

COAST RESIDENTS PRAISE GOVERNMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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President Uhuru Kenyatta unveils plaque at Ziwa la Ng'ombe Informal Settlement in Mombasa

Residents of Mombasa County at the have praised the Government for initiating projects which have turned around lives of coastal people.

During his tour of the Coast last week, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta commissioned the Buxton footbridge, Bamburi storm water drainage and Ziwa la Ng'ombe informal settlement improvement programme.

Led by the chairman of Ziwa la Ng'ombe Settlement Executive committee, Swalleh Abdalla, the residents acknowledged the positive impact the projects have had in their lives.

Mr Swalleh said the area posted improved results in national exams, since children from poor families are now able to do their homework using high mast street lighting.

He said since roads and drainage were improved, the value of their land had gone up from an average of sh 200,000 per plot to sh 2 million.

“Our lives have totally changed, since we now have better access roads which have also improved our security”, said Swalleh.

He added that children and expectant mother were now closer to health services following the construction of a Health centre in the area.

The Buxton footbridge and Bamburi storm water drainage were implanted by the Directorate of Urban and Metropolitan Development while Ziwa la Ng'ombe improvement programme was implemented by the Kenya Slums Improvement Programme (KISIP), all anchored in the State Department for Housing and Urban Development.

The Principal Secretary for Housing and Urban Development Arch. AidahMunano who accompanied the President during the tour said projects carried out by the State Department had spurred tangible development besides having direct impact on the lives of ordinary Kenyans.

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