

Stakeholder engagements intensified

THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE

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In keeping with its commitment to serve the public and living to the expectation of the community, the company has intensified engagement

with its various stakeholders.

Last week alone, the CEO met two vital community organization officials namely Kenya National Federation of Farmers Union (KNFFU) and Western Community Health Association (WECOHAS) on the 5th and 6th October, 2017 respectively.

This move by Mr. Nashon Aseka, is one that will see Mumias Sugar revitalize its operations as soon as possible. This comes at a historic moment when the employees, farmers and the community at large is enthusiastic to see the startup of milling and continuity of the company.



The CEO Mr. Nashon Aseka with the officials of WECOHAS after a consultative meeting

Bulk cane sucrose content measurement a reality

In readiness for the eventuality of cane payment based on sucrose content, Mumias Sugar Company limited has partnered with the Agriculture and Food Authority, Sugar Directorate to run a pilot using New Infrared Spectrometer (NIR) machine.

NIR machine is mechanized to measure the sucrose content. The innovation could see farmers receive payment according to the sucrose content of their respective cane. If adopted, it is expected to motivate farmers in planting cane varieties rich in sucrose.

“With the aid of sizeable trucks, a five-kilogram cane is crushed for every lot. The crushing process takes approximately three minutes. “Said the Sugar Directorate official – Ms. Betty Awour.

“The ‘ready cane’ is then piped into NIR machine where it is sensed hence allowing the machine to measure fibre, moisture and sucrose content of the ‘ready cane’. “She added.

The pilot process is expected to be completed within a period of two years during which a decision will be made on its implementation by MSC management and other-sugar industry players.



The New Infrared Spectrometer Machine (NIR)

MSC analyzing sugar importation prospects

MSC management is at the moment analyzing the option of sugar importation given the extension of duty free window for sugar imports by national

treasury to 31/12/17 through a special gazette notice.

So far the company has not imported any sugar amount.

The company will continue considering all business environmental factors and should a viable combination exist then sugar importation would be done to maximize on the opportunity

Cholera Awareness

There have been several media reports both in the conventional and social about the outbreak of Cholera disease in many parts of the country which brought fears that even led to closure of institutions near us including Shibale primary school on hygiene related fears.

The possibility of the same spreading to our environment is high and hence the need to take the necessary precautions to prevent such an eventuality. Cholera can be deadly if prompt preventive and/or treatment measures are not put in place.

Cholera is an infectious disease that causes severe watery dehydration and can lead to death if untreated. It is caused by eating food or drinking water contaminated with a bacterium called *Vibrio cholerae*. *Vibrio cholerae*, the bacterium that causes cholera, is usually found in food or water contaminated by faeces from a person with the infection.

The disease is most common in places with poor sanitation (poor hygiene). Common sources of Cholera include:- contaminated water supplies, foods and drinks sold by street vendors or hawkers, vegetables grown in water contaminated with human wastes, raw or undercooked fish caught in waters polluted with sewage.

Once a person consumes the contaminated food or water, the Bacteria releases toxins/poison in the intestines which then produces severe diarrhea. Signs and symptoms will start showing depending on the dosage that one would have consumed through food or water.

Symptoms of cholera can begin as soon as a few hours or after several days depending on the consumed dosage. You are not likely to be infected with cholera just from casual contact with an infected person but you must consume contaminated foodstuff or water.

DEVOTIONAL CHARGE

Jesus in his teaching Luke 18:1 said men ought always to pray and not faint. Then it is important to note that praying is crucial in the journey of any one who want to enjoy breakthroughs and see good.

Don't you know that you are to pray for the peace and prosperity of any place you find yourself per time, Jeremiah 29:7 and 1Tim2:1-2. So pray in line with the word and see it happen.

Look at this, in Matt 6:34----"-Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof". That means every day is loaded with wickedness. So until you pray and shake off the wicked one trouble reigns, resistance abides (Job 38:12-13).

In summary prayer will guarantee you victory Matt 7:7-8, prayer will stop the incursions of satan over you Luke 22:31-32 Ps 18:44-45, prayer will make your destiny to open up Luke 3:21-22, etc. My prayer is that every one of us will take personal responsibility to pray.

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