H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga joined Deputy President H.E Rigathi Gachagua, colleague Governors, Cabinet Secretaries, local and International partners, among other key stakeholders, for a strategic mitigation meeting where we deliberated on a response plan for the El Nino rainfall, predicted to begin this month in various parts of the country. The meeting was held at the Deputy President's Official Residence in Karen. They agreed that the County Governments should establish a Disaster Management Committee at the County and Sub-County levels. The Committees shall map disaster-prone areas, vulnerable populations within the County, and the number of families and individuals. The Committees will then develop and implement a public awareness and education strategy, disaster risk reduction, and response measures. They will also coordinate the dissemination of early warning and anticipated action to the public, develop/review evacuation plans at the County and Sub-County, identify evacuation centres, map evacuation, and conduct a local needs assessment. Further, the Committees shall be responsible for stocking relief materials/packages at the County level and coordinating evacuation and relief efforts.

The CECM Health Dr. Joseph Kiraga met with representatives from the Financing Alliance for Health (FAH) and Bill Gates Foundation-USA, where they deliberated on Primary Health Care (PHC). (FAH) has deliberately partnered with Nyeri County to achieve Primary Health Care goals and objectives. With FAH’s support, the County has conducted a situational analysis of Nyeri County community health services to develop a costed implementation plan and an investment case and mobilize resources for community health. Investment in our CHPs has increased productivity, prevented and contained health crises, and increased economic benefits from employment, resulting in long-term sustainability. The team later had an opportunity to visit Kiamariga CU, which is linked to Ruguru Health Centre, and visited 3 households, which depicted a clear image of resilience and dedication by CHPs in their work.

FAH is a partnership that works primarily with African governments to develop and implement sustainable financing strategies for primary and community health systems that operate at scale. They partner long-term with the Ministries of Health and Finance to develop diverse and fit-for-purpose financing sources demonstrating adequately funded community health systems’ health, social, and economic impact.