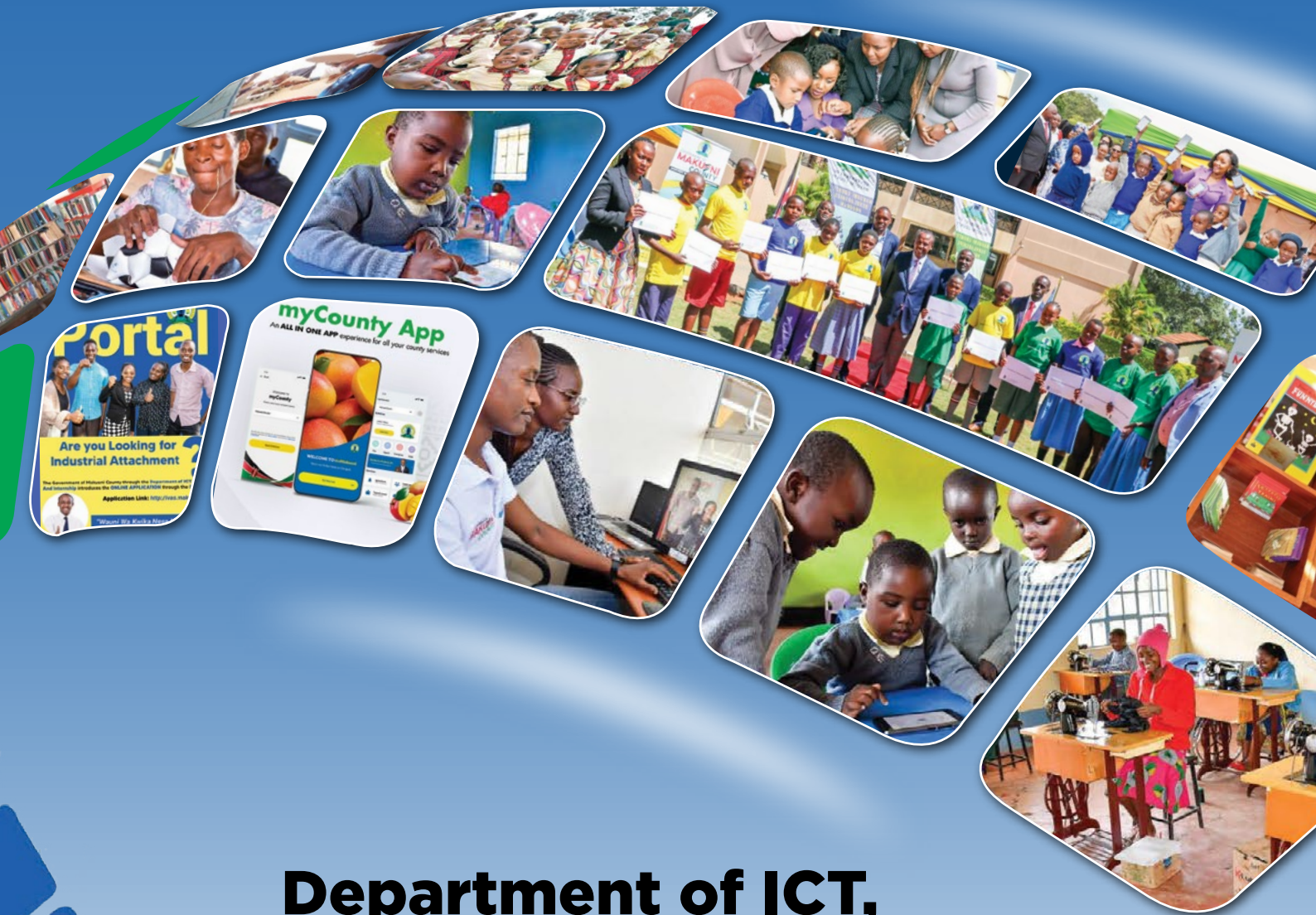


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Department of ICT, Education & Internship Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027

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GOVERNOR PRESS SERVICE
MAKUENI
COUNTY



OUR MISSION

To innovate and nurture talent to transform the livelihoods of Makueni citizenry.



OUR VISION

To be the Department of Reference



OUR VALUES

- Integrity
- Customer Focus
- Accountability
- Results Orientation
- Innovation
- Inclusivity
- Teamwork

STRATEGY

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Abbreviations AND ACRONYMS

ASAL	Arid and Semi-Arid Lands
CBC	Competency Based Curriculum
CECM	County Executive Committee Member
CIDP	County Integrated Development Plan
CTTIs	County Technical Training Institutions
DIEI	Department of ICT, Education and Internship
DTT	Directorate of Technical Training
ECDE	Early Childhood Development and Education
HODs	Head of Departments
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IMV	Internship, Mentorship and Volunteerism
KPI	Key Performance Indicators
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NITA	National Industrial Training Authority
NOFBIC	National Optic Fibre Backbone Infrastructure Connectivity
PESTLE	Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, and Legal
PWD	People Living with Disabilities
SAGA	Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SEKEB	South Eastern Kenya Economic Bloc
SLT	Strategy Leadership Team
SMO	Strategy Management Office
SP	Strategic Plan
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
TTIs	Technical Training Institutions
TVETA	Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority
AGPO	Access to Government Procurement Opportunities





H.E Mutula Kilonzo Junior, CBS

Passion to Serve with Integrity.

Governor, Government of Makueni County



GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT

It gives me great joy and satisfaction to announce the unveiling of the Strategic Plan for the Department of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Education and Internship, for the period 2023 - 2027. This landmark step marks a remarkable milestone in the governance of our esteemed county, as we harmonize the profound objectives of our key policies, including Makueni Vision 2025 and the County Integrated Development Plan III 2023 - 2027. The Strategic Plan stands as a comprehensive roadmap, highlighting the trajectory of Makueni County's transformative endeavours, propelled by technology and education.

The Department of ICT, Education, and Internship holds a principal role in the County. It serves to equip Makueni citizenry with sustainable knowledge and skills to navigate challenges of an increasingly complex world. Our overarching vision is to shape a progressive society that steadfastly commits to the holistic development and empowerment of every individual.

ICT is the key driver for all services rendered to Makueni Citizenry. This accords us visibility and enables transparency and accountability. ICT enables us to deliver services to our people in a faster and timely manner and affordably ensuring accountability for all county resources.

Foundational learning is the beginning of all learning and therefore we must interest our ECDE learners to want to be in school. The environment must be child friendly hence we endeavor to providing the best ECDE infrastructure and environment for them. On the other hand, the County Technical Training Institutes, provide a pathway to plug in the gaps of training where the competitive training discriminates those that cannot access those opportunities. This is an opportunity for our people to gain skills to empower them economically. I am committed, through this strategic plan to ensure the County achieves excellent results in educational initiatives.

Our internship program targets young people to prepare and give them the necessary skills and platform to promote on job training, fostering continuous professional upskilling of the youth and transition to the job market. I am committed to ensure that all Makueni County youths requiring access to internships and attachment are placed in transparently and in opportunities that are appropriate for their professional development.

The pillars of this Strategic Plan represent the very essence of Makueni County's foundational objectives, to innovate and nurture talent to transform the livelihood of Makueni Citizenry.

At the core of this endeavour is the Makueni Citizenry, as their voices and lives hold paramount importance, ensuring their inclusion and active participation in shaping our shared destiny.

As the steward of this Strategic Plan, I am resolute in dedicating the necessary resources and unwavering support to ensure a flourishing Makueni County, where innovation flourishes and abundant opportunities materialize. I extend gratitude to all individuals who contributed their time and effort to craft this Strategic Plan. This Strategic plan is therefore an opportunity to a prosperous Makueni County, in pursuit of excellence and socio-economic inclusion.





Elizabeth Ndunge Muli
County Executive Committee Member,
ICT Education & Internship

FOREWORD

I am delighted to present the Strategic Plan (SP) for the Department of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Education, and Internship. Established under County Executive Order No. 1 of 2022, in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and the Fourth Schedule of the County Government Act, 2012, this department plays a vital role in the implementation of ICT and Education policies,

This Second-Generation Strategic Plan is consciously and reflectively aligned with our County Strategic Plan (Vision 2025), the Third Generation County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) III 2023–2027, the Kenya Vision 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other relevant national, regional, and international plans.

The development of this Strategic Plan was a collaborative effort, involving diverse stakeholders with expertise in legislation, education, and technology. It focuses on nurturing outstanding individuals capable of delivering technology and innovative solutions, guided by the Governor’s Manifesto and our department’s broad mandate.

The Plan’s objective is to ensure equitable access to education and training while generating employment opportunities by aligning our curriculum, training, and innovation strategies with the demands of the technology-driven industries. We recognize the transformative power of ICT and its significant impact on governance and society. Leveraging ICT, we strive to provide more efficient and effective services to our community and stakeholders.

The Strategic Plan emphasizes six (6) key focus areas to drive our mission and vision: enhancing customer experience, ensuring financial sustainability and operational excellence, developing human resource capacity, improving ICT and education infrastructure, and establishing a robust institutional framework. These focus areas are integral to our success milestones.

My office commits to facilitating the successful implementation of this Strategic Plan by providing an enabling environment for our staff, partners, and all stakeholders involved in the implementation matrix.

The Department of ICT, Education & Internship extends gratitude to all stakeholders whose dedication helped shape this Strategic Plan. I am confident that, with everyone’s commitment and teamwork, we will effectively execute this plan, bringing about positive transformation for our county.



PREFACE

A Touch of Digital Transformation

The ICT Division in the Department of ICT, Education, and Internship believes in innovation as the driver of development and prosperity of the people of Makueni. The future of Makueni County is now. It is of essence that we reimagine and reinvigorate our ICT strategy to set the County on an agile course for the next five years. Automation has become an indispensable part of our life. Today computers are smart, in that they can listen, compute, speak, and even reason; Governments have shifted from

paperwork and manual operations to seamless systems and digital technologies which have improved efficiency, ensured transparency, reduced cost, and enhanced office productivity exponentially in almost every sector that matters in day to day lives of workers and citizenry.

Over the next five years, the Department's Strategic Plan envisages that

technologies and the emergence of the digital arena will redefine the ways the workforce communicates and influences the work environment. The ubiquity nature of county Government operations and processes in itself will change by leaps and bounds. And with so many exciting Digital developments on the horizon, it is no wonder that the people of Makueni are bustling with excitement about the possibilities of what the future holds.

This plan is a product of an all-inclusive, participatory and consultative process ensuring ICT is at the centre of the county government development agenda, efficient public service delivery, the one Government approach and open governance framework. The Department, in close collaboration with members of Staff, Stakeholders and development partners, has developed this strategic plan in line with the National Digital Master Plan 2022-2032 and the Digital Economy Blueprint, 2019.

This five-year strategic plan will incorporate the use of emerging technologies to achieve a unified County ICT Infrastructure, County integrated management information system, build citizenry Digital Capacity and deeply entrench the culture of research and innovation. Modern ICT Infrastructure will be implemented at the County headquarters, Sub County and Ward levels, and other county facilities while taking care of the Last Mile ICT and Internet Connectivity. An end-to-end Enterprise Resource Planning System that automates government processes, operations, procedures and online service delivery will be implemented in phases over the next five years. Digital upskilling will be carried out for the over 2,000 workforce and over 400,000 members of the Makueni citizenry. A robust digital innovation ecosystem will be created and a Makueni County that is running on a fully digital platform will no longer be a mirage but a reality.

In conclusion, sufficiently agile Information and Communication Technologies for Makueni County will be indistinguishable from magic. It is not faith in technology, it is not faith in people, it is faith in both technology and people.

Alfonse Kanunga
Chief Officer ICT



PREFACE

The People Build and Deliver

Nicholis Mutua
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The Education and Internship Division emphasizes on the department's humaneness in order to promote social, economic, technological, and industrial needs for optimal development. This strategic plan is focused on building the capacities of persons as young as four (4) years and post-primary & secondary schools in bridging the gap between education and the job market.

In order to create a resilient and sustainable future, this Strategy rides on the aspects of creating, developing and utilizing a global knowledge workforce. It invests heavily in capacity development, to help the citizens tackle constant changing needs.

Right from pre-school level, the department plans to provide excellent learning experiences using both contemporary and technology pedagogies. The department promotes access to quality education for the bright, poor and vulnerable through awards of bursaries and scholarships.

The department purposes to use a two-pronged approach to youth empowerment in assisting them transit from school to the workforce: firstly by providing top-notch, industry-competitive courses in our technical and vocational institutions and centres of excellence; and secondly by providing our youth from colleges and universities with relevant on-the-job training opportunities. This will be crucial in adequately equipping people for both skilled and semiskilled career prospects as well as for fostering self-reliance and self-employment.

We consistently encourage and instil a volunteerism attitude in our youth and professionals as well as provide mentorship opportunity to tap talent and improve responsible citizenship. The intended audience for this spans from toddlers, to adults, to retired professionals.

The personnel involved in this strategy plan's implementation create, deliver, and commit to an inclusive department. We are aware of the wide range of our beneficiaries and actors.

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We wish to express our gratitude to the County leadership, His Excellency Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. and Her Excellency the Deputy Governor Lucy Mulili, for the continued assignment of the duty of service delivery to the Makueni Citizens through Executive Order 1 of 2022. We also appreciate the departmental leadership by the County Executive Committee Member Ms. Elizabeth Muli and the Chief Officers Nicholis Mutua and Alfonse Kanunga, for motivating us to give our input into this strategic plan.

We also sincerely give thanks to the Legacy Consulting Consultants team led by Dr. Maureen Nafula for opening our hearts and minds to the process. We were overwhelmed by the humbleness of the team and their exciting approaches to the strategic plan development process. The process was captivating in that it helped the team share their rich memories and experiences. This, we consider, is key in retaining and enhancing the institutional memory of the County, specifically ICT, Education, Technical Training, Internship, Mentoring and Volunteerism. We were exposed to new ideas and approaches which honed our strategic thinking to planning.

Attempts at any level couldn't be satisfactorily completed without the support of colleagues in our respective directorates. We thank them for assisting us gather information and data despite their busy schedules.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the second strategic plan for the Department of ICT, Education and Internship (DIEI). The plan stipulates the department's strategic direction for the period 2023 - 27. This Strategic Plan was developed through a consultative and participatory process, taking into consideration the developmental priorities in the County Strategic Plan (Vision 2025) and the Third Generation County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) III 2023–2027, as well as the Kenya Vision 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other relevant national, regional, and international plans.

In the preliminary pages, the plan highlights the department's vision, mission, and core values. Chapter One covers an introduction to the department and gives its background and mandate. Key components in this chapter are the mandate of the department, the rationale for the strategic plan, and the process of preparing the strategic plan.

Chapter Two covers the situational analysis, review of the first strategic plan, key achievements, challenges, and lessons learned. The chapter also gives an analysis that consists of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT); political, economic, social, technological, environmental, and legal (PESTEL); and stakeholders' analysis.

The strategy management framework is covered in Chapter Three, which gives an overview of the balanced scorecard framework that has been selected by the department for its 2023–27 strategy. The balanced scorecard is a logical, structured, integrated, and holistic framework for strategic planning, management, and performance measurement. The chapter also gives an overview of how the strategy will be cascaded to all levels of the department, including individual staff. The chapter also spells out the department's mission, vision, values, and key strategic areas of focus. The mission of the department is to innovate and nurture talent to transform the livelihood of Makueni citizens. Its vision is to be the department of reference. The acronym I-CARI-IT, which stands for integrity, customer focus, accountability, result orientation, innovation, inclusion, and teamwork, summarises the department's values. The DIEI strategy is articulated through six strategic focus areas: customer experience, financial sustainability, operational excellence, human resource capacity,

ICT and education infrastructure and institutional framework.

Chapter Four gives the strategy cascade for each of the directorates in the department. This includes key issues affecting the directorate, the strategic intent, strategic objectives, key performance indicators and key initiatives to deliver on the set objectives.

Information and communication technology (ICT) plays a crucial role in socio-economic empowerment by promoting equity, transparency and accountability in various sectors. However, Makueni County's ICT penetration is low due to a lack of knowledge, information skills, and infrastructure. The ICT Directorate aims to contribute to socio-economic transformation by enhancing access to ICT services, driving the CIDP III through automation, and providing growth opportunities for youth. The Directorate will also ensure safe disposal of e-waste, which poses a threat to public health and the environment due to its hazardous substances. the strategy implementation and coordination framework.

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pose challenges in retaining ECDE learners. The World Economic Forum report 2020 highlights the need for technologically driven jobs, but limited ICT infrastructure and teacher skills hinder progress. The strategic intent is to increase access to quality early childhood development education, upgrade infrastructure, and revise the curriculum to include digital skills.

The number of County Technical Training Institutions (CTTIs) in the county has grown exponentially since devolution, but low enrolment in courses is partly due to negative community perceptions and challenges like poor infrastructure and high student-to-tutor ratios. Industry feedback suggests graduates lack job skills, and technology adoption in CTTI curricula is slow. The Directorate of Technical Training aims to transform technical training and produce employable graduates and entrepreneurs, focusing on quality rather than quantity.

Makueni County Government aims to create a globally competitive and adaptive human resource base for a rapidly industrialising economy, as per Vision 2030. The youth, comprising 26% of the population, face challenges in transitioning from university to work due to a lack of hands-on skills and experience. To address this, the Directorate of Internship, Mentorship, and Volunteerism aims to reduce employment rates and prepare youth for a rapidly industrialising economy.

Whereas primary, secondary, and university education are national functions, the county government of Makueni is committed to supporting the national government in implementing international and regional commitments. Kenya's education is a social and economic right, with Articles 43(f) and 53(1) (b) of the Kenyan Constitution ensuring free and compulsory basic education. The preschool-to-primary school transition rate increased from 87% to 92%, but many students are unable to transition to secondary school due to poverty. DIEI is committed to achieving a 100% transition rate and supporting bright and needy students in tertiary institutions.

In Chapter Five, monitoring and evaluation objectives, approaches, and reporting are presented.

Annex 1 contains the risk matrix where risks have been identified, categorised, analysed and appropriate mitigation measures proposed.

Annex 2 provides the details of the implementation matrix by directorate. Each matrix covers each thematic area's strategic issues, strategic objectives, activities, outputs, outcomes, key indicators, reporting schedule, and baseline for 2017/18, as well as the proposed five-year targets, budgets, and responsibilities.





CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

1.0 Background

Makueni County has recently gone through two transitions. In August 2022, His Excellency Hon. Mutula Kilonzo Junior, CBS assumed office as the second governor of Makueni County. In March February 2023, the County unveiled its third County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) since devolution in 2013. The CIDP is the blueprint that will guide the development agenda of the county for the period 2023/24 to 2028/29.

The Department of ICT, Education, and Internship was established through Executive Order No.1 of 2022. The constitution of the department means that it falls between two sectors of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), the Transport, Infrastructure, Public Works, Energy, and ICT Sector and the Education, Social Protection, and Recreation Sector.

1.1 Mandate of the Department of ICT, Education, and Internship

The Executive order tasks the DIEI with the mandate to handle all matters concerning ICT, devolved education, support to education, Library Services and Internship, Mentorship and Volunteerism. The specific functions of the DIEI are described in Section 4.2 of this document.

1.2 The Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of this plan is to provide a clear roadmap for the departments' activities in the next five years. The plan clearly defines programmes and actions to be undertaken in the medium term in pursuit of fulfilling their mandate by placing the department strategic position to seize and exploit its competitive advantage to realise better lives for Makueni residents.

The DIEI Strategic Plan spells out key direction, actions, programmes, and projects that will be implemented in the 2023-2028 medium term plan period. The Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Kenya Constitution, 2010, the CIDP III and Governor's Manifesto.

1.3 Strategy Development Process

The development process of this strategic plan started off with one-on-one interview sessions with the CECM, the two Chief Officers, the four Directors, and the County ECDE coordinator with the aim of identifying the focus areas. The process culminated into a three-day workshop that gave the participants an opportunity to review previous performance, situational analysis with SWOT and PESTEL. The team then went ahead to derive the Mission and Vision statements, Core Values and the key Focus Areas. The process then took us for cascading where key deliverables per directorate were identified. Since structure flow follows strategy, the organogram was then developed, KPIs and targets identified.

It was an iterative process that involved several stakeholders, finally it was bounced to the County Assembly committee on ICT, Education and Internship for concurrence and further alignment

The inputs received from the various processes were then reviewed, analysed, shared, and compiled into this strategy document which was further discussed, reviewed, and then followed by a stakeholder validation. This process then culminated into this final document we now call ICT, Education, and Internship Departmental Strategic Plan 2023-2027.



CHAPTER TWO SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

2.0 Introduction

The DIEI Strategic Plan 2023 - 2027 is informed by many factors, including key achievements, challenges, and lessons learned from the review of the second County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), and the ICT and Education Strategic Plan 2019-2023, a synthesis of the expectations of the department in the third CIDP and the Governor's Manifesto. In addition, the DIEI assessed its Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT). At the macro level the (PESTEL) analysis was used to assess the impact the Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, and Legal factors on the performance of the Department.

2.1 Review of Past Performance

2.1.1 Achievements

During the period under review, ICT support services were provided to all Government departments and Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs) ICT literacy increased from 33% in 2018 to 57% in 2021 due to the establishment of five more ICT centres across the county. Wote green park was provided with a free Public Wi-Fi to improve information access and reduce the digital divide. An ICT innovation Hub was constructed to improve the innovations landscape. During the plan period, a total of 156 innovation challenges were held across the county.

The sub-sector of ICT also sought and secured strategic partnerships with various stakeholders to facilitate innovation and promote opportunities to spur growth. Key among the partners include Communications Authority (CA), Konza Techno polis, KIPI, White Box, Slovak Embassy, World Bank, University of Central Missouri, Association of Countrywide Innovation hubs (ACIH), Insight Health Advisors, Google, IBM, Strathmore, Cyberspace, Cisco-industry, Youth and Success Association, and VSO. Through these partnerships, over 600 youth were trained on emerging technology inclusive of 3D printing with coders boot-camps and other interventions that promote rapid advances in the adoption and use of technology providing new capabilities for systemic change.

On strengthening the legal and administrative framework in the sector, ICT Policy was developed and submitted to the County Assembly for approval.

Under education and over the plan period, the number of ECDE centres grew from 268 to 305, over 900 ECDE teachers were trained and learning resources (Seats, tables, music exposures and class tests) improved. The enrolment in pre-primary increased by 2.8 % from 43,125 pupils to 44,351. The Pre-school to Primary school transition rate increased from 87% to 92%. The Education and Training Policy was developed and adopted to provide direction in matters of Vocational Training and Early Childhood Development and Education. The number of CTTIs accredited by TVETA increased from 41 to 59, and enrolment in CTTIs rose from about 3,500 to 4,500. This can be attributed to infrastructural development and human resource upskilling and recruitment during the period under review.

Over the review period, 556 internships, 3,186 Attachments and 5,100 volunteer opportunities were offered. Over 60,000 bursaries and 531 scholarships at a cost of Ksh.277 million were awarded, giving talented but less fortunate students the chance to further their education.

One PWD Vocational Training Centre was constructed and operationalized. The county government infrastructure projects done since 2018 have been made PWD user-friendly to enable integration with the PWDs.

2.1.1 Achievements: Tabulated

S/ No.	Achievements	Previous Number/ %Age And Year	Current Number/ %Age And Year	Improvement (Number %Age)
1.	Provision of ICT support services to County Government Departments & Agencies	11 (2022)	15 (2023)	4
2.	Increased ICT literacy	33% (2018)	57% (2021)	24%
3.	Establishment of ICT Centres across the county	13 (2022)	15 (2023)	2
4.	Provision of free Public Wi-Fi in Wote Town	1 (2022)	2 (2023)	1

5.	Establishment of Makueni Tech & Innovation Hub	1 (2022)	1 (2023)	0
6.	Innovation challenges held across the county	12 (2022)	16 (2023)	4
7.	Secured Strategic partnerships to support innovation	7 (2022)	11 (2023)	4
8.	Youth training on emerging technologies inclusive of 3D printing with coders boot-camps and other interventions	0 (2020)	600 (2023)	600
9.	Development and operationalization of Departmental Legislations	2 (2019)	5 (2023)	4
10.	Infrastructure development in ECDE Centres across the County	268 (2022)	305 (2023)	37
11.	Capacity building of ECDE teachers	2105 (2018)	2157 (2023)	52
12.	ECDE pupils Talent development (music exposures)			
13.	Provision of learning resources: Seats, tables and class tests.	75% (2021)	80% (2023)	5%
14.	Pre-school to Primary school transition rate increased	87%	92%	5%
15.	Increase in the number of CTTIs accredited by TVETA	41 (2017)	59 (2023)	18
16.	Increased enrolment in CTTIs	3,500 (2018)	4,500 (2023)	1,000
17.	Enhanced opportunities for Internship (I), Attachment (A) and Volunteer (V)	I - 456 (2022) A - 2628 (2022) V - 0 (2013)	I - 556 (2023) A - 3,186 (2023) V - 5,100 (2023)	100 558 5,100
18.	Issuance of Bursaries to needy and bright students	60,000 (2022)	61,926 (2022)	1,926
19.	Award of scholarships to needy and bright students	535 (2022)	635 (2022)	100
20.	Establishment of Integrated Vocational Empowerment Centre	0 (2019)	1 (2023)	1

2.1.2 Challenges Faced.

Despite the achievements posted during the review period, the ICT, Education, and Internship functions encountered several challenges including:

- Inadequate budget allocation and low buy-in from leadership to invest in ICT. The low investment in ICT is one of the limiting factors to investment in the county.
- Inadequate budgetary allocation for programs and projects.
- Inadequate human resource, both in terms of numbers and competencies (knowledge skills, and attitude).
- Inadequate infrastructure (equipment, furniture, and tools) to deliver quality education.
- High Teacher/Child Ratio with poor remunerations for both ECDE and CTTI teachers/trainers.
- Lack of comprehensive curriculum for courses offered in VTCs.
- High poverty rates: Makueni County being an ASAL region experiences high rate of dropouts in ECDEs during the drought season.
- Low coverage in ICT infrastructure.
- Lack of funding to support operationalization of library services.

2.1.3 Lessons Learned

Based on experiences during the previous Strategic period, key lessons for building future successes, in ICT, Education, and Internships, are:

- Collaboration and partnerships with stakeholders are important to ensure the delivery of results.
- Political goodwill and support are required to enable the Department to effectively implement its mandate.
- Automation is critical for the enhancement of service delivery.
- Resource mobilization to ensure adequate finances is key to the successful implementation of planned activities.
- The Department needs to generate internal revenues for sustainability and become less dependent on the exchequer.
- Diaspora linkage and partnership present big opportunities to improve the support of interns and attachees.
- Adopting a “One-Government” approach achieves greater outcomes.

2.2 Environmental Scan

The SWOT and PESTLE analyses were used to help determine the Department’s future direction. The aim of the analysis is on maximizing the positive influences and minimizing the negative ones.

2.2.1 SWOT Analysis

The SWOT analysis provides a summary of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats regarding DIEI. The focus is to develop strategies and initiatives that will drive this plan.

Table 1 provides SWOT analysis for the Department.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Well-structured policies that define the Department's mandate are and set standards and expectations for performance. 2. Goodwill from the county leadership and the county assembly which creates a favorable working environment. 3. Skilled human resource that provides a vibrant workforce, with suitable technical capacities. 4. A wealth of institutional memory afforded by a healthy ratio of older and experienced staff. That supports departmental learning and continuous improvement. 5. A national reputation for good performance 6. Good working relations with the national government through the line departments in the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of ICT and the digital economy 7. Well-established Community ICT Centers (CICs) across the county. 8. A good framework for public participation- useful in the implementation of departmental projects. 9. The provision of the internet to the community has opened opportunities for the youth through the innovation hub. 10. A youthful workforce within the department promises long-term value addition. 11. Strong collaboration with other departments/partners e.g., Health services on nutrition matters for ECDE learners., Water and Sanitation, Agriculture 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poor implementation of policies 2. Inadequate documentation of successes and best practices. 3. Unplanned expansion of CTTIs to every ward stretching available human, learning and teaching resources 4. Perceived irrelevance of CTTI taught skills to those needed by employers. 5. Weak resource mobilization strategies 6. Lack of a reputable higher learning institution in the county. 7. Over-dependence on the county by the members of the public which means that the department's limited resources are unable to meet all the needs of the community. 8. Inappropriate job placement and commensurate pay of ECDE teachers. (The job grouping is not fully commensurate to education levels) 9. County departments work in silos.
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaboration with other county departments and line Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) at the National Level 2. Community goodwill in the development agenda 3. Tapping into the county pool of development partners for public-private partnerships. 4. Automation of government services 5. New policies, legal frameworks, and developmental plans by the national government. 6. Megaprojects by the national government in Makueni which offer promises and opportunities e.g., Konza Technopolis, 7. The National Optic Fiber Backbone Infrastructure (NOFBI) project will facilitate the diffusion and use of broadband ICT. 8. The provision of Public Wi-Fi also offers significant opportunities to DIEI and the community. 9. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) from institutions/ organizations within Makueni 10. The County Performance Management system offers the opportunity for performance sustenance and standardization. 11. Solar energy to provide power for learning institutions like the CTTIs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ongoing effects of climate change places the county at risk of drought and famine which affects the availability of learners in the county schools. 2. Effects of Covid-19 and other Pandemics. 3. Uncertain political environment 4. Physical and logistical insecurities on ICT infrastructure and systems due to vandalism, theft, and logistical management. 5. Human-wildlife conflict in Makueni county.

2.2.2 PESTLE Analysis

At the macro level, the PESTLE Analysis was conducted to assess the environment within which the DIEI is operating regarding political, economic, social, technological, environmental, and legal factors. The analysis presents factors which will either support or impede the implementation of this Strategic Plan.

Political

- Political transition – New national and county government, new manifesto, structural reorganization.
- Conflict of interest between the executive and the legislature in resource sharing.
- Favourable policy and legal frameworks developed to enhance access to education.
- Enhanced governance and development from the oversight role of the county assembly.
- Rationalization of educational and training institutions (Reduction of the No. of CTTIs).

Economic

- Promotion of ICT innovation resulting in an increased youth employment rate.
- Non-program - based budgets.
- Economic zones – SEKEB.
- High youth unemployment rate.
- Unrealistic budget ceilings.

Social

- Equitable distribution of resources.
- High community engagement resulting from civic awareness.
- Vandalism and burglary of infrastructure.
- Increased digital literacy from 38% to 57%.
- Disability mainstreaming enhanced in learning/training opportunities.
- Learner population determine development priorities of schools.
- High poverty rate causing challenges in access to education.
- Increased child abuse
- Effects of GBV in access to education
- Generation Zee challenge
- Public vs private institutions
- Stereotypes on CTTIs
- LGBTIQ issues in schools.

Technological

- Digital literacy in the CBC curriculum (20 M Kenyans undertaking digital literacy in 10 years)
- NOFBI – 100,000km of fibre in the next 10 years
- Digital currency
- Grid power connection (to schools)
- 25000 public WIFI hotspots in the county.
- Take up rates on digitization.
- Konza Technopolis
- Automation of government services
- Establishment of 1450 digital village hubs.

Environmental

- Disposal of tech-equipment (E-waste)
- Enforcement of green energy – solar in the new building
- Climate change adaptation (hot zones)
- Earthquakes and tremors
- Emerging Pandemics

Legal

- The provisions of Article 53 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which gives every child the right to free and compulsory basic education.
- The provisions of Section 46 (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 (revised 2020) which allows the County Executive Committee determine the structure of government. The Makueni County Executive Order 1 of 2022 established the offices of the two (2) Chief Officers under DIEI.
- The provisions of the Basic Education Act, 2013, an Act of Parliament that gave effect to Article 53 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.
- The provisions of Section 157 (10) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 (revised 2022) on AGPO.
- The provisions of the Early Childhood Education Act, 2021, an Act of Parliament that provides a framework for the establishment of systems for the administration of early childhood education within a County.
- The provisions of the Children Act, 2022, an Act of Parliament enacted to give effect to Article 53 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and to make provision for children rights.
- The provisions of the Data Protection Act, 2019, an Act of Parliament enacted to give effect to Articles 31(c) and (d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; to make provision for the regulation on processing of personal data; to provide for the rights of data subjects and obligations of data controllers and processors.
- The provisions of the Employment Act, 2007
- The provisions of the Labour Relations Act, 2007
- The provisions of the Institutions Act, 2007
- The provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), 2007
- The provisions of the Work Injury Benefits Act (WIBA), 2007
- The provisions of the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act, 2008.
- The provisions of the Industrial Training (Amendment) Act, 2011, by which the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) was established.
- The provisions of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Act, 2013, by which the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) was established.
- Compliance with the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Regulations, 2015
- Compliance with the National ICT Policy, 2019.
- Compliance with the Makueni County ICT Policy, 2021.
- Compliance with the Makueni County Education and Training Policy, 2021
- Compliance with the Makueni County Bursary Regulations
- Compliance with the Makueni County Internship Policy.
- Compliance with the National Government's CBC framework.
- Compliance with the National Government's Policy on 100% transition.
- Compliance with the National Energy Policy, 2018

Based on the environmental analysis, we are confident that as a department, our strengths are bigger than our weaknesses and the opportunities in the external environment outweigh the threats. In the next sections, we describe our strategic framework including the prioritised focus areas derived from the situational analysis



CHAPTER THREE STRATEGY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

3.0 Introduction

The DIEI shall use the balanced scorecard framework to manage its 2023-2027 strategy. The Balanced Scorecard is a logical, structured, integrated, and holistic strategic planning, management and performance measurement framework. It aligns people, processes, technology and work to create value for Makueni Citizens.

The balanced scorecard is a value creation chain and the logic we used is that when we strengthen our organizational capacity, which will in turn lead to improved processes and efficiency which will lead to improved stewardship, and more cost effectiveness which ultimately will result in satisfied citizens and stakeholders.

At the directorate level, we began the process by clarifying the mission- the reason why the department exists, we then developed a vision of what our department will have become at the end of the strategy period. Then based on the SWOT and PESTLE analysis we prioritized focus areas for the period 2023 and 2027 which will have a significant contribution towards the achievement of the CIDP objectives. Finally Strategic objectives and results across the four perspectives of the balanced score card were identified.

This framework is illustrated in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Strategic Planning Framework

3.1 Strategy Cascade

At DIEI, we are committed to delivering our strategy and making meaningful contribution towards transforming livelihoods of each household in Makueni county as envisaged in the CIDP 2022-2027. We believe that strategy is everyone's business. For this reason, we were therefore deliberate in involving key stakeholders in the strategy development process. Cascading the strategy was done to focus the entire department on strategy and create a line-of-sight between the work people do and the desired results.

In doing the cascade, directorates developed strategic objectives and strategy maps aligned to the objectives and strategy maps of the department. Departmental key performance measures, targets and strategic initiatives were also developed. Each Directorate's strategy map defines the value creation story for the directorate.

The following sections present the strategic intents, objectives, and strategy maps of each of the five directorates in the DIEI. During implementation, the cascade will go down to teams and individuals.

In the section below, the values are unpacked as defined by the DIEI staff.





MISSION

VALUES

VISION

3.2 Our Fundamental Statements



MISSION

To innovate and nurture talent to transform the livelihoods of Makueni citizenry.



VISION

Department of Reference



VALUES

- I** Integrity
- C** Customer Focus
- A** Accountability
- R** Result Orientation
- I** Innovation
- I** Inclusivity
- T** Teamwork



INTEGRITY

Integrity is the foundation of our department, encompassing moral uprightiness, honesty, sincerity, and openness, ensuring we always do right, ensuring we deliver on our mandate.

CUSTOMER FOCUS

The department prioritizes the citizens of Makueni, focusing on creating exceptional experiences and satisfying customers. We address community-driven needs and contribute to economic well-being by designing and implementing interventions based on citizen needs and aspirations. We respond promptly to internal and external customers and ensure an inclusive work environment and a sense of security and purpose for our staff.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We recognize that the citizens and the County Government of Makueni expect us to give an account of what we do. We take ownership and responsibility of our actions. We commit to provide value for money by ensuring efficient utilisation of resources entrusted to us. We will execute the powers bestowed to us in accordance with the law.

RESULTS ORIENTATION

Our approach to assignments is focused on end results, focusing on impact rather than just ticking boxes. We set stretch targets, commit to delivering them, and monitor performance to ensure we meet objectives while serving our customers.

INNOVATION

We will demonstrate ingenuity in delivering our mandate by finding creative solutions to customers' problems, improving efficiency and easing business costs in Makueni County.

INCLUSIVITY

We will involve all stakeholders in planning and implementing activities to deliver on our mandate, using a multi-sectoral approach. We will ensure no one is left behind, regardless of age, ability, location, or religion. Special efforts will be made to bring marginalized members of our community on board. We commit to respecting diversity and treating customers with dignity, both external and internal.

TEAMWORK

We believe that every staff member plays a role in delivering our mission and vision. We share the department's values and believe in teamwork, working seamlessly together to achieve our common goals. We appreciate the input of everyone and build synergies by leveraging our unique talents and strengths.



3.3 Strategic Focus Areas

The DIEI strategy is articulated through six strategic focus areas:

- i. Customer experience
- ii. Financial sustainability.
- iii. Operational excellence.
- iv. Human resource capacity.
- v. ICT and Education Infrastructure
- vi. Institutional framework.

These six strategic focus areas are aligned to the priorities of the 2023-2027 CIDP priorities, including contributing to the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

3.3.1 DIEI Strategy Map

Figure 2 below shows the department's high-level strategy map, which is a visual representation of how the strategic elements, mission, vision, values, objectives, and key results connect and relate to each other. The strategy map was built from the top down but is read from the bottom up.

Mission

Innovate and nurture talent to transform the livelihoods of Makueni Citizenry

Vision

Department of Reference

Values

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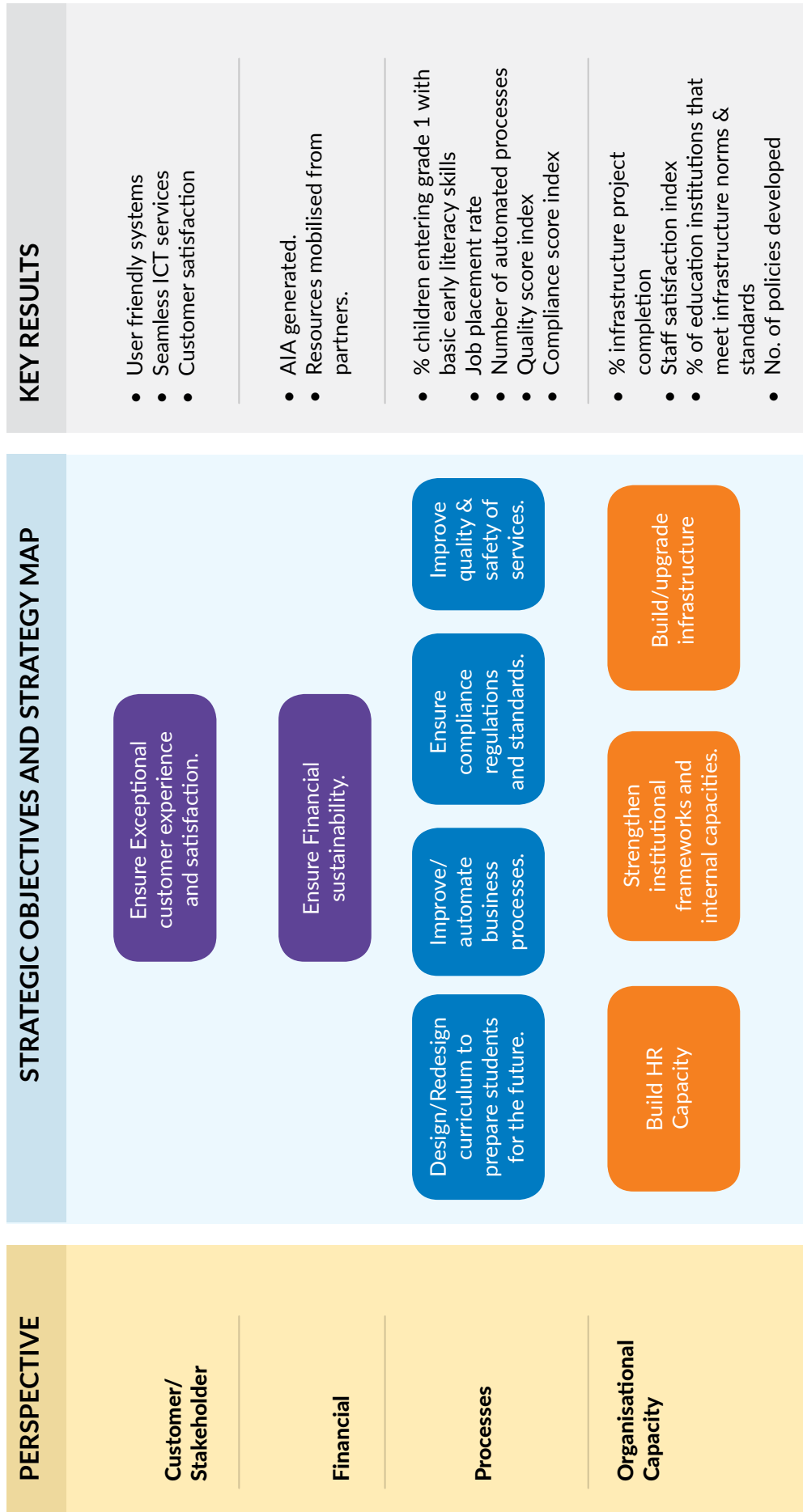


Figure 2: DIEI Strategy Map



CHAPTER FOUR

CASCADING THE STRATEGY

4.1 ICT Directorate



Introduction

Information Communication Technology (ICT) is an enabler for society's socio-economic empowerment. Adoption of ICT impacts agriculture and trade sectors in facilitating access to market. At the same time, ICT influences and promotes equity, transparency and accountability in the socio-political sectors necessary for wealth and job creation. ICT is also instrumental in enhancing good governance and efficiency across all sectors of the economy leading to improved public service delivery such as health and other government services.

However, the penetration of ICT in Makueni County is low due to lack of knowledge, information skills and the requisite infrastructure. Further, there is slow uptake of modern and appropriate technologies in energy; underutilization of electronic commerce in trading, marketing, information access and research; limited health system automation including commodities management; monitoring and evaluation system as well as revenue mobilization and administration are largely manual.

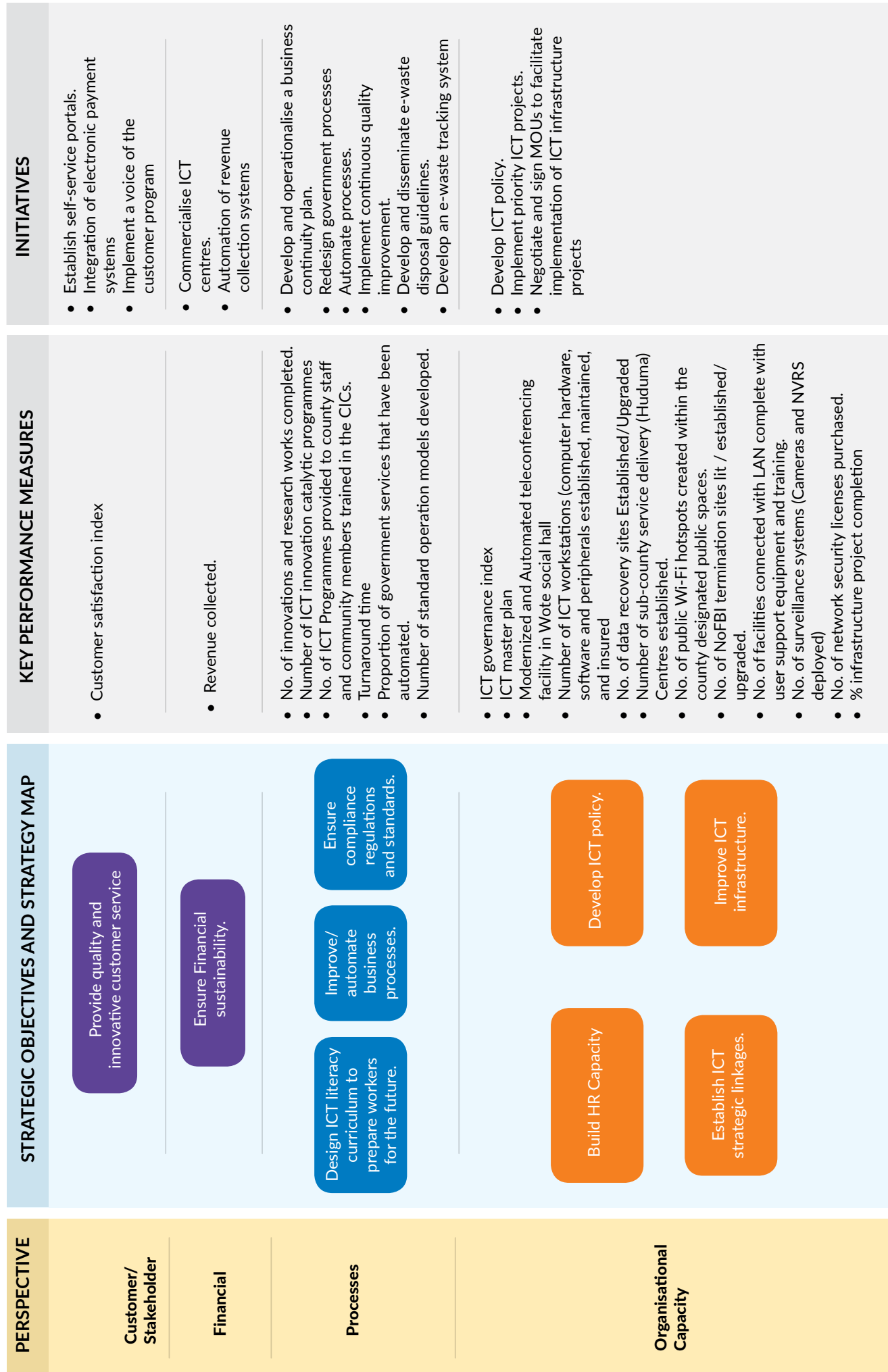
Strategic Intent

The ICT Directorate will contribute to the socio-economic transformation of the county by enhancing access to ICT services to all citizens including people living with disabilities, driving the CIDP III through automation of government services, and provision of driven growth opportunities for the youth.

The Directorate will also ensure the safe disposal of e-waste. The growth in use of ICT infrastructure, services and devices has occasioned the rise in the amount of ICT waste or e-waste generated in the county. E-waste is a concern for public health and the environment because it is known to contain hazardous substances.



The strategy map of the Directorate of ICT is presented in Figure 3.



4.2 Early Childhood Development Education



Introduction

Early Childhood Development is one of the levers for accelerating the attainment of Education for All (EFA) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), among others. At the onset of devolution, most of the ECDE centre had poor infrastructure and lacked essential equipment and learning materials. Over the years, the county has done relatively well in ECDE infrastructure and the child development. In an effort to providing a conducive learning environment and this is work in progress.

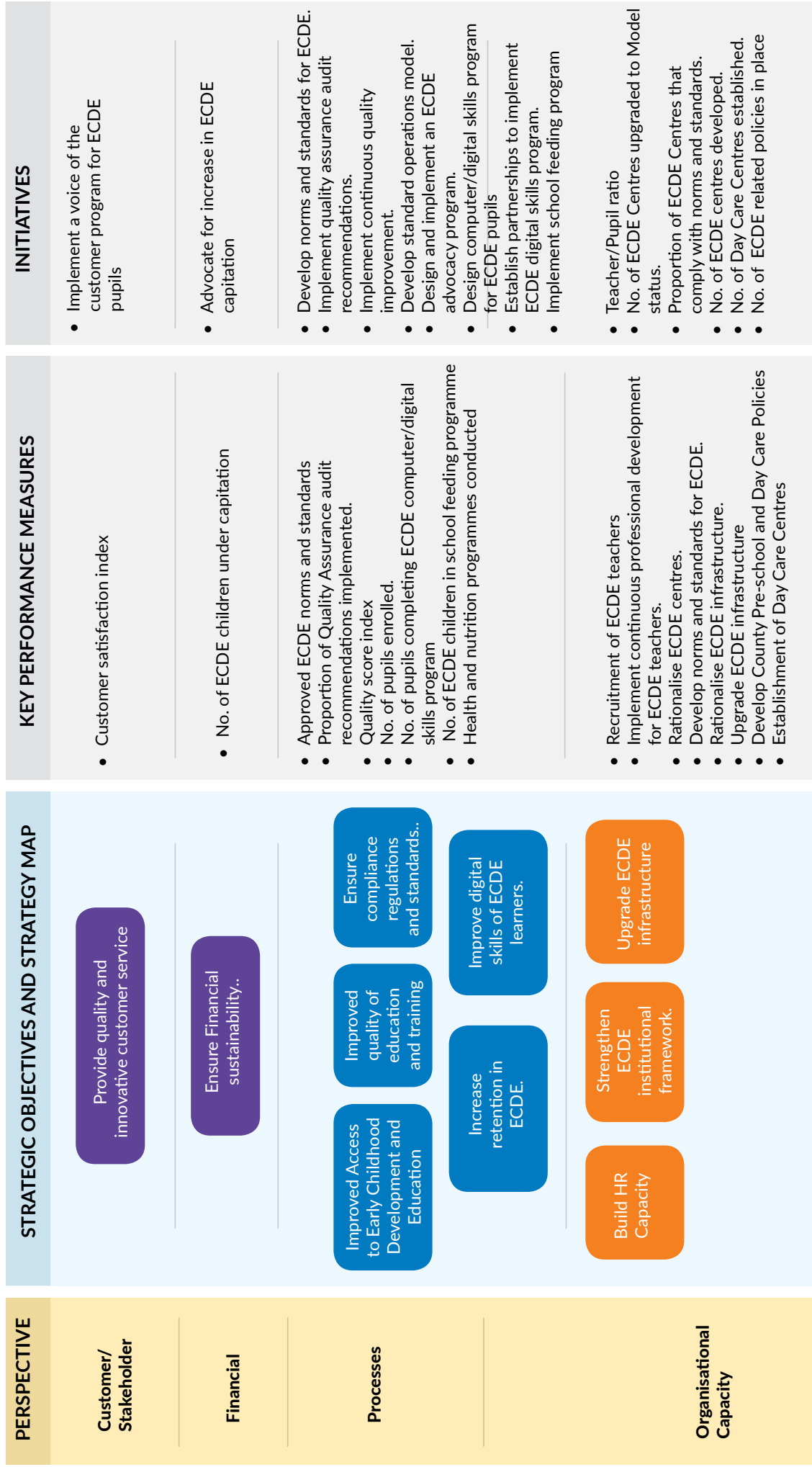
The teacher/learner ratio is 1:45, which is slightly above the nationally recommended standards of 1:25, which can lead to compromised quality of education. Additionally, retention of ECDE learners in schools during periods of drought and famine is a major challenge attributed to the high levels of poverty in the county.

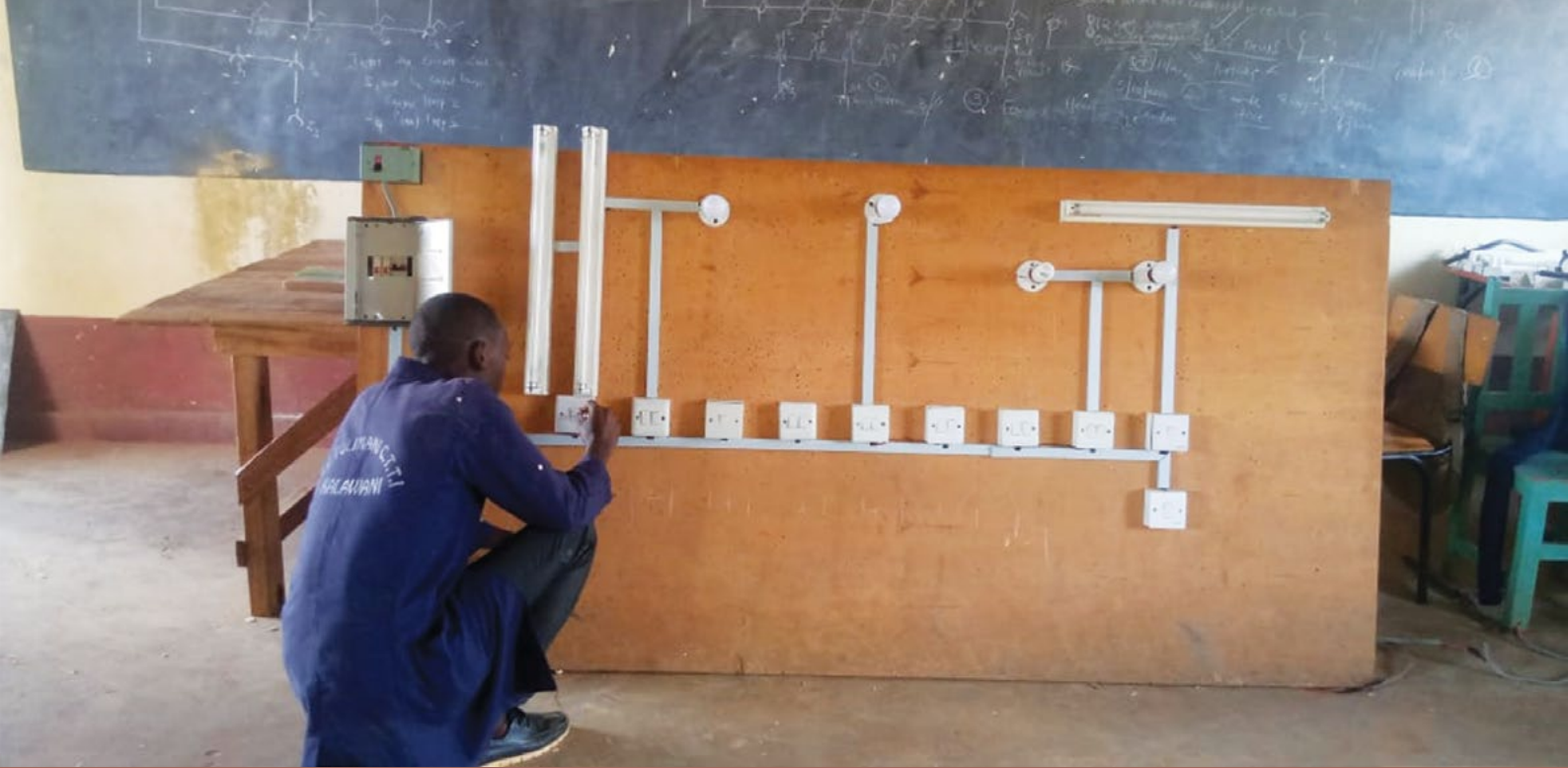
According to the World Economic Forum report of 2020, jobs of the future will be technologically driven and thus the education system needs to prepare learners early for the future. However, there is limited access to ICT infrastructure and skilled teachers in ECDE centres.

Our Strategic Intent

The Directorate will increase access and retention to quality early childhood development education for all through provision of adequate and conducive infrastructure that meet basic norms and standards, upskilling and reskilling of ECDE teachers and as well as engaging additional teachers to bridge the teacher/learner ratio gap. The Directorate shall continue to upscale the uptake and supervision of the ECDE curriculum.

The strategy map for the Directorate of ECDE is shown in Figure 4.





4.3 Technical Training

Introduction

Since devolution, the number of Technical Training Institutions (TTIs) in the county has grown exponentially from 28 in 2013 to 59 in 2022. Despite the increase in CTTIs, there is low enrolment for courses offered. This is partly attributed to negative perception towards CTTIs by the community where they are often seen as a last choice and not a preferred option in tertiary education and training. The enrolment challenge is also compounded by inadequate human resource, low uptake of modern tools and equipment as well as challenges in replenishment of expendable training material

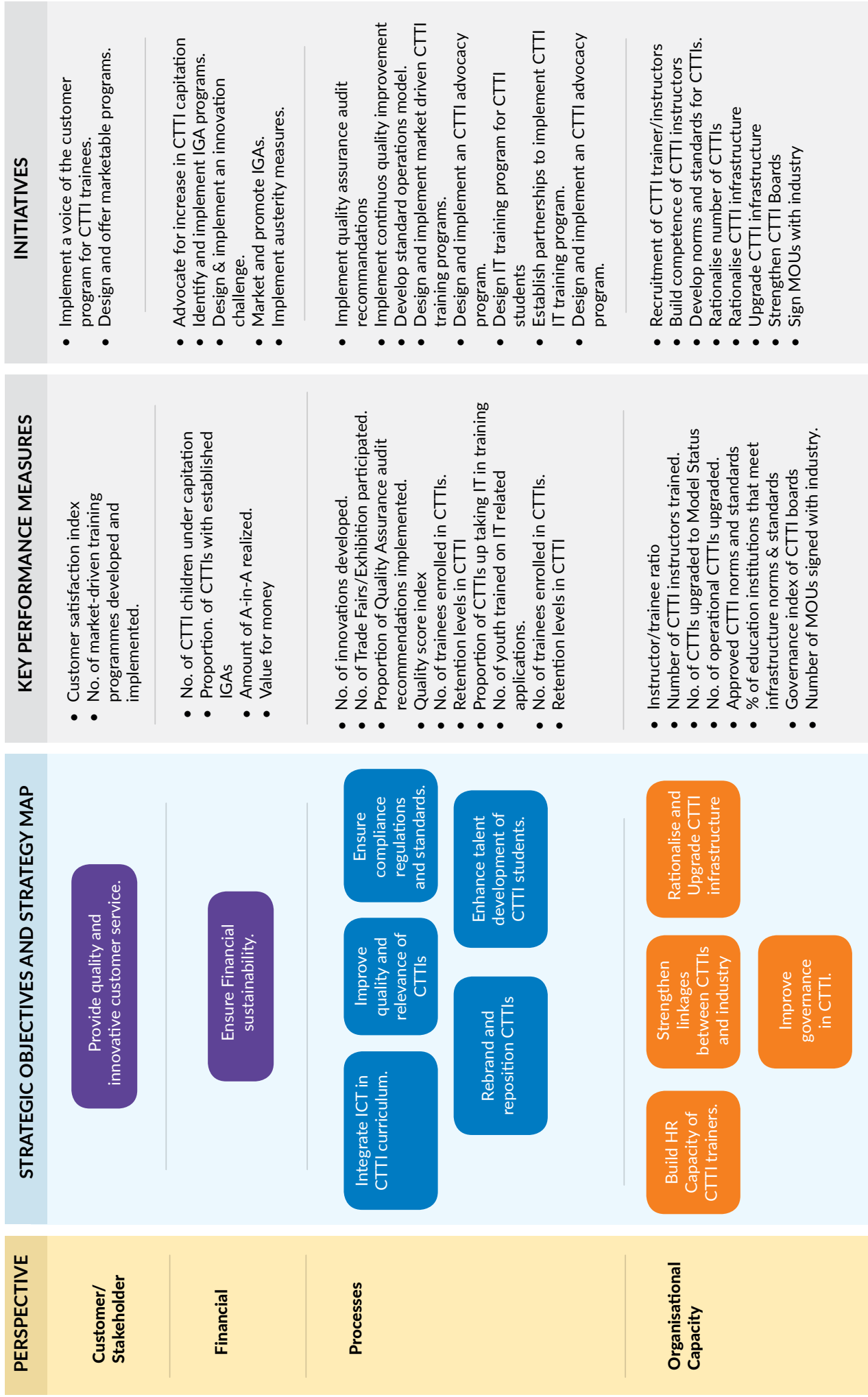
The county in 2020 established an integrated vocational empowerment centre to cater for skills training needs majorly for persons with disability. The average instructor/trainee ratio is high at 1:31 compared to the national standard of 1:15. This is a great impediment to implementation of Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) approach as envisaged for Vocational Training Centres in Kenya.

Adoption of modern technology and curricula in CTTIs is critical for the skilling, reskilling and upskilling of the workforce for future jobs.

Strategic Intent

The Directorate is committed to transforming the vocational training sector to produce competitively employable graduates and entrepreneurs. Our focus will largely be to meet the market demand with quality.

The Strategy Map of Technical Training Directorate is shown in Figure 5.



4.4 Internship, Mentorship & Volunteerism



Introduction

The Government of Makueni County is committed to contributing towards creating globally competitive and adaptive human resource base to meet the requirements of a rapidly industrializing economy as envisaged by Vision 2030. It is also a constitutional requirement for county governments to put in place measures that enable the youth gain access to relevant education, training and employment.

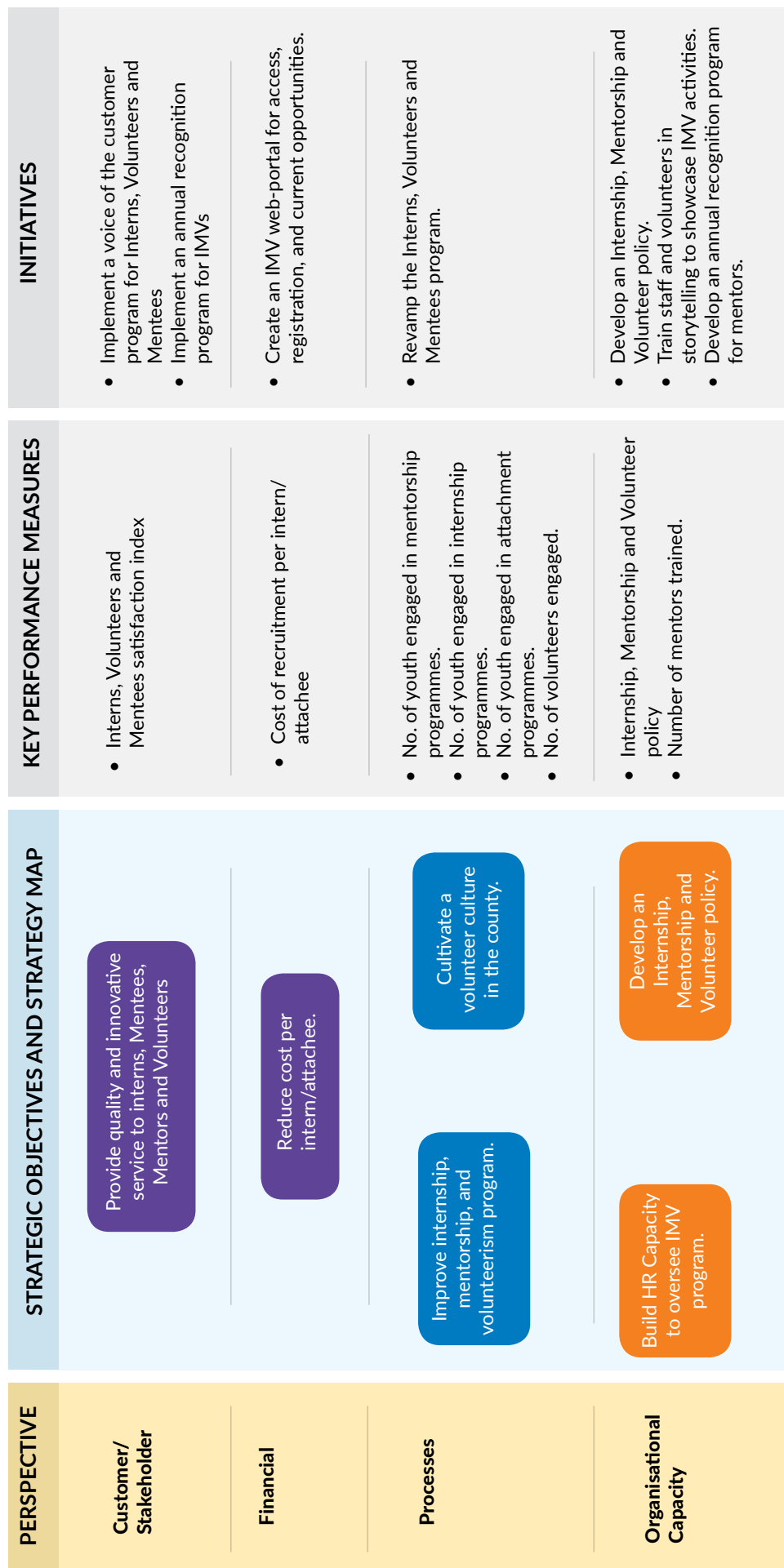
The youth constitute 26% of the population in Makueni County. Annually, thousands of young graduates join the Kenyan job market from universities, colleges and other post-secondary school institutions with professional qualifications ready for the job market. The transition from school to work is however not automatic since among other hurdles, the labour market requires hands-on skills and experience which learning and training institutions do not provide. As a result, few youth participate in economic activities. The high unemployment rates among the youth in the county impacts on the working age population participation in economic activities.

The Directorate has a robust mentorship program that aim to empower and enhance knowledge for holistic development of young generation. Volunteerisms acts as catalyst to development in all sectors of the economy by promoting active citizenship and patriotism. The directorate promotes volunteerism in the county involving departments, SAGAs, national government departments and agencies.

Strategic Intent

The Directorate of Internship, Mentorship and Volunteerism will continue to furnish the youth with requisite skills, knowledge and attitudes for the job market and offer opportunities for active citizenship and patriotism.

The Strategy Map of IMV Directorate is shown in Figure 6.



4.5 Support Services



Introduction

Education in Kenya is a social and economic right for all. Articles 43(f) and 53(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provide for the right to education and the right to free and compulsory basic education, respectively. The Basic Education Act (2013) guarantees the right of every child to free and compulsory basic education. The Government of Makueni County is also committed to implementing international and regional commitments related to education, such as the Education for All (EFA) goals and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), among others.

During the implementation of the second CIPD, the Pre-school to Primary school transition rate increased from 87% to 92%. However, many students in the County are unable to transit to the next level of education. Recent trends show that there is a growing decline in enrolment in secondary school attributed to poverty at the household level and

hence the inability to support children's education. This trend is worrying because of the important role education plays in empowering individuals socially and economically.

Library services which have in the recent past been devolved and support to these important facilities will be geared towards supporting learners and community to access information and learning resources.

Strategic Intent

DIEI is committed to support the achieving of 100% transition from primary to secondary school. In addition, bright and needy students admitted to tertiary institutions will be supported to complete their education.

Library services will be upgraded and enhanced as a support measure towards promoting a reading and knowledge development culture.

The Strategy Map of Support Services Directorate is shown in Figure 7.

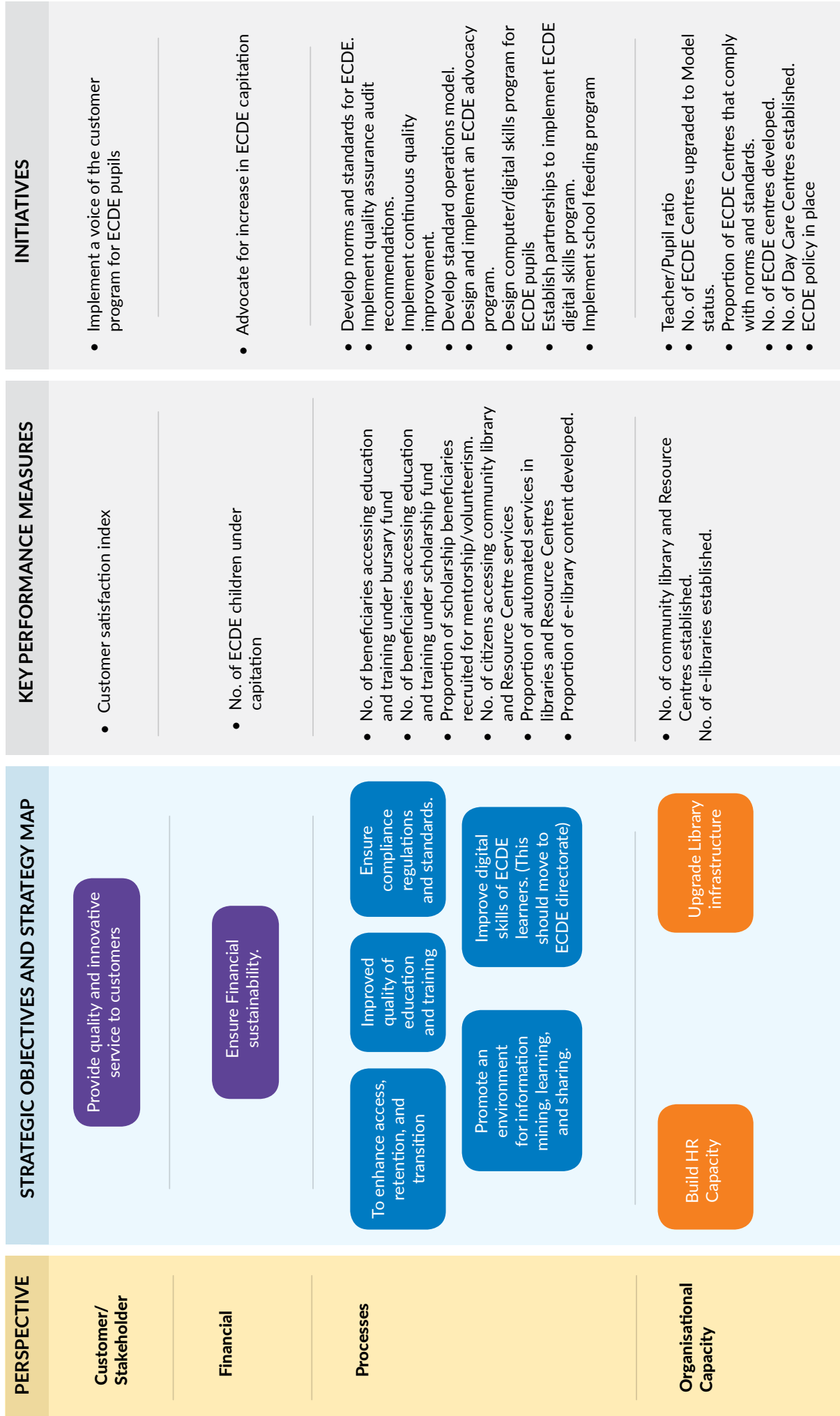


Figure 7: DSS Strategy Map



CHAPTER

FIVE

STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION FRAMEWORK



5.0 Introduction

The chapter presents the functions of the Department's directorates, structure, resource mobilisation and risk assessment. Strategy management will be coordinated by the Support Services Directorate.

5.1 The Department's Directorates

The DIEI has four technical directorates and one support directorate that will be charged with the implementation of this plan. These directorates are:

1. ICT
2. ECDE
3. Technical Training
4. IMV
5. Support Services

5.1.1 ICT Directorate

The directorate functions are to:

- Formulate ICT County policy.
- Regulate the use and development of the sector.
- Formulate ICT regulatory laws to curb abuses.
- Implementation of E-Government initiatives.
- Advocate for further reduction on import duty for ICT equipment made for training institutions and use in rural areas.
- Adopt and promote e-government, e-commerce, and digitization of processes and procedures.
- Collaborate with ICT stakeholders and service

- providers to ensure there are improved services.
- Development and implementation of ICT solutions/ Information systems.
- Utilisation of Business Intelligence and Analytics in Government operations.
- Management of Community ICT Centres.
- Management of innovation and technology hubs.
- Provision of advisory services on the acquisition of ICT services and equipment to government departments and SAGAs.
- ICT training and standards development and administration.
- Development of County Communications Capacity and infrastructure.
- Promotion of the Software Development Industry.
- County Fibre Optics Infrastructure Management.
- Create and design a platform and dashboard for all the services and projects of the County, and
- Student mentorship programmes in ICT.

5.1.2 ECDE Directorate

The directorate functions are:

- Implementation of the national preschool policy.
- Formulation of county policy and legislation on ECDE education and childcare facilities.
- Domestication and implementation of the ECDE curriculum.
- Construction and equipping of ECDE Centres.
- Administration and management of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE).

- Staffing, training, and deployment of teachers to ECDEs within the county.
- Provision and maintenance of training facilities, materials, equipment and tools for ECDEs within the county.
- Implementation of the ECDE Digital Learning program
- Advocacy and awareness creation on matters ECDE
- Administration and management of County Community Libraries

5.1.3 Technical Training Directorate

The directorate functions are:

- Implementation of the national vocational training policy.
- Formulation of county policy and legislation on Vocational Training.
- Administration and management of County technical training institutions (Village polytechnics).
- Registration of County technical training institutions and constitution of boards of Governors.
- Initiation, Development, and sustenance of linkages and partnerships in County technical training institutions at County, national, regional, and international levels in line with the Public-Private-Partnership Act.
- Administration of County technical training institutions' Grants.
- Construction and equipping of County technical training institutions (Physical and Material development).
- Integration of ICT, Research, and Youth Innovations in vocational training.
- Domestication & implementation of vocational education curriculum.
- Staffing, training, and deployment of instructors to vocational training centres.
- Provision and maintenance of training facilities, materials, equipment and tools for vocational training centres, and home craft centres within the county.
- Advocacy and awareness creation on policies, programmes and opportunities pertaining vocational education in the county.
- Overall supervision and oversight for vocational training education programmes within the county.

5.1.4 Internship, Mentorship and Volunteerism Directorate

The directorate functions are:

- Development and implementation of the County volunteerism, internship, mentorship and attachment policies, programs, and projects:
- Recruitment, placement, and management of interns, attachees and volunteers.
- Organizing orientation and training workshops for interns, attachees and volunteers.
- Organizing regular mentorship forums and career development workshops for interns.
- Management of data, information, and communication costs on interns, attachees, volunteers, mentors, and mentees.
- Coordination, facilitation and management of publicity on internship, attachment, volunteerism and mentoring activities.
- Undertaking research, surveys, knowledge management and information sharing on internships and volunteerism within county departments.

5.1.5 Support Services Directorate

The directorate functions are:

- Education support, scholarship and bursary management.
- Providing support to Education and Education Programs to ensure retention and transition in primary and secondary education.
- Carry out monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the Department's programmes and projects.

We believe that strategy, like any other major process in the Department, must be managed explicitly. The Directorate of the Support Services will assume the role of the Strategy Management Office (SMO) to coordinate the implementation of the strategy. Specific roles of the SMO include:

Table 3: Strategy Roles & Responsibilities

Process	Responsible
Strategy development- formulation and update	SMO
Scorecard management- Design and report on the KPIs	M&E Officer
Organisational alignment- Ensure alignment of all organisational levels with the strategy.	Director, Support to Education
Annual work plan/budgeting Link the AWP and budgeting process to strategy	Director Support to Education/Accountant/ Economist
Staff alignment ensure alignment of everyone with the strategy.	Director, Support to Education /Human Resource Officer
Strategy Communication- Communication to stakeholders about the strategy	Director, Support to Education / Communication Officer
Strategy reviews- Work with the strategy management team to shape the agenda for strategy review and learning.	Director, Support to Education
Initiative management- identify and oversee management of strategic initiatives.	Director, Support to Education /M&E Officer
Best practices - facilitate processes such as Strategy Cafes and Market Place to identify and share best practices.	Director, Support to Education

5.2 Organisational Structure

The organogram below is the structure required to deliver the strategic plan for the 2023/24-2027/28 period.

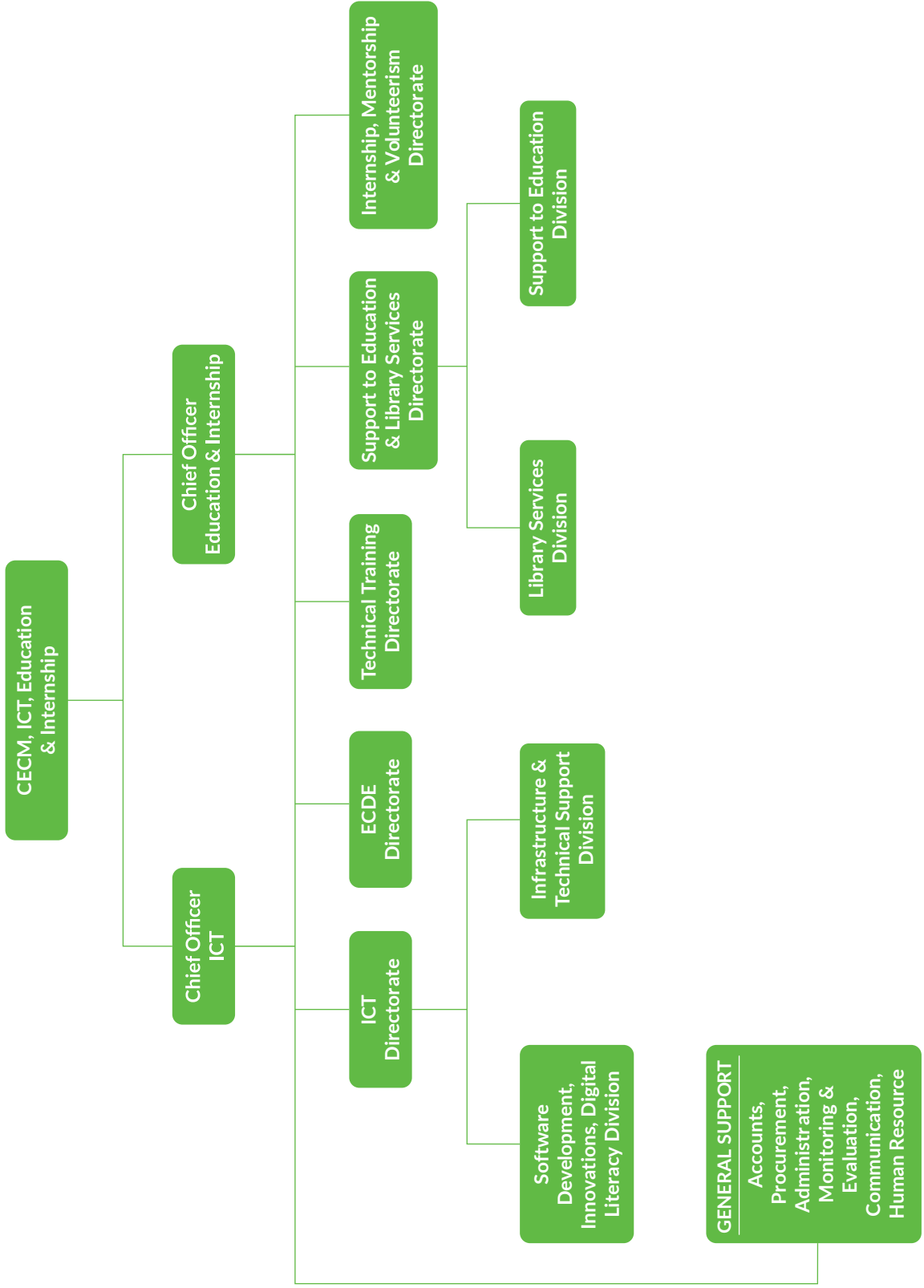


Figure 8: DIEI Organogram

5.3 Annual Work Plans

The annual work plans will be the basis for the execution of this Strategic Plan. Each Directorate shall, thereafter, develop Annual Work Plans which will then be cascaded down to individual work plans. Ultimately, the Individual Work Plans will be the basis for performance appraisal. This is illustrated in Figure 9.



Figure 9: Strategy Implementation Framework

5.4 Resources

5.4.1 Budget

The budget allocated to the DIEI over the 5-year CIDP period is Ksh. 5,070,000,000. The breakdown by Directorate is shown below:

Directorate	5 - year Budget Estimate (Millions/Kshs)
ICT	2,487
ECDE	1,098
IMV	125
Support Services	453
Technical Training	907
Grand Total	5,070

5.5 Resource Mobilisation

The funding for the Department's programmes will mainly come from the County Government, development partners and commercialisation of CICs and CTTIs. The Department will formulate a resource mobilisation strategy that will address resource gaps for effective implementation of this plan.

5.6 Linkages, Collaborations and Partnerships

The Department will forge and enhance linkages, partnerships and collaborations with appropriate stakeholders and other players in implementation of the Strategic Plan. We will partner with the National Government for expansion of the National Optic Fibre Backbone Infrastructure (NOFBI) and the Last Mile Connectivity to urban centres; to ensure that catchment schools have electricity connectivity, water infrastructure; to provide TSC teachers; ensure that six constituency technical colleges are well-equipped and have trained tutors; With the universities to offer specialised courses to meet the needs of Makueni County; Partner with National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) to certify artisans and fabricators; Partner with NITA and Kenya Industrial Research Development Institute (KIRDI), Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) among others in equipping the youth with critical skills for improved employability.

5.7 Risk Management

The Department does not exist in isolation and is aware of the various risks that may impact on its operations. The department's risk management framework comprises identification of risks, risk analysis and development and implementation of appropriate mitigation measures to manage the risk and monitoring and reporting of the risks. This is illustrated in Figure 10 below.



Figure 10: Risk Management Framework

The DIEI has identified and analysed potential risks and classified them into eight categories: Compliance/Legal, Financial, Operational, Political, Reputational, Stakeholder, Strategic, and Technological. This matrix is contained in Annex 1. Moving forward, the risk management framework will be reviewed on a quarterly basis to ensure the Department delivers on its set objectives.



CHAPTER SIX

MONITORING, EVALUATION & REPORTING



6.0 Introduction

Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting will form a critical component for the successful implementation of this Strategic Plan. The overall goal of monitoring and evaluation in the implementation of this Strategic Plan is to provide quality performance information for decision-making. It will provide the link between the set priorities, corresponding budgetary provisions and the resultant outputs, outcomes, and impacts over the plan period. It will provide the necessary feedback and enable the management to make evidence-based decisions.

Overall monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Plan and documenting the successes and shortcomings, including the annual review process, will be coordinated by the Strategy Management Office (SMO) based in the Directorate of Support Services. Directorates will be expected to prepare and submit their progress reports to the SMO.

6.1 Monitoring and Evaluation Objectives

The Department will put in place a monitoring and evaluation framework to ensure that planned activities are implemented, and setbacks and variations are addressed as they arise. The framework will assist in:

1. Identifying indicators for monitoring the department's programmes and activities
2. Identifying data sources that are necessary to provide indicator values.
3. Providing a mechanism for reporting on progress
4. Evaluating strategies, and activities and identifying areas that need adjustment.

5. Documenting experiences, challenges, and lessons learned.
6. Improving the programming of new interventions and strategies
7. Assessing impacts to inform decision making in the implementation of the Department's strategy.

6.2 Monitoring and Evaluation Approach

The DIEI's M&E approach will be aligned with the County's Monitoring and Evaluation System whose objective is to improve the effectiveness and quality of tracking of the implementation of various development programmes/flagship projects. Further, to ensure that there is a clear way of measuring performance, the Department will institute a performance management plan that shows the performance reporting framework on the set indicators and annual targets. This will ensure that all commitments made in this plan are translated to service delivery to beneficiaries through performance contracting and annual work planning, both at the departmental and individual levels.

Monitoring will be a continuous exercise to track the implemented of planned activities. The Department will also undertake mid-term and end-term evaluation to assess the impact of planned programmes.

To ensure that the planned activities are progressively implemented, and that setbacks and variations are addressed as they arise, the Department will put the following teams in place.

Table 5: Strategy Teams

Team	Role
Strategy Leadership Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion the strategy implementation process • Make strategic decisions. • Facilitate workshops and events. • Provide resources to ensure successful implementation of the strategy.
Support team (under the SMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead the execution of the process. • Lead measurement teams • Develop implementation plan. • Provide performance reports/dashboards
Strategic Focus/Objective Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure process orientation/ eliminate silos. • Define initiatives. • Refine objectives, performance measurement, and targets
Measurement Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define KPIs • Set baselines and targets. • Identify data sources. • Gather and report on KPIs.

6.3 Meeting Schedules

	Operational	Monitoring	Strategy Review	Strategy Testing and adapting
Information	Dashboards for key performance indicators;	Dashboards for key performance indicators; Bi-Weekly and monthly financial summaries	Strategy map, dashboards, and Scorecard reports	Strategy map, dashboards, and Scorecard reports SWOT/PESTLE/Porters 5 Forces analysis
Frequency	Weekly/ Daily hurdles	Bi-weekly	Quarterly	Annually
Attendees	Section/Division/ Directorate staff.	SLT, strategic theme owners, KPI Champions	SLT, strategic theme owners, KPI Champions, SMO	SLT, strategic theme owners, KPI Champions, SMO/ County IEI Committee
Focus	Identify and solve operational problems	Track KPIs and implementation status of initiatives and projects	Manage strategy implementation issues; Assess strategic initiatives	Test and adapt strategy; Scenario planning for uncertain futures;
Goal	Respond to short term problems and promote continuous improvements	Ensure work plans are being implemented	Fine-tune strategy; make midcourse adaptations	Improve or transform strategy

6.4 Reporting Schedule

Type of Report	Purpose	Frequency	Responsible
Monthly Activity Reports	These will provide information with regard to activities undertaken during the month as per the work plan e.g., status reports. It should highlight the timelines met, challenges and possible recommendations	Monthly	Directors/ HODs
Quarterly Reports	Detailed work plans with regard to the achievement of the outputs provide an opportunity for amendment and recommendations based on the evaluation.	Quarterly	Directors/ HODs
Semi- Annual Reports	Provide mid-year evaluation of the Department's programmes	Bi-annual	Directors/ HODs
Annual Reports	Detail annual achievements of the Department vis-à-vis the outcome/ outputs; outline the targets met, challenges faced, and lessons learned for the subsequent planning cycle.	Annual	Directors/ HODs
Mid-Term report	Detail achievements of the Department vis-à-vis the outcome/ outputs; outlining the targets met, challenges and lessons learnt for the subsequent planning cycle. Share the report with key stakeholders	Mid-Term	Directors/ HODs
End-Term Report	Detail annual achievements of the Department vis-à-vis the outcome/ outputs; outline the targets met, challenges, and lessons learned for the subsequent planning cycle. Share the report with key stakeholders.	End- Term	Directors/ HODs



Annex 1: Risk Management Matrix

Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Political	Disruption of departmental programs and schedules	Uncertain Kenyan political environment	The operating environment could be significantly affected and business hampered	4	2.6	10.4	Develop comprehensive contingency plans that outline specific actions to be taken in the event of disruptions caused by political uncertainty.	CECM
Political	Insufficient buy-in to the CTTI reorganization	Proposed merging/conversion of CTTIs which may leave some wards without designated CTTIs.	This could be used as a weapon against the county govt or the department in the ward politics.	2	2.8	5.6	Development of a policy to guide the reorganization	Director CTTIs
Political	Loss of county assembly goodwill towards DIEI	Weakened relations between the department, the executive and the assembly	The assembly may not prioritise or adopt policies that may support DIEI	1	4.2	4.2	Establish and maintain positive relationships with key stakeholders, including county government officials, the community, the executive and the MCAs	CECM
Financial	Insufficient budget allocation	The county allocates budgets through public participation and most citizens prioritize huge projects such as roads and constructions which may limit the allocations awarded to education such as in ECDE and CTTIs.	Inability to finance key aspects of the strategy and failure to fulfil the DIEI Mandate.	4	3.6	14.4	Explore opportunities for cost savings and efficiency improvements. Advocate for sufficient budget allocation for DIEI projects, infrastructure upgrades, and training needs.	CECM
		Limitation of the county budget. The public participation may forget or ignore soft but key programmes e.g. internship, attachment mentorship and volunteerism	Inability to optimally finance internship, mentorship and volunteerism				Lobby for more financing of IMV and have it allocated budget as a HQ programme Establish partnerships with donors and development partners to fund mentorship programs	Director IMV
		Late disbursement of funds to counties by the national government.	Inability to finance key aspects of the strategy and failure to fulfil the DIEI Mandate.					

Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Financial	Insufficient partner funding	There are some objectives in the strategy that list needs for extra funding from development partners. Heavy reliance on them could limit the achievements of the strategy.	Inability to finance key aspects of the strategy and failure to fulfil the DIEI Mandate.	5	3.4	17	Explore opportunities to generate income through social enterprises or other revenue- generating activities that align with DIEI's mission.	CECM
Reputational	Loss of citizen confidence in DIEI	Failure to perform in line with what the citizens were promised Mismanagement of DIEI programs or projects	Harm to the reputable Makuani brand	2	2.8	8	Citizen engagement and communication of achievements within DIEI Clear assignment of roles and	CECM
Compliance/ Legal	External influence on DIEI policies and processes	Some of the key DIEI processes like ECDE and Vocational training are influenced nationally by different ministries and institutions such as MOE, TVETA, KICD etc which are separate from DIEI. There is therefore a possibility of directives and instructions coming externally that may affect DIEI. The national government may develop laws, guidelines and directives meant to be observed by counties. The department is also subject to the county executive which may also review, change or develop new directives and policies with the county.	Possible noncompliance or disruption of DIEI processes as outlined in the DIEI strategy.	4	3.2	12.2	Lobby for the COG's and counties' involvement when policies are being formulated.	Governor



Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Compliance/ Legal	External influence on DIEI policies and processes	Interference of the management of ECDEs by host primary schools which are under the national govt	Possible non compliance or disruption of DIEI processes as outlined in the DIEI strategy.	4	2	12.8	Champion collaboration and partnership between county and national government	Governor
Technological	System Downtime and Service Disruptions	Hardware, software, network, power, or security failures, malicious attacks, human error	Decreased productivity and operational efficiency. Delayed or interrupted services to internal and external stakeholders and possible financial losses.	3	3.6	10.8	Deployment of a business continuity plan Develop and implement robust cybersecurity measures, including firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and employee training programs. Regularly monitor and update security protocols and conduct vulnerability assessments.	Director ICT
		Insufficient IT Infrastructure	Inability to meet the demands of the county and its stakeholders				Conduct regular assessments of IT infrastructure to identify gaps and capacity limitations. Develop a long-term technology infrastructure plan to address deficiencies and ensure scalability. Secure necessary budget allocations for infrastructure upgrades.	Director ICT
	Data & infrastructure loss	Floods, fire, earth tremors, theft, vandalism	Loss or compromise of sensitive information and data security breaches. Data loss and potential inability to recover critical information as well as possible financial loss	2	4.4	8.8	Establish a disaster recovery plan Establish redundancy and backup systems to minimize the impact of system failures. Regularly test and update the backups and recovery plans by conducting drills and training exercises	Director ICT

Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Technological	User resistance to automation	The county is moving towards the automation of most services which may lead to false alarms by some staff in fear or job losses and job displacement	Decreased user adoption and possible compromise of automation efforts as well as the installed infrastructure.	2	4.2	8.4	Communicate effectively with stakeholders and address user concerns Conduct impact assessments prior to any major changes.	Director ICT
	Technological obsolescence and redundancy	The world of IT is fast evolving with new technologies being developed rapidly.	Integration challenges and compatibility issues with existing DIEI systems. Potential disruptions to existing systems and processes.	4	3	12	Develop systems with a view of scalability in mind. Stay updated with industry trends and conduct pilot projects to evaluate the feasibility and potential impacts of new technologies	Director ICT
Operational	Disruption of IMV programs	Re-emergence of disease outbreaks such as Covid-19 and influenza	Inability to fulfil the IMV mandate	2	2.6	5.2	Continuous monitoring and partnership with the county Department of Health and MOH to identify and combat disease outbreaks	Director IMV
Operational	Inadequate mentorship and supervision	Our mentorship base does not include sufficient number of professionals and retirees	Decreased learning and capacity building outcomes among the Makueni youth	5	3.4	17	Review the IMV policies to include a wider mentorship base	Director IMV
		Insufficient HR capacity within the IMV directorate					Develop a comprehensive training and mentorship program that covers essential skills and knowledge relevant to each internship/volunteer role Implement a supervision and feedback mechanism to track the progress and mentor reviews for every youth under IMV	Director IMV



Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Operational	Burnout and exploitation of the youth under IMV	Excessive workload assigne	Low morale, decreased productivity, negative impact on mental health and wellness, negative publicity The youth may be allocated activities beyond their skill and experience level and may make mistakes that could have negative consequences to the government.	4	3	12	Establish clear roles and responsibilities, and provide a supportive and inclusive work environment. Partner with the HR department to ensure compliance to established standards, procedures and requirements Provide open communication channels for interns/volunteers to address their concerns or issues.	Director IMV
Operational	Low enrolment in CTTIs	Excessive workload assigne Negative community percepti	Underutilised institutions and personell	4	2.8	11.2	Community sensitisation and awareness to promote enrollment. Conduct trade fairs and exhibitions of products produced in CTTIs to change perception and increase the appeal and demand of such products.	Director CTTIs
		Poverty Most CTTI trainees dislike the fact that they have to wear school uniforms The appeal of apprenticeship within communities where prospective trainees opt to avoid CTTIs and learn on the job	Inability to deliver on the CTTI and DIEI mandate Trainees feel uncomfortable being in CTTIs or being seen or associated with them CTTIs become unattractive because there is no monetary gain, the programs take longer and the school environment in CTTIs				Promote income generation at the institution to subsidize training costs Conduct a stakeholder engagement and a feedback collection survey and make necessary recommendations to the county and regulatory bodies	Director CTTIs Director CTTIs
							Involve trainees in income generating initiatives in CTTIs to provide some monetary benefit, provide short term certification courses.	Director CTTIs

Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Operational	Low enrolment in CTTIs	High prevalence of drugs and substance abuse among the youth	Drug dependency and increase in crime	4	2.8	11.2	Enhance alternative income generating and financing strategies	Director CTTIs
Strategic	Mismatch between training and industry needs	Gap between skills taught and skills demanded by employers/Industry	Unemployment and under employment	4	3.4	13.6	Strengthen partnerships with local industries, establish industry advisory boards, develop internship and job placement programs, facilitate industry engagement in curriculum development and program evaluation	Director CTTIs
		The curriculum which is controlled by the national government has not been reviewed for a long time.	Irrelevance of the curriculum to the job market				Introduction of tailor-made short courses and modules to encourage short term enrollment.	Director CTTIs
Operational	Compromised quality of technical training	Underdeveloped training infrastructure and facilities in CTTIs	Inability to fulfil the CTTI and DIEI mandate				Continuous public sensitization for budgetary allocation and establishing development partnerships	Director CTTIs
		Institutions and trainers not meeting the set standards of accreditation	Substandard programs and institutions, undermining the credibility of TVET.	3	3.6	10.8	Empower governance and administration of CTTIs	Director CTTIs
		Insufficient skill and capacity upgrading level of the CTTI trainers					Provide incentives and support for trainers to pursue further professional development opportunities.	Director CTTIs
		Low trainer to trainee ratio	Insufficient coverage and attention to trainees				Provide regular training and professional development opportunities for instructors, collaborate with educational institutions and organizations for capacity building, promote networking and knowledge sharing among instructors.	Director CTTIs
							Engage intern trainers in the CTTIs	Director CTTIs

Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Operational	Compromised quality of technical training	Lack of course specialisation among CTTIs	The institutions are spread to thin while offering too many courses without much depth	3	3.6	10.8	Consolidate and merge some of the CTTIs to allow specialisation and to increase quality of outcomes	Director CTTIs
	Disruption to ECDE learning	Insufficient infrastructure resulting in overcrowded classrooms, limited space for learning/play activities, and inadequate ventilation and lighting. Absence of a feeding program which poses challenges for the Makueni children especially during famines and in seasons of inadequate rainfall. Disease outbreaks such as Influenza, Covid-19	Poor child development Chronic absenteeism. Poor health and safety of the ECDE learners, Absenteeism.	3	3	9	Continuous engagement with the communities for budgetary allocation. Partner with CTTIs for the development and installation of necessary learn and play equipment. Uptake of technology to support ECDE learning and avoid disruptions. Partnership with the county department of Health to prevent and manage disease outbreaks.	Director ECDE Director ECDE
	Compromised ECDE Quality	Insufficient ECDE learning/training materials	Poor child development	4	3	12	Train teachers on creative and low-cost teaching methods to maximize the use of available learning materials.	Director ECDE Director ECDE

Type of Risk	Risk	Cause	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible
Operational	Compromised ECDE Quality	Low ECDE teacher to pupil ratio	Un-manageable workloads for the teachers	4	3	12	Lobby the county government for budget to recruit more teachers	Director ECDE
Stakeholder	Low Parental involvement	Ignorance among parents as some have left the role of education to the government	Slow child development	4	3	12	Sensitise parents to support the employment of additional teachers. Initiate an internship programs.	Director ECDE
		Poverty	Low parental support towards infrastructural development in ECDE centres.				Sensitisation and advocacy among parents for increased involvement and support	Director ECDE



• DIEI Risk Assessment Criteria 2023

The DIEI Risk Assessment Criteria

5	Almost Certain	Once every 7 days (1 wk) over 80% probability/Chance of happening
4	Likely	Once every Month. over 50% probability
3	Possible	Happens once a quarter About 20% probability
2	Unlikely	Happens once every year upto 10-19% chance/probability of happening
1	Rare	Happens once every 10 years or more has a probability of 0-9% happening

Likelihood scale

Likelihood Rating				
Likelihood Rating Criteria	Time	Descriptive	Score	Code
> 80%	Once/7 Days	Almost Certain	5	
50% - 80%	Once/Month	Likely	4	
20% - 50%	Once/Quarter	Possible	3	
10% - 19%	Once/Year	Unlikely	2	
0% - 9%	Once/5 Years	Possible	1	

Impact/ Consequence scale

	1	2	3	4	5
Financial	Insignificant Below Kes 50,000.00	Minor Btwn 50k - Kes 500,000	Moderate Upto Kes 5 Million	High Between 5- 10M	Very High Over 10 M
Technological	system downtime <2hrs in a day	>2hrs but <24hrs	24-48 hours	48-96 hrs	Over 96 hours
People Impact	Less than 50 people	Between 50-500/year	500 -2,500 people	2,501-5,000 People	Above 5,000 people
	<5	5 -10 staff	10 - 30 staff	30-50 staff	Over 50 staff
	Accidental injury requiring first aid only	Injury or occupational health requiring seeking of medical attention	Injury or occupational health requiring hospitalization of more than 1 day	Injury or occupational health leading to atleast one death	Injury or occupational health leading to multiple death
Strategic Mandate impact					
	ii) Innovation (ICT)				
	iii) ECDE				
	iv) CTTIs				
	Volunteerism				
Legal and regulatory Compliance/ Reputational damage	Slight non-compliance often resolved internally	several non compliance noted in the audit observations	Non compliance requiring written explanation to an external party	Major non-compliance leading to inquest or sanctions for explanation by Govt or an International body	Non-compliance leading to threat of dissolution or closure of Authority
	ii) Non adherence to Internal procedures and SOPs (Internal Audit and QA	Major observation that may require business process change			Major Query, may lead to withdrawal of ISO or inquiry by external parties e.g OAG



Annex 2: Implementation Matrix

ICT Directorate

Strategies	Activities	Outputs	Key Indicators	Reporting Schedule	Baseline 2023/24	Targets					Budget (M)	Responsibility		
						Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5				
CIDP Program: ICT Infrastructure development														
Strategic Focus Area 1: Customer/ Stakeholder														
Goal 1.1: Provide quality and innovative customer service/ Ensure exceptional customer experience and satisfaction														
Strategic Objectives 1.1.1: Provide quality ICT services														
1.1.2: Implement Robust Customer Feedback mechanism														
Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Improved customer satisfaction														
1.1.1: Optimal Availability of ICT services														
1.1.2: Robust Customer Feedback mechanism														
Establish self-service portals for County Services	Develop & Maintain Access channels including USSD, Android APP, and self-service customer portals	County services accessible online	Proportion of Services on the Self-service portals	Quarterly		30%	50%	60%	65%	85%		10	HOS - Applications	
Integration of electronic payment systems to optimize Revenue Collection	Conduct baseline survey on revenue automation	Revenue automation Baseline survey report						100%				5	CO - ICT	
	Automation of all revenue streams	Automated revenue streams	Proportion of Integrated payment gateways to the RMS	Quarterly	85%	30%	50%	60%	65%	85%		40	Dir - ICT	
	Integration of all payment gateways to the RMS	Integrated of payment gateways to the RMS						100%				2	Dir - ICT	
	Introduce cashless payments channels for all revenue streams such as MPESA paybill, USSD, STK push, mobile agency banking, internet banking	County services payments available online	Proportion of electronic payment systems integrated	Quarterly	85%	30%	50%	60%	65%	85%		5	Dir - ICT	
Implement a voice of the customer program	Conduct quality assurance and customer feedback on improving the customer experience	Improved the customer experience	Customer Satisfaction Index	Quarterly	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		2	CO - ICT	
	Carryout Customer satisfaction survey	Customer Satisfaction Data												
	Compile Survey Report	Customer Satisfaction Report												
	Implementation of report	Improved Customer Satisfaction												
Establish Communication	Build a Robust website for the County	Update website	County Website				100%						5	HOS - Applications
	Establish Toll free lines, bulk sms for communication with the Citizenry	Operational Toll free lines and bulk sms	toll free lines and bulk sms				100%	100%	100%	100%		15	Dir - ICT	
	Upgrade the "Sema na Governor" communication platform	Working "Sema na Governor" Platform	"Sema na Governor" Platform											
CIDP Program: Automation of Government Services (Enterprise Resource Planning)														
Strategic Focus Area 2: Financial														
Goal 2.1: Ensure Financial sustainability														
Strategic Objectives 2.1.1: Commercialise ICT centres														
2.1.2: Resource mobilisation														
2.1.2: Increase ICT budget allocation														
Outcomes/Key Results 2.1: Adequate budget to implement ICT activities and programs														
2.1.1: Revenue generated from ICT centres														
2.1.2: ICT Resources Mobilised														
Strategic Partnerships in offering ICT services	Stakeholders mapping	Key Stakeholders' List	Stakeholder profile			1	1	1	1	1		2	CO - ICT	
	Engage the stakeholders and make request for support	Stakeholder engagement meetings held	No. of meetings held											
	Sign partnership MOUs with key stakeholders for ICT support	Partnership MOUs	MOU signed											
	Lobby for more resources allocation thro' County Assembly	Lobby Meetings with County Assembly held	Value of ICT Budget Allocation										2	CO - ICT
Resource Mobilization	Project Proposal writing for funds from partners	Proposal for funds submitted	Proportion of ICT Programs funded thro' resource mobilization	Yearly	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3				
CIDP Program: Institutional strengthening														
Strategic Focus Area 3: Processes														
Goal 3.1: Design ICT literacy curriculum to prepare workers for the future.														
Strategic Objectives 3.1.1: Improve the ICT skills														
3.1.2: Develop the ICT training curriculum														
Outcomes/Key Results 3.1: Approved ICT literacy curriculum														
3.1.1: Improved ICT Skills among Makueni citizenry & staff														
3.1.2: Approved ICT training curriculum														
Enhance ICT skills for County staff	Establish needs ICT training needs assessment	ICT training needs assessment Report	ICT Curriculum in Place	Yearly		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		20	CO - ICT	
	Develop the ICT Training Curriculum	ICT Training Curriculum	Proportion of staff Trained	Monthly	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
	Register with professional bodies ISACA, CSK, & other relevant accredited institutions	Accreditations and Certifications by ISACA & other relevant accredited institutions	Accreditation Certificates											
	Conduct ICT trainings	Trainings conducted	Number of Trainings conducted	Monthly	50	10	10	10	10	10		10		

2.1 ECDE Directorate

Strategies	Activities	Outputs	Key Indicators	Reporting Schedule	Baseline 2023/24	Target for 5 years	Targets					Budget (M)	Responsibility
							Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5		
CIDP Program: Early Childhood Development													
Strategic Focus Area 1: Customer/Stakeholder													
Goal 1.2: Ensure exceptional customer experience and satisfaction													
Strategic Objectives 1.2.1 Increase satisfaction of ECDE pupils													
Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Improved Customer satisfaction													
1.2.1 Increased satisfaction of ECDE pupils													
1.2.2 Increased satisfaction of ECDE Parents													
Implement a voice of the customer program for ECDE pupils and parents	Hold parent's meeting in respective ECDE centres	ECDE parents' meeting held	Customer Satisfaction Index	Bi-annually	60%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	1.00	ECM / CO
	Administer a questionnaire and oral questions to parents and pupils	Customer Satisfaction Data		Annually	0	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	5.00	Director
	Writing and share Customer satisfaction report	Disseminated customer satisfaction report		Annually	0	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Strategic Focus Area 2: Financial													
Goal 2.2: Ensure financial sustainability													
Strategic Objectives 2.2.1 Increased ECDE capitation													
2.2.2 Resource Mobilization													
Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Financially sustainable ECDE program													
2.2.1 Adequate budget allocation													
2.2.2 Adequate resources													
Advocate for increase in ECDE capitation	Participate in the budget making process	Budget Review meeting attended	No. of ECDE children under capitation	Annually	43,000	238,000	43,000	45,000	47,000	50,000	53,000	200.00	ECM / CO
	Advocacy for ECDE in the grassroots as well as with the county leadership.	ECDE advocacy meetings held	No. of advocacy meetings held	Termly (3 months)	120	1330	180	200	250	300	400		Director
	Activity based budgeting	Approved Budget	No. of approved Budgets	Annually	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	0.50	Director
Resource Mobilization	Stakeholders mapping	Key Stakeholders' List	No. of stakeholders mobilized	Annual	2	5	1	1	1	1	1		ECM/CO
	Engage the stakeholders and make request for support	Stakeholder engagement meetings held	No. of stakeholder engagements	Annual	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	5.00	ECM/CO
	Sign partnership MoUs with key stakeholders for ECDE support	Partnership MOUs	No. of MOUs signed	Annual	2	5	1	1	1	1	5		ECM/CO

Strategic Focus Area 3: Processes													
Goal 3.4: Drive operational excellence													
Strategic Objectives 3.4.1 Enhanced compliance													
3.4.2 Improved quality of education and training													
3.4.3 Improved Access to Quality Early Childhood Development and Education													
3.4.4 Improved computer/digital skills among the ECDE pupils													
Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Improved ECDE processes													
3.4.1 Compliant ECDE program													
3.4.2 Quality Education													
3.4.3 Well educated ECDE pupils													
3.4.4 IT savvy ECDE pupils													
Develop norms and standards for ECDE	Engage the ECDE directorate in the MOE	ECDE directorate meetings held with MOE	No. of meetings held	Annually	0	6	2	1	1	1	1	1.00	ECM/CO
Commission Quality assurance audits	Implement quality assurance audit recommendations	Implemented recommendations	Proportion of Quality Assurance audit recommendations implemented	Annually	0	100%	50%	65%	80%	90%	100%	50.00	ECM/ CO
Implement continuous quality improvement	Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation.	M&E report	Quality score index	Bi-annually	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	15.00	ECM/CO
Develop standard operations model	Engage a consultant and develop SOM	SOM developed	No. of SOMs developed	Annually	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3.00	ECM/CO
Design and implement an ECDE advocacy program	Constitute an ECDE advocacy team across the county (Administrators, civic educators, MOE officials)	ECDE advocacy teams in place	No. of pupils enrolled annually	Bi-annually	35,290	40000	36000	37000	38000	39000	40000	5.00	ECM/CO
ECDE children in school feeding programme	Acquisition and employment of digital literacy resources	Digital literacy enhanced	No. of pupils completing ECDE computer/digital skills program	Annually	35,290	40000	36000	37000	38000	39000	40000	5.00	ECM/CO
Health and nutrition program	Establishment of a school feeding program	Established feeding program	No. of ECDE children in school feeding programme	Annually	0	238,000	43,000	45,000	47,000	50,000	53,000	290.00	ECM / CO
Design computer/digital skills program for ECDE pupils	Collaboration with relevant county departments eg Health, gender and nutrition	Enhanced health among ECDE learners	Health and nutrition programmes conducted	Annually	3	15	3	3	3	3	3	2.50	Director
	Attain guidelines and curriculum through KICD and MOE	ECDE guidelines and Curriculum	Retention levels in ECDEs	Annually	1	100%	90%	95%	95%	95%	95%	0.50	ECM / CO
Strategic Focus Area 3: Processes													
Stakeholder engagement	Engage stakeholders & partners to support the development of content and design of the digital platforms	Stakeholder engagements established	No. of Stakeholder engagements established	Annually	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	2.50	CO/Director
ECDE Digital Learning	Test and roll out the digital learning for ECDE pupils	Digital learning	No of learners	Annually	35290	40000	36000	37000	38000	39000	40000	1.00	Director



Strategic Focus Area 4: Organisational Capacity

Goal 4.5: Build HR Capacity and talent management

- Strategic Objectives 4.5.1 Increase HR for ECDE
- 4.5.2 Effective curriculum implementation
- 4.5.3 HR Capacity Enhancement
- 4.5.4 Talent Identification and Development

Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Adequate and competent ECDE staff

- 4.5.1 Adequate ECDE Staff
- 4.5.2 Implemented ECDE curriculum
- 4.5.3 Enhanced HR capacity
- 4.5.4 Competent ECDE staff

Recruitment of ECDE teachers	HR needs assessment	HR gap analysis report		Teacher-Pupil ratio		Annually	1:45	1:40	1:45	1:40	1:45	1:40	1:42	1:40	1:40	1:40	100.00	CO
		Request for the HR gaps to be filled	Approved HR requests	Staff Establishment	No. of teachers recruited													
Rationalise ECDE teacher placement and remuneration	Implement the schemes of service	ECDE schemes of service	No. of teachers in the scheme of service	0	1050	Annually	0	1050	0	450	750	950	1050	1050	1050	1050	100.00	ECM/CO
Curriculum Supervision	Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Impact (MELI)	Assessment Report	No. of Assessment Report	13	65	Termly (3 months)	13	65	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	20.00	Director	
Provision of teaching and learning materials	Purchase and supply teaching and learning materials	Learning Materials distributed	Pupil/Learning Material Ratio	1:45	1:20	Annually	1:40	1:20	1:30	1:35	1:30	1:25	1:30	1:20	1:20	50.00	Director	
Staff Training and development	Develop a training plan	Approved Training Plan	Training Plan in use	0	5	Annually	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2.50	CO/Director	
	Train TOTs	Competent TOTs	No. of TOTs trained	0	60	Annually	0	60	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0.60	CO/Director	
	Develop a staff training module	Staff Training module in place	No. of Modules Developed	0	1	Annually	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.50	CO/Director	
Staff performance evaluation and appraisal	Design and implement a directorate reward and sanction system	ECDE reward and sanction system	System developed	0	1	Annually	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	CO/Director	
Strategic Focus Area 4: Organisational Capacity																		
Staff wellness and support program	Develop directorate staff welfare guidelines	Approved Staff welfare guidelines	Developed Guidelines	0	1	Annually	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.50	CO/Director	
	Timely facilitation of staff	Satisfied Staff	Customer Satisfaction Index	0	5	Annually	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.50	CO/Director	
	Implement a water harvesting support fund	Water harvesting support fund	Established Fund	0	1	Annually	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1.50	CO	
Talent Development	Participate in co-curricular activities	Co-curricular activities held	No. of activities held	1	5	Annually	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40.00	CO	
	Conduct Talent Exposure programs	Talent Exposure programs implemented	No. of talent exposure programs	1	5	Annually	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40.00	Director	
Collaboration and parental engagements	Parental Awareness and sensitisation	Sensitised Parents	No. of Parental Awareness and sensitisation meetings held	1	5	Annually	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.00	Director	

Strategic Focus Area 4: Organisational Capacity													
Goal 4.6: Build and revamp infrastructure													
Strategic Objectives 4.6.1 Enhance access to learning													
4.6.2 Improve Infrastructure for conducive learning environment													
Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Revamped ECDE Infrastructure													
4.6.1 Increased access to ECDE learning													
4.6.2 Improved conducive learning environment at ECDE centres													
Development/publication and age appropriate materials for reading and play for ECDE learners	Engage CTTIs to develop play equipment	ECDE play equipment	No. of ECDE Centres upgraded to Model status	Annually	0	25	5	5	5	5	5	240.00	Director
Revamp and Upgrade 1 model ECDE per ward with fully established daycare facilities	Collaborate with KICD and ICT directorate in publications	KICD and ICT directorate in publications	No. of publications	Annually	0	100	20	20	20	20	20	400.00	Director
Increased enrollment/Retention	Design, standardize and implement the facilities	Standardised ECDE facilities	No. of Day Care Centres established	Annually	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	60.00	CO
	Initiate and sustain a feeding programme	Feeding Program for ECDE	Feeding programme established	Annually	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	160.00	CO
	Collaboration with relevant county departments eg Health, gender and nutrition	County Collaborative Programs for ECDE	No of joint programs	Annually	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1.50	CO
	Reactivate Makueni ECDE DMS and train relevant officers	Reactivated Makueni ECDE DMS	System reactivated	termly (3 months)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.50	Director
Branding the county ECDE centres	Branded ECDEs in partnerships with CTTIs	Branded ECDEs	No. of ECDEs branded	Annually	0	100	20	20	20	20	20	3.00	Director
	Engage artists/experts for ECDE relevant artwork	ECDEs with artwork	No. of ECDEs with artwork	Annually	0	100	20	20	20	20	20		Director
Goal 4.7: Strengthen institutional framework													
Strategic Objectives 4.7.1 Strengthen institutional frameworks and internal capacities													
Outcomes/Key Results 4.7: Institutionalised ECDE Programs													
4.7.1 Strengthened institutional frameworks and adequate internal capacities													
Review ECDE policy	Stakeholder engagement	Stakeholders engaged	ECDE policy in place	Annually	1	3	2	1	0	0	0		ECM/CO
	Review the ECDE policy	Reviewed & approved ECDE Policy	Reviewed Policy	Annually	1	1	0	1	0	0	0		ECM/CO
	Implement and enforce the reviewed policy	Implemented ECDE policy	No. of policies implemented	Annually	1	1	0	0	1	0	0		Director
Develop Day Care policy	Stakeholder engagement	Stakeholders engaged	Day care policy in place	Annually	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	3.00	ECM/CO
	Development of Day Care Policy	Developed Policy	No. of policies implemented	Annually	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		ECM/CO
	Implement and enforce the reviewed policy	Implemented Daycare policy	No. of policies implemented	Annually	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		Director



Strategies	Activities	Outputs	Key Indicators	Reporting Schedule	Baseline 2023/24	Target for 5 years	Targets					Budget Ksh (M)	Responsibility
							Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5		
CIDP Program: County Bursary and Scholarship Programme													
Strategic Focus Area 1: Customer/Stakeholder													
Goal 1.3: To enhance access, retention and transition													
Strategic Objectives 1.3.1 Increase access to education and improve retention and transition													
Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Increased retention and transition													
1.3.1 Improved access, retention and transition													
1.3.2													
Issue County Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid to needy students	Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid Policy, appoint committee and set the criteria	Improved access to education for poor but bright students	No. of beneficiaries accessing education and training under bursary fund	Annually	663	#####	100	100	100	100	100	150.00	ECM/CO
	Open the Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid applications to the County Citizenry	Access & retention to education	No. of beneficiaries accessing education and training under scholarship fund	Annually	1267	#####	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	200.00	ECM /CO
	Receive Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aids Applications and shortlist the successful students	Retention & access to education	Proportion of scholarship beneficiaries recruited.	Annually		100%	50%	80%	90%	95%	100%	23.00	ECM/CO
	Monitor and evaluation the performance of the students under Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aids	No. of awardees completing studies	Proportion of awardees that successfully completed their studies	Annually	87%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%		ECM/CO

Strategic Focus Area 4: Organisational Capacity

Goal 4.8: To promote an environment for information mining, learning and sharing

Strategic Objectives 4.8.1 Establish community libraries and resources centres

Outcomes/Key Results 4.7: Improved literacy and skill levels for the community

4.8.1: Community Libraries and Resource Centres Established

Establish Community Libraries and Resource Centers	Planning and assessing the need for the Community Libraries and Resource Centers	Informed communities	No. of community library and Resource Centres established	Annually	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70.00	ECM / CO
	Setting up the Community Libraries and Resource Center	Access to information	No. of citizens accessing community library and Resource Centre services	Annually	0	#####	5000	#####	#####	#####	#####	12,000	70.00	ECM/ CO	
	Launching automation of the Community Libraries and Resource Centers	Automated services	Proportion of automated services in libraries and Resource Centres	Annually	0	100%	#####	#####	#####	#####	100%	100%	30.00	ECM / CO	
			Proportion of e-library content developed	Annually	0	100%	40%	60%	80%	95%	100%	10.00	ECM/ CO		
			No. of e-libraries established	Annually	0	1		1					10.00	ECM/CO	



Education CTTIs

Strategies	Activities	Outputs	Key Indicators	Reporting Schedule	Baseline 2023/24	Target for 5 years	Targets					Budget (M)	Responsibility
							Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5		
CIDP Program: Technical and Vocational Training													
Strategic Focus Area 1: Customer/Stakeholder													
Goal 1.3: Increased satisfaction of CTTI customers and stakeholders													
Strategic Objectives: 1.3.1 Robust Customer Feedback mechanism 1.3.2 Rebrand and reposition CTTIs 1.3.3 Design and offer marketable programs 1.3.4 Strengthen linkages between CTTIs and industry 1.3.5 Talent identification and development 1.3.6 Enhanced enrolment and retention													
Outcomes/Key Results 1.3: Increased CTTIs enrollment													
1.3.1 Improved CTTIs Services 1.3.2 Improved CTTIs perception 1.3.3 Relevant and employable CTTIs Graduates 1.3.4 Increase opportunities for apprenticeship and employment 1.3.5 Nurtured Talents in the CTTIs 1.3.6 Improved Completion rate among CTTIs students													
Implement a voice of the customer program for CTTI trainees	Conduct customer satisfaction survey	Customer Satisfaction Survey report	Customer Satisfaction Index	Annually	0	3	1	1	1	1	1	1.50	CO - DEI
Rebrand CTTIs	Implement recommendations of survey	Implementation plan & Report	No. of CTTIs Talented Students Retained in the County	Quarterly	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	5.00	CO - DEI
Partnerships	CTTIs Assessment	CTTIs Assessment Report	Proportion of Branded CTTIs	Bi-annually	0	100%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100.00	CO - DEI
Design IT training program for CTTI students	Stakeholder Mapping and engagement	Key Stakeholders Engagement meetings	No. of Reports	Annually	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	2.00	Director
Training and Capacity development	Sign MOUs with trade & industry players	Signed MOUs	No. of signed Partnership MOUs	Annually	1	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	1.50	Director
Implement Financial Aid programs (Scholarship & Bursaries)	Develop tailor made IT program	IT Programs for CTTIs	Proportion of CTTIs up-taking IT in training	Annually	1	20%	50%	75%	80%	95%	100%	510.00	Director
	Training and Capacity development respectively	Training and Capacity development	Completion rate of CTTIs trainees	Annually	100%	100%	80%	90%	95%	99%	100%	10.00	Director
	Identify beneficiaries and award them Scholarship & Bursaries	Bursaries & scholarships Awarded	budget for Bursaries & scholarships	Annually	500,000	5,000,000	1M	1M	1M	1M	1M	5.00	CO - DEI
CIDP Program: Technical and Vocational Training													
Strategic Focus Area 2: Financial													
Goal 2.3: Ensure Financial Sustainability													
Strategic Objectives: 2.3.1 Increase CTTI capitalization 2.3.2 Enhance CTTI A-h-A 2.3.3 Continued CTTIs Trainings and education 2.3.4 Availability of funds for CTTIs													
Advocate for increase in CTTI capitalization	Participate in budget making process	Approved Departmental budget with Directorate of TT Inputs	Proportion of Operational IGAs	Bi-annually		100%	70%	80%	100%	100%	100%	3.00	Director
Identify and implement IGA programs	Advocacy meeting with relevant authorities	Budget Advocacy meeting held	Proportion of CTTIs with Standardized Fees	Annually	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	1.00	Director
Establish CTTIs Enterprises	Identify IGAs for each CTTI	Identified IGAs	Proportion of CTTIs with established IGAs	Annually	65%	100%	70%	80%	100%	100%	100%	5.00	Director
Design & implement an innovation challenge	Pilot the IGA	Viable IGAs	Proportion of CTTIs with Operational Enterprises	Annually	100%	100%	70%	80%	100%	100%	100%	3.50	Director
Market and promote IGAs	Identify Enterprises for each CTTI	Identified Enterprises	No. of CTTIs with identified Enterprises	Annually	0	12	0	4	4	2	2	12.00	Director
Develop norms and standards for CTTIs	Pilot the enterprises	Viable Enterprises	No. of CTTIs under pilot	Annually	0	12	0	4	0	0	0	1.50	Director
	Plan and actualize the innovation challenge	Innovation challenge entrants/participants	No. of innovation participants	Annually	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	12.00	Director
	Organise/attend exhibition and trade fairs	Exhibition and trade fairs attended/organised	No. of attended exhibition and trade fairs	Annually	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	7.50	Director
	Document procedures and processes	Documented procedures and processes	No. of documented procedures and processes	Bi-annually	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	1.50	Director
CIDP Program: Technical and Vocational Training													
Strategic Focus Area 3: Processes													
Goal 3.6: Improved quality of education and training in the CTTIs													
Strategic Objectives: 3.6.1 Integrate ICT in CTTI curriculum 3.6.2 Improved quality and relevance of CTTI's courses 3.6.3 Ensure compliance to regulations and standards. 3.6.4 Enhance talent development of CTTI students													
Outcomes/Key Results 3.6 : Globally competitive CTTIs graduates													
3.6.1 Enhanced IT skills among CTTI graduates 3.6.2 CTTIs graduates that are relevant for the job market 3.6.3 Quality CTTIs graduates 3.6.4 Talented CTTIs graduates													
Compliance to Documented Standards	Develop compliance monitoring and reporting tools.	CTTIs Operations Model	Number of Non-conformity to Standards reported	Termly (3 months)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.50	Director
Specialised Trades	Design and implement market driven CTTI training programs.	CTTIs Programs Revised	Proportion of CTTIs with Specialised Trades	Annually	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	5.00	Director
	Design and implement a CTTI advocacy program.	CTTIs advocacy program guidelines	No. of CTTIs advocacy program guidelines developed	Annually	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.50	Director
	Design IT training programs for CTTI students	IT Competent CTTI Graduates	No. of IT Competent CTTI Graduates	Annually	0	500	100	100	100	100	100	3.00	Director
	Establish partnerships to implement CTTI IT training program	Partnerships for IT Trainings	No. of Partnerships for IT Trainings established	Annually	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.00	CECM
Institutionalised Performance Management system	Implement continuous quality improvement	Implemented Quality Improvement Programs	Performance Contracting Performance Score	Annually	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	CO - DEI
Implement quality assurance audit recommendations	Implement quality assurance audit recommendations	Implementation of CAPA	Proportion of Workforce above the Performance Standards Score	Annually	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	2.50	CO - DEI



IMVs

Strategies	Activities	Outputs	Key Indicators	Reporting Schedule	Baseline 2023/24	Target for 5 years	Targets					Budget (M)	Responsibility
							Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5		
CIDP Program: Internship, Mentorship and Volunteerism													
Strategic Focus Area 1: Customer/Stakeholder													
Goal 1.4: To engage, mentor and capacity build interns, attachees and volunteers for socioeconomic transformation													
Strategic Objectives 1.4.1 Enhance mentorship through Internships, apprenticeship and Attachment 1.4.2. Enhance on-job skills base for youth through internship													
Outcomes/Key Results 1.1: Enhanced human resource development													
1.4.1 Improved individual social responsibility among the Makeni citizenry													
1.4.2 Improved employable skills amongst the youth and young citizenry													
Implement the Internship, Mentorship and Volunteerism program in Makeni County and	Design the internship & volunteering recruitment systems	IMV System in place	No. of youth engaged in mentorship programmes	Quarterly	90	2,000	300	350	400	450	500	Director: IMV	
	Conduct recruitment and placement for interns	Interns placed within the county	No. of interns placed	Annually	90	450	90	90	90	90	90	Director: IMV	
	Conduct recruitment and placement for attachees	Attachees placed within the county	No. of attachees placed	Quarterly	600	800	160	160	160	160	160	Director: IMV	
	Assessment of the performance of the interns and attachees	Interns and attachees performance well	Assessment Reports	Quarterly	4	20	4	4	4	4	4	Director: IMV	
Strengthen the Volunteerism system	Review the County Volunteerism Policy	Approved Makeni County Volunteerism Policy	No. of volunteers engaged	Annually	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Director: IMV	



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