

Meru's Sh20m banana winery to cut out middlemen

A Sh20 million banana winery is going up in Igoji East ward and Meru county is seeking financial aid from the World Bank. The winery is expected to raise the income of exploited farmers who have been falling prey to middlemen who buy at low prices. Meru Governor Kiraitu Murungi's administration spent Sh4 million in 2017-18 and Sh3 million in 2018-19 to build the winery. Agriculture director Martin Munene said there not enough nurseries with certified seedlings. This has forced the county and most farmers to use suckers from their neighbours for transplant. They also purchase seedlings from Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology. <https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/eastern/2019-06-06-merus-sh20m-banana-winery-to-cut-out-middlemen>