



DEPARTMENT OF DEVOLUTION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Strategic Direction



OUR MISSION

To provide leadership, coordination and policy direction in the management of devolution and devolved service delivery for high quality of life



OUR VISION

A center of excellence in coordination and management of devolved Functions



CORE VALUES

People centered, Responsiveness, Integrity, accountability, Creativity and innovation, Efficiency and effectiveness



Our Mandate

The Department of Devolution, Public Participation, County Administration and Special Programs is mandated to handle matters concerning coordination of government and management of devolved service delivery, enforcement, public participation, civic education, Disaster management and special programs, liquor control, research, documentation and knowledge management. The department is the host for the Kenya School for Devolution and Community Led Development.

Partnership Achievements in the last 10 years of Devolution

- State Department of Devolution and the World Bank: Coordination of Devolution support programs, public participation, civic education, research and documentation. Successful management of capacity building and investment grants such as the Makindu Grain Processing plant under Agriculture and the Emali The construction of an ultra-modern market which is bound to boost trade in the heart of the fast growing Emali township along Mombasa-Nairobi highway
- Maarifa Center/COG: Knowledge management
- World Vision: Child centered public participation, community based monitoring
- Polish Centre for International Aid (PCPM):
 - a) Established Makindu Fire Station with the following components: Administration block, foul drainage, vehicle shed, external works (toilets, Cabro paving and land scapping);
 - b) 1 commander house in Makindu
 - c) 1 commander house in Wote
- African Fire Mission:
 - a) Supplied the County Fire Brigade with assorted Personal Protective Equipment and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus donated in the FY 2019
 - b) Has been supporting Annual Fire and EMS Symposium and competition in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Has provided a platform for online trainings every Wednesday on selected training needs to firefighters in Kenya
- Safaricom Foundation: Construction of 98 houses for affected households - During the OND 2018 rains, the County experienced heavy downpour over 100 households had their houses destroyed

Partnership Engagements – First Year of CIDP III 2023 - 2027

PARTNERS	PROGRAM	IMPACT
Polish Centre for International Aid (PCPM)::	Fire Rescue Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipped Makindu Fire station with a Road Traffic Accident/ Medical Vehicle (one of its kind in East Africa) rescue vehicle that was fabricated in Kenya and equipped with hydraulic equipment- Spreaders, cutters and ram that enables easy extrication of accident and crashed vehicles. The RTA is also fitted with medical equipment so that emergency care can be given to accident victims)). • Extensive training of our fire on; Road Traffic Accident Response and Emergency Medical Care, 2 Firefighters Firefighting Technician (Pump operator course, Level 3, Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition -PLAR Gaps trainings)
Movement for Community Led Development	Establishment of the Kenya school for Devolution and Community Led Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of the first class of 33 students for the course of community led Development • Hosting researchers, benchmarking counties, the republic of Mozambique and the Zambia on devolution
USAID	Strengthening localization	Establishment and operationalization of the county local development organization (LDO) named Makueni Development Trust, a community led Organization owned and sustained by the people of Makueni and their community based Organizations
State Department of Devolution and the World	Ongoing Co-creation of the second Kenya Devolution Support Program initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program to begin in March 2024. Shall support county departments' capacities and investments

Developmental Focus Areas

PROGRAM	Priority Area	Desired Change
El-Nino Preparedness	Improved response to floods and house hold damages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The county has identified 18 evacuation centers distributed within the hot spot areas (areas prone to floods & landslides). The operationalization of these centers require provision of both food and non-food items. The County has established an Emergency Command Center at Wote Fire Station for coordination of Emergencies during and after the ongoing rains. Operationalization of this center requires; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication equipment (walkie talkies. Cameras, Lap tops & Desktops. Flat TV screen WIFI/internet & Airtime Printers and stationaries Feeding program and facilitation of the Command center staff <p>During the rain seasons, there increased Road Traffic Accidents due to low visibility and wet road surfaces along the Mombasa Highway (Approx. 260 Kms of road and railway traverses Makueni County)</p> <p>Capacity building of emergency response teams: the government seeks to strengthen the component of promoting rescue and recovery from the adverse impacts of emergencies through capacity building of emergency response teams with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential aqua rescue equipment (SCUBAS, rescue boats Air compressor (very critical) Continuous training of the emergency response teams <p>Rehabilitation and reconstruction (post disaster): To date (2 weeks onto the heavy rains), more than 20 houses have been reported to have been destroyed by the ongoing rains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The situation is anticipated to worsen; more houses are likely to be affected. Most of the affected households are needy and therefore require assistance. There is need to procure construction materials to provide safe shelters to the affected households.
Fire emergencies and preparedness	Establishment and equipping of Fire stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved response turnaround time towards the internationally recommended standard of 15 minutes.
	Establishment of fire hydrants/Fire engine water draw off points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of fire engine drawing points.
	Early detection of fires through modern technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced adoption of Geo mapping technology and remote sensing in early detection of the wild land fires and onward activation of response.
	capacity building-trainings and research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved response capacities

Good Governance and Management of Devolved service delivery	KDSP II program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ongoing development of the KDSP II program is expected to benefit Makueni county for a second time with governance and investment programs
	Research, Documentation and knowledge management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The full operationalization of the Kenya School for Devolution and Community Led Development remains a capita project for the government. As the county has been prioritized as model county in demonstrating devolution, the school is institutionalized to ensure learning, research and knowledge management. <p>Donors are encouraged to support the school through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants to LDOs, CBOs and communities for capacity development and community led development programs Equipping of the school Curriculum development <p>The investment of a construction of the schools with greater modern facilities is envisioned to drive capacity building under devolution perspective and localization of governance and development</p>
	Public Participation in development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The support towards Community Capacity development for improved decision making shall lead to eradicating project vandalism and improving ownership of projects by the communities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance public participation across the county through; community capacity development, data collection gadgets, computers and automation of public participation data and information
	Establishment of a county Printer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program enhances civic education, access to information and publications for access to communities through their community resource centers
Strengthening County Administration and enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 administrative offices construction and equipping of administrative offices at ward and village levels. 	

