE DEVELOPMENT

- We shall promote tourism and make it one of the key income generating avenues for West-Pokot County.
- WPC will partner with private sector to build a major tourist hotel at Nasolot Game Reserve; a sanctuary with some of the largest elephants in the world
- Hold Pokot Cultural Week annually
- Establish animal orphanage to promote tourism
- WPC will build a major cultural centre (like Bomas of Kenya) to showcase the unique Pokot culture
- We shall support local investors to build hotels and resorts in the scenic mountains of West-Pokot
- Improve Kapenguria museum and establish a library in every ward where artefacts and books on Pokot culture will be accessed
- Discourage retrogressive cultural practices like FGM

EMERGENCY & DISASTER RESPONSE

- WPC will build cereal storage facilities to mitigate drought, food and water shortages
- It will ensure timely response to all manner of calamities such as: landslides, severe drought, abrupt clashes, disease outbreaks, among other things. We shall also establish a fire station
- This will be a Directorate in the Governor's office.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- Promote sports (mainly athletics) by building training centres in every constituency to encourage them use sports for personal development.
- WPC will build a major stadium in the county and small ones in the sub-counties
- Music, football, drama, among other things, to be developed at school and community levels

(f) Polytechnics:

- To be built in every ward
- To provide equipments, train tutors and offer proper scheme of service
- Create National/International linkages
- To offer training that will enable residents to be self-reliant and generate income
- Special fund to be set aside to develop polytechnics

(g) Tertiary College:

- WPC to ensure the County has enough colleges
- College students to be supported with reasonable bursaries
- WPC to work with central government to ensure that Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) in Kapenguria admits high number of local students

(h) University:

- WPC to work with National Government to establish a full-ledged public university
- Scholarships/bursaries to be increased for students
- Governor to regularly meet with WPC University students and lecturers

ECONOMY

(a) Agriculture:

- Farmers to be supported and educated on farming skills
- WPC to undertake soil testing and advise farmers on proper land use
- Market for products to be made readily available
- Ensure value-addition for locally produced goods
- Establish specific farms for demonstration purposes; and train farmers on good agricultural practices
- Encourage and support green-house farming in every ward
- Build County cereals and produce stores in every constituency to purchase farmers products (for food security)
- County Agricultural mechanization services will be created.
- Promote growing of indigenous food crops
- Improve and support Kapenguria ASK show.
- Tea, coffee, sisal, cotton and pyrethrum growing will be given top priority. A special Directorate will be established to oversee development of these cash crops.

(b) Irrigation

- WPC will increase the acreage under irrigation by collaborating with national and international agencies to undertake major irrigation projects in the county

- We shall also establish mini and micro-dams for small scale irrigation / drip irrigation
- Portable generators will be provided to farmers who live along major rivers such as Suam, Muruny and Kerio.

(c) Livestock Farming:

- Make WPC to have the best production of beef and dairy cows, sheep, goats, camel among other animals
- Support each home to own atleast one dairy cow or goat
- Good animal husbandry to be encouraged by establishing specific farms for demonstration purposes
- Set up animal breeding units in every constituency (make AI services available).
- Provide market for the farmers and modernise livestock selling yards
- Rehabilitate the Nasukuta meat processing plant
- Restore and Revive animal holding grounds (for disease control)
- Benchmarking: WPC farmers will be supported to undertake agricultural tours and studies locally and even internationally (especially in Botswana).
- There will be special Directorates; one for Dairy and another one for Beef

(d) Trade & Co-operatives

- WPC to provide conducive environment for investments, tax regimes, creations of market for products, among other things.
- WPC will partner with the banking sector to provide loans and educate people on how to do business.
- Set up market stalls for small scale traders in strategic areas in urban centres across the county
- Enhance collaboration with the Kenya National Chamber for Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) and the Kenya Investments Authority (KIA).
- WPC will undertake proper physical planning for all major urban centres in the county.
- Trade exhibitions, talks, conferences, tours, etc, will be encouraged.
- Have a clear working mechanism between county government and business community
- Establish Co-operative development fund to be accessed by various groups (silc, youths, livestock traders, business men, etc).
- WPC will support youths to engage sand-harvesting as an economic activity. We will help them acquire transport lorries (tippers)

West Pokot county will recognise the role of development partners and NGO's. We shall work with donors to support community based projects. A directorate will be formed to undertake fundraising and coordinate this partnership

HEALTH

- Develop the Kapenguria Referral Hospital and Ortum Hospital to higher standards of Level 5
- Equip them with modern facilities and sufficient drugs
- Ensure medical personnel are well trained and motivated (with an improved scheme of service)
- Establish and equip Amenity wing at Kapenguria Hospital
- Build Level 4 hospitals in Alale, Kacheliba, Kabichbich, Chapareria, Sigor and Makutano
- Provide ambulance services for county and sub-county hospitals (at least one per ward).
- Special medical scholarship will be offered to those undertaking high-skilled courses
- Partner with advanced referral hospitals to improve our health care
- Encourage and promote enrolment to NHIF fund
- Support and reward community health volunteers

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Ensure most county roads are in motorable condition
- Town roads/streets to be tarmacked
- Establish County Mechanical and Transport Division/Fund
- Establish County roads maintenance unit

WATER & ENVIRONMENT

- Acquire atleast 2 water drilling equipment for the county
- Drill boreholes in many villages across the county
- Have water dams strategically in every dry area
- Ensure that residents are supplied with clean treated water to eradicate water-borne diseases
- Protect our water catchment areas.
- Promote sustainable use of natural resources
- Encourage massive tree planting by the local residents
- Women and youth groups will be supported to establish and run tree nurseries

INDUSTRIALIZATION & MINERAL EXPLORATION

In order to create employment, WPC will build the following industries:

- Maize Milling plant in Mnagei ward
- Cement plants in Ortum and Sebit
- Milk processing plant at an appropriate location
- Meat processing plant in Nasukuta
- Sunlower extraction plant in Keringet township
- Mango juice and Honey processing units to be established
- Set up onion storage facilities in Batei