



BEYOND THE PROMISE

**THE MAKUENI
SCORECARD**

FOREWORD

It is with great pride, profound humility, and unwavering commitment to public service that I present this 3-Year Scorecard; an account of the progress we have made together since assuming the leadership of Makueni County.

This publication is more than a compilation of data; it is a reflection of a shared vision, a testament to the enduring spirit of our people, and a clear demonstration of what is possible when leadership is grounded in integrity, purpose, and the will of the people.

From the outset, my administration made a solemn pledge: to transform the lives of the people of Makueni through transparent, inclusive, and responsive governance, virtues explicit in my campaign vision: *Wauhi wa kwika nesa na Ulungu*.

Three years on, I am proud to report that we have stayed true to that commitment. We have invested in people-centered development, strengthened public institutions, expanded access to quality services, and embraced innovation as a tool for solving long-standing challenges in healthcare, water, agriculture, education, infrastructure, and social protection.

This progress has not come easily. It has required hard choices, bold decisions, and constant dialogue with the very people we serve. At every stage, the voice of the Makueni citizen has remained central to our

development agenda. Indeed, the achievements captured in this scorecard are not mine alone, they belong to the people of Makueni.

We have not only built projects; we have built trust. We have not only delivered services; we have restored hope.

As we reflect on these achievements, we do so with joy; but also, with resolve. There is still work to be done. Many needs remain unmet. But with the foundations we have laid, I am confident that Makueni is on an irreversible path toward inclusive growth and sustainable development.

To all our partners, staff, elected leaders, and most importantly, to the people of Makueni, thank you. Your support, patience, and dedication have made this journey possible.

Let this scorecard serve both as a record of progress and as a call to action. The future of Makueni will not be built by chance, but by choice. May we continue to build a Makueni that is prosperous, inclusive, and dignified for every citizen.



Governor, Makueni County



Message from the Deputy Governor

Over the past three years, Makueni has made remarkable progress under the visionary leadership of Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. Guided by the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), every department has played a pivotal role in turning ideas into impact — transforming policies into tangible results that touch the daily lives of our people.

This scorecard is more than a record of numbers; it is a reflection of commitment, teamwork, and innovation across all sectors. From health to infrastructure, youth empowerment to digital transformation, we are witnessing a county that is boldly shaping its future with integrity and purpose.

As we celebrate these milestones, I extend heartfelt gratitude to the Public Communication team, who burned the midnight oil to bring this scorecard to fruition, all county officers, partners, and citizens whose dedication continues to drive the county's development story forward.

H.E. Lucy Muli.

Deputy Governor, Makueni County



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DEPARTMENT OF WATER, SANITATION & IRRIGATION

Inside Makueni's Water Revolution

One-on-one with Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr.

Q1. Your Excellency, kindly give us a glimpse of the water situation you found when you assumed office in 2022, and what key interventions your administration has implemented to improve the situation?

Ans: By the time I assumed office, Makueni was faced with a crippling water deficit of 30 million litres daily, with Wote Town alone accounting for 7 million litres of unmet demand—a gap worsened by rapid population growth. This deficit represented 50 percent of the daily water demand by our population.

To bridge this gap, we prioritized immediate relief through accelerated distribution to reduce distances to water sources, while simultaneously investing in large-scale, long-term solutions such as:

Ndukuma Dam Rehabilitation: Desilted and upgraded to serve over 20,000 residents, with pipeline extensions and rehabilitation of the old distribution system now underway.

Mulima Dam Purification Plant: Installed new water treatment system and rehabilitated distribution networks to ensure clean, reliable supply. We have phased budgetary allocations to expand the reservoir to harvest more surface run-off water. This will ensure Tulimani ward and Mbooni ward have reliable water access year-round.

Athi-Tunguni-Kilema Project (Ksh68M): We are racing to complete this pipeline to deliver treated Athi River water to Makindu, Nguumo, Kikumbulyu South and

Kikumbulyu North Wards.

Q2. Of all the strategies your government has employed—from dams, to boreholes and pipeline extensions—how far has Makueni come in achieving reliable water access for its residents?

Ans: In the last two years, we have managed to reduce Makueni's daily water deficit from 30 million litres to 26 million litres, cutting the average walking distances from 5-4 km. Before the year 2025 ends, we are hoping to further cut this gap by 6 million litres, from distribution of Athi-Kalawa water project. This project will supply potable water to 80 percent of Kalawa ward.

Through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program, where 12 water projects have been developed, more than 7 million litres will be injected into the supply system further improving access. Our resolve is that by 2027, no Makueni resident should walk more than 2km to fetch water.

Q3. Makueni has several seasonal and perennial rivers flowing to the Indian Ocean. Is your administration exploring ways to tap into this water to boost the Last Mile Water Connectivity Program?

Ans: Yes, we are actively harnessing water from seasonal and perennial rivers to enhance the Last Mile Water Connectivity Program. Our major rivers—Athi, Thwake, Muooni, and

Kikuu—hold immense potential for water development, and we have implemented strategic projects along some of them.

Along seasonal rivers, we are doing sand dams paired with infiltration galleries, water sumps and submersible pumps. These ensure water is naturally filtered by sand and remains available even during the dry seasons. One of the most outstanding projects of this nature is the Shs 60 million Ngakaa sand dam along Muooni River, which we are implementing in partnership with the National Drought Management Authority. Wote town also heavily relies on water from Kaiti river from Kaiti 1 and Kaiti 2 sand dams which we are working round-the-clock to rehabilitate for maximum benefit.

Along the
we're
projects
Kalawa
complete);

permanent Athi River,
finalizing key
among them: Athi-
Pipeline (85%



Athi-Tunguni-Kilema project (Sh 68M) to supply safe, treated water to Makindu, Nguumo, Kikumbulyu South and Kikumbulyu North wards. Others include Athi-Kitise and Athi-Mavindini water projects.

Q4. The national and county governments have invested heavily in water infrastructure, yet vandalism remains a major setback. What specific measures is your administration taking to protect these critical investments?

Ans: Vandalism is indeed a costly threat to our water infrastructure. As we speak, this menace has left us with a Shs 55 million bill for damaged projects, and recovering water access for affected communities will take considerable time.

In the 2025/2026 Financial Year, we have allocated Sh 5 million to enhance security for our water infrastructure, including measures such as hiring guards, installing electric fences, solar lights, and CCTV cameras at high-risk sites.

To ensure long-term protection, we are collaborating closely with local communities, empowering them to serve as the first line of defense rather than relying solely on government efforts. Additionally, as part of our water governance reforms, we aim to make projects self-sustaining so that revenue from water sales can fund security systems. Our top priority is revitalizing water utilities to guarantee sustainability without future struggles.

Q5. With climate change likely to worsen water scarcity, what climate-smart initiatives are you implementing to ensure sustainable water access?

Ans: Climate change is a reality we cannot ignore, and in Makueni, we have taken decisive steps to ensure

sustainable water access through climate-smart solutions.

Since 2023, we made a firm commitment that every new water project in our county will be powered by solar energy. We are fortunate that Makueni enjoys abundant sunshine nearly 11 months a year, making solar power not just environmentally friendly but also highly reliable.

Our shift to solar has been transformative in that where diesel generators and grid electricity often failed, leaving water projects as phantoms, we're now pumping water efficiently across distances of up to 20 kilometers at minimal operational costs while significantly reducing our carbon footprint.

Through the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program, we have adopted an integrated approach to water development that combines water access with agricultural resilience and environmental conservation. Currently, we have 12 completed projects under this program, with another 17 at design stage. We are also making significant investments in sand dams and surface runoff water harvesting systems to ensure residents have reliable, year-round access to clean water at minimal cost.

These initiatives are addressing water, food security and ecosystem restoration and building true climate resilience for our communities.

Q6. In some areas with large water sources, poor governance often hinders access. How is your administration addressing inefficiencies in water management to ensure equitable distribution?

One of the biggest challenges in water management is non-revenue water or water that cannot be accounted for. Our water companies are recording non-revenue water as high as 50 percent, translating to losses in revenue and denying our people access to this precious commodity. Some of the causes of non-revenue water are historical in the form of dilapidated infrastructure developed years back. We have made plans to uproot and replace these pipelines to reduce leakages and also weed out any possible spaghetti or illegal connections in the system.

To ensure no water is lost during fetching, we are moving to smart-metered water draw points so that the water you draw is equivalent to the amount paid. In Athi-Kalawa where we are working with World Vision, all 17 kiosks will be fitted with smart meters. The ultimate goal is to have all our water projects fitted with smart meters. We are also procuring smart bulk water meters for our reinvigorated water companies so that they can account for all the water fed into their system, and also monitor in real time the water leaving point A to B.

Besides the above, we have in the past trained all the management staff of the water companies on good practices to ensure we minimize revenue leakages. We are now moving to train community water schemes management committees to ensure they operate within the law and quell project stalling due to mismanagement.

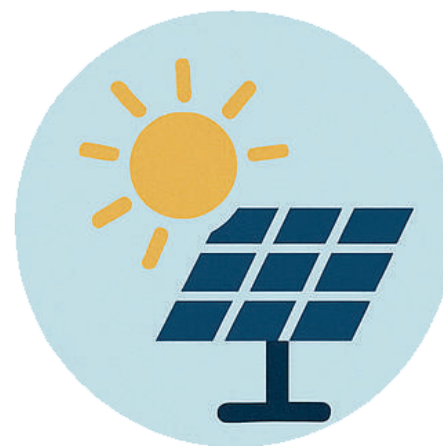
LAST MILE WATER CONNECTIVITY AT A GLANCE



382KM
**PIPELINE
EXTENSIONS**



21
**DAMS
CONSTRUCTED/
REHABILITATED**



46
**PROJECTS
SOLARIZED**



48
**BOREHOLES
DRILLED
AND
DISTRIBUTED**



HEALTH SERVICES

KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN MATERNAL HEALTHCARE

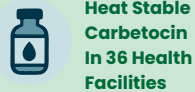


Reduction of deaths due to Postpartum Hemorrhage (PPH)

PPH, defined as blood loss exceeding 500 ml within 24 hours after vaginal delivery or 1,000 ml after cesarean section, remains the leading direct cause of maternal mortality worldwide.

Interventions Introduced Since 2022

Introduction of Heat-Stable Carbetocin (HSC): Unlike oxytocin, which requires cold-chain storage, HSC is stable at room temperature, making it ideal for rural health facilities.



Heat Stable
Carbetocin
In 36 Health
Facilities

Adoption of Calibrated Obstetric Drapes: Previously, blood loss during childbirth was visually estimated, leading to frequent underestimation. 100% of all PPH cases reported have been successfully treated using this intervention bundle.

**11,000
PROCURED**

Capacity Building & Training: Simulation exercises and mentorship programs ensured consistent use of the new tools and adherence to updated guidelines.



**456 healthcare
workers trained**

Community Engagement: Community Health Assistants (CHAs), Community Health Promoters (CHPs), chiefs, and local leaders were engaged to promote early antenatal care and facility-based deliveries. Mothers were sensitized on danger signs and the importance of skilled birth attendance.

Strengthening Supply Chains & Monitoring: Medicines and essential supplies were secured through KEMSA and MEDS to ensure consistent availability. Continuous monitoring and data-driven decision-making were reinforced through the County MPDSR Committee, ensuring accountability and sustained improvement in maternal care.



MATERNAL DEATHS DUE TO PPH



FAMILY PLANNING

Family planning simply means deciding when and how many children to have, and using safe, reliable methods to help make that decision possible.



Over 7,000 women have received post-partum family planning services between 4 to 6 weeks after delivery.



More than 6,000 women accessed post-partum family planning within 48 hours of delivery, helping to promote healthy birth spacing and maternal recovery.



Over 5,000 adolescent girls, aged 15 to 19 years, have benefitted from family planning services by 2025, contributing to reduced teenage pregnancies and improved reproductive health outcomes.

FISTULA MANAGEMENT

Obstetric Fistula is a severe childbirth injury that causes an abnormal opening between the birth canal and the bladder or rectum, leading to uncontrolled leakage of urine or stool.

**400+
Screened**

108
successful
surgical corrections.

To strengthen local capacity in fistula management, the county through Jhpiego has trained:

1 Fistula Surgeon	1 Social Worker
8 Nurses	30 Community Health Assistants (CHAs)
2 Anesthetists	450 Community Health Promoters (CHPs)
1 Physiotherapist	
1 Nutritionist	
1 Psychotherapist	



In partnership with Safaricom foundation, the county has contracted and equipped a maternity block at Tawa sub county Hospital, 2 new facilities are under construction in Sultan amud and Kibwezi east sub county hospitals.

AI for Maternal Health

Makueni County is pioneering the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare through the PROMPTS platform, a personalized, AI-enabled digital service that empowers women to seek timely and appropriate care throughout pregnancy. Through the system expectant mothers receive timely SMS messages based on their stage of pregnancy, supported by an AI-powered helpdesk that answers health questions, provides guidance, and triggers rapid referrals when risks are detected.

Makueni is using this technology to tackle delays in care-seeking, a major contributor to maternal complications.

Impact in Numbers:

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127,776

active users on the PROMPTS platform



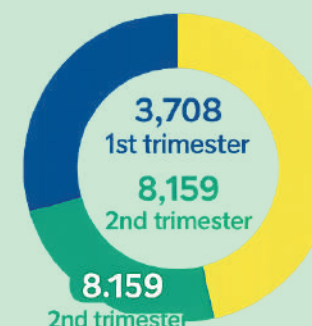
Since 2022,
PROMPTS
supported

138,113

mothers reached with vital maternal health information and support



23,880
3rd trimester



Empowering mothers with real-time health information across all pregnancy stages.



Expanding Cancer Care



With a rise in cancer cases, the health department is scaling up its cancer care program through early detection, improved treatment, and expanded community outreach. The county is upgrading its cancer center to handle the growing demand, equipping it with modern facilities and fostering partnerships to strengthen diagnosis and care.

Under the leadership and advocacy of the Office of the First Lady, the county is also championing cancer awareness and promoting the use of the Social Health Authority (SHA) insurance to ease the financial burden of treatment for patients and families.

CANCER SCREENING, TREATMENT & CARE ACHIEVEMENTS



(Oct 2024–Date)

SCREENING

4,926 people screened for breast cancer
8,901 screened for cervical cancer
422 screened for prostate cancer
168 tested for HPV DNA
340 7,340 screened through Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid (VIA)
7,508 screened for cervical cancer through other methods

TREATMENT AND CARE

1,969 patients reached with chemotherapy services
2,976 patients received palliative care

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15,044 girls have received HPV 1 VACCINE, second dose is ongoing



Empowering Households Through Community Health Promotion (CHP)

Through the Community Health Strategy 2020–2030, the department of Health has strengthened primary healthcare delivery by deploying 3,600 Community Health Promoters (CHPs) across all wards. These frontline workers provide Level 1 health services, the first point of contact for community-based healthcare, bringing essential services directly to households and empowering families to take charge of their own health.



Community Health Program Three Years of Impact



202,670 households visited by CHPs

875,550 people reached with essential health services



2,850 expectant mothers referred for ANC

2,850 women referred for safe hospital deliveries



76,130 people screened for hypertension and referred for further management

67,000 people screened for diabetes and referred for care



EYE - CARE SERVICES

The Department of Health Services has strengthened access to comprehensive eye care services through its network of health facilities, including Makindu Sub-County Hospital, Makueni Referral Hospital, and satellite clinics in Mbooni, Kibwezi, and Sultan Hamud. To combat preventable blindness and improve vision health, the county has also invested in modern ophthalmic equipment and organized eye camps in collaboration with development partners.

Eye Health & Vision Care Achievements

3,000+ people screened for various eye conditions across the county



1,253 successful cataract surgeries performed in the last three years



Eye care outreach programs conducted in partnership with the Fred Hollows Foundation and other organizations



500+ Individuals screened and 153 pairs of spectacles distributed through collaboration with Sight Savers

NEURO SERVICES

The department of Health Services has achieved a major milestone in healthcare innovation with the establishment of specialized neurosurgical services at the Makueni County Referral Hospital. In May 2025, the hospital successfully conducted its first-ever brain tumor surgery, marking a new chapter in the county's journey toward advanced medical care and self-reliance in specialized treatment. Since the introduction of neuro services, the hospital has recorded significant progress:

Neurosurgical Outcomes – Key Achievements



86
neurosurgical
procedures
successfully performed

81 patients (94.2 %)
showed favorable outcomes

1 patient (1.2%)
remained stable



25 (29.1 %)
patients experienced
complications
61 (70.9%) had none



Common complications:

- hydrocephalus (2; 2.3%)
- paraplegia (2: 2.3%)
- status epilepticus (2,3 %)

During the June 2023 Brain Tumor Association of Kenya Camp, the county screened over 800 patients, successfully operated on 4, and referred 2 complex cases to Kenyatta National Hospital and Kenyatta University Training and referring Hospital for advanced management. The neuro clinic continues to receive an average of 10–15 patients per day, reflecting growing public confidence in the service.

Most Performed Neurosurgical Procedures



Burrhole evacuations 39 (45,3%)



Craniotomies 24 (27,9%)



Ventriculoperitoneal shunt insertions 9 (10.5%)



Other specialized procedures

- Depressed skull fracture elevations,
- Spina bifida repairs,
- Cervical/lumbar spinal fusions
- Shunt revisions.

Through these strides, Makueni County is positioning itself as a regional hub for neurosurgical excellence, bringing life-saving care closer to home and giving patients renewed hope where distance and cost once stood as barriers.



Tackling Malnutrition

Makueni continues to confront the triple burden of malnutrition, stunting, micronutrient deficiencies, and rising overweight and obesity, challenges often linked to poverty and food insecurity. To address this, the department is implementing its Nutrition Action Plan, combining both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

Key actions include maternal and child health support, micronutrient supplementation, deworming, nutrition education, and promotion of safe food and improved agricultural practices. Through partnerships with development agencies and national government programs, Makueni is ensuring a coordinated, community-driven approach to better nutrition outcomes.

Nutrition and Feeding Program

Achievements (Last Two Quarters)



64%

recovery rate in the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) for children with severe acute malnutrition



Supplementary Feeding Program

reaching children aged 6–59 months with moderate acute malnutrition



Supplementary Feeding for Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW)

using fortified blended flours to boost maternal nutrition

Improving child and maternal nutrition targeted feeding interventions



INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH

Makueni Leads the Way with Kenya's First Virtual Surgery Technology Makueni County has taken a bold leap in medical innovation by partnering with Proximie, a global telemedicine platform that enables real-time surgical collaboration and mentorship through virtual connectivity.

The agreement, part of the county's commitment to improving healthcare through technology, allows surgeons to "scrub in virtually" during operations — offering live guidance, training, and auditing to ensure safer surgical practices.

Proximie connects operating theatres to specialists anywhere in the world using internet-enabled cameras, speakers, and computers, creating an interactive environment where expertise can be shared instantly.

Makueni became the first county in Kenya to deploy this cutting-edge system at the Mother and Child Hospital, marking a major milestone in digital healthcare.

Surgical Milestone— Makueni County



PERFORMED SINCE 2022





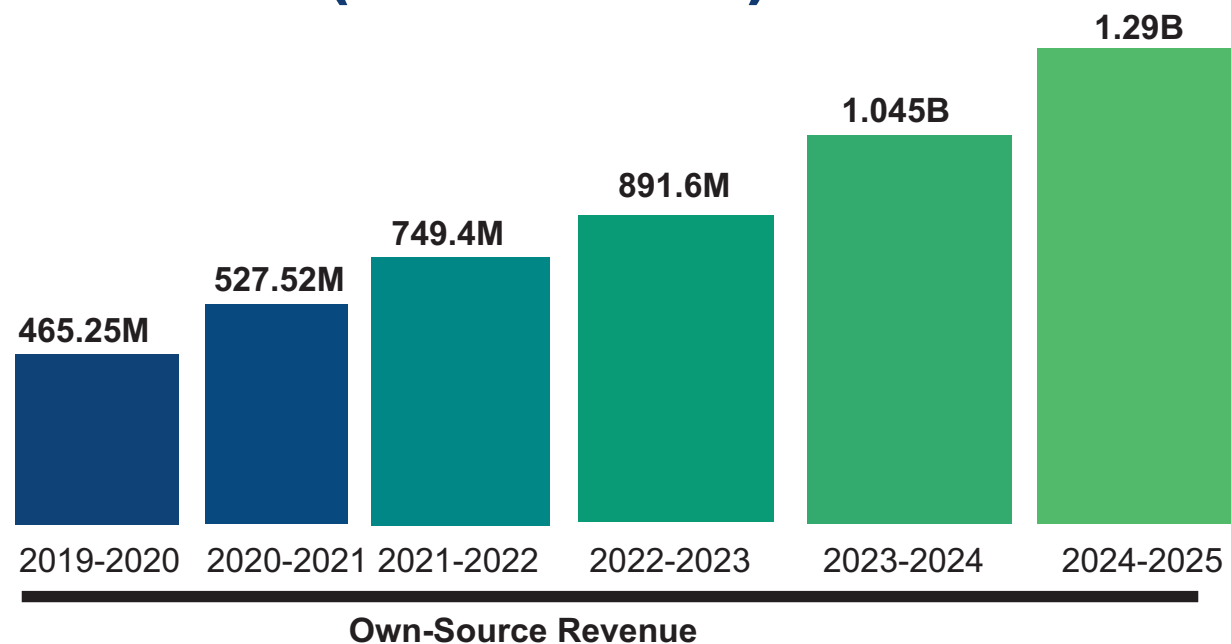
FINANCE

Makueni Hits One Billion Shillings Mark

Makueni made history by surpassing the KSh 1 billion mark in locally generated revenue for the 2023–2024 financial year, collecting KSh 1.045 billion, the highest since the dawn of devolution.

This landmark achievement represents a 40% increase in own-source revenue over the past two years and is a key pillar of the 2024–2025 county budget, complementing the limited equitable share from the national government.

Makueni County Revenue Growth (2019-2025)



With this success, the county's transition to a fully automated, cashless revenue collection system, revolutionized how payments are made, tracked, and managed.

Digital Revenue in Numbers



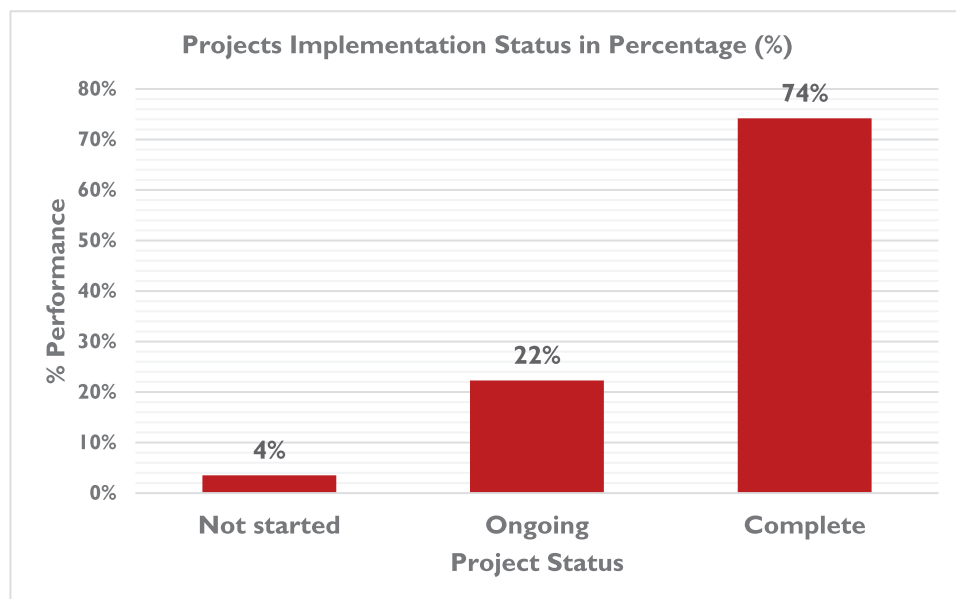
40%
growth in own-source revenue over two years

60%
of traders adopted the cashless platform within 24 hours of launch

100%
paperless processing for key revenue streams

Real-time tracking and auto-billing introduced across all revenue departments

Driving Transparency Through Digital Innovation



Makueni County continues to lead in digital governance through the Projects Monitoring and Tracking System (PMTS), an innovative platform designed to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability in managing county projects.

Developed by the Department of ICT in collaboration with the County Treasury, PMTS provides a unified digital dashboard that tracks all projects implemented by the county government from inception to completion.

The platform allows citizens to monitor development projects and programs through an interactive dashboard which features projects conceptualization, budgetary allocation, procurement process, location implementation status and a feedback feature for citizen engagement.

Citizens can access the system via <https://pmts.makueni.go.ke>

Accountable Governance Wins Makueni National Accolades

Makueni continues to set a national benchmark in public finance transparency and accountable governance, positioning itself among Kenya's most open and trusted devolved units in managing public resources.

In the 2024 County Budget Transparency Survey (CBTS) conducted by Bajeti Hub, Makueni County emerged second nationally with an impressive score of 83 points, just one point behind West Pokot, which topped the list at 84. The county further distinguished itself by publishing the most comprehensive quarterly budget implementation report, earning 93 out of 100, the highest in that category.

The CBTS evaluates all 47 counties on how easily the public can access and understand key financial documents such as the Program-Based Budget, Citizen Budget, County Fiscal Strategy Paper, Annual Development Plan, Finance Act, and Budget Implementation Reports.

The consistent performance reflects its unwavering commitment to proactive disclosure of budget information, open access to financial data, and strengthening public trust through accountability.

Beyond fiscal transparency, the county continues to shine in inclusive governance. In 2024, the was once again recognized as Kenya's best-performing devolved unit in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a distinction it has proudly held for six consecutive years.

The county also earned recognition under the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) for having the most effective

AGRICULTURE

A photograph of a lush cornfield. The corn plants are tall and green, with prominent yellow tassels at the top. The field is dense, and the plants are in various stages of growth. The sky is visible in the background, showing a clear blue color with some light clouds.



Makueni's Sweet Success

Successfully operationalized the ready-to-drink mango juice processing plant creating jobs, slicing post-harvest losses by 40%, and delivering fresh juice straight to market.

AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION

Agriculture is the heartbeat of Makueni County, driving livelihoods, food security and economic growth in a semi-arid region. Through innovative strategies, robust partnerships and farmer-focused initiatives, the county is redefining farming as a pathway to prosperity.



1. Capacity Building & Market Access

Focus Crops: Tomato, poultry, apiary and dairy value chains enhanced through the Value Chain Platforms, linking farmers to better markets and financial services.

Community Engagement: 30 Ward-based Community-Driven Development Committees (CDDCs) mobilize resources and connect farmers to development programs.

Digital Transformation: 22 SACCOs and 13 Farmer Producer Organizations trained on

automated financial systems, ensuring transparency and efficiency.

2. Agripreneurship & Crop Protection

Agripreneur Network: 210 agripreneurs empowered on modern methods of smart agricultural practices and linked them to sources of quality inputs.

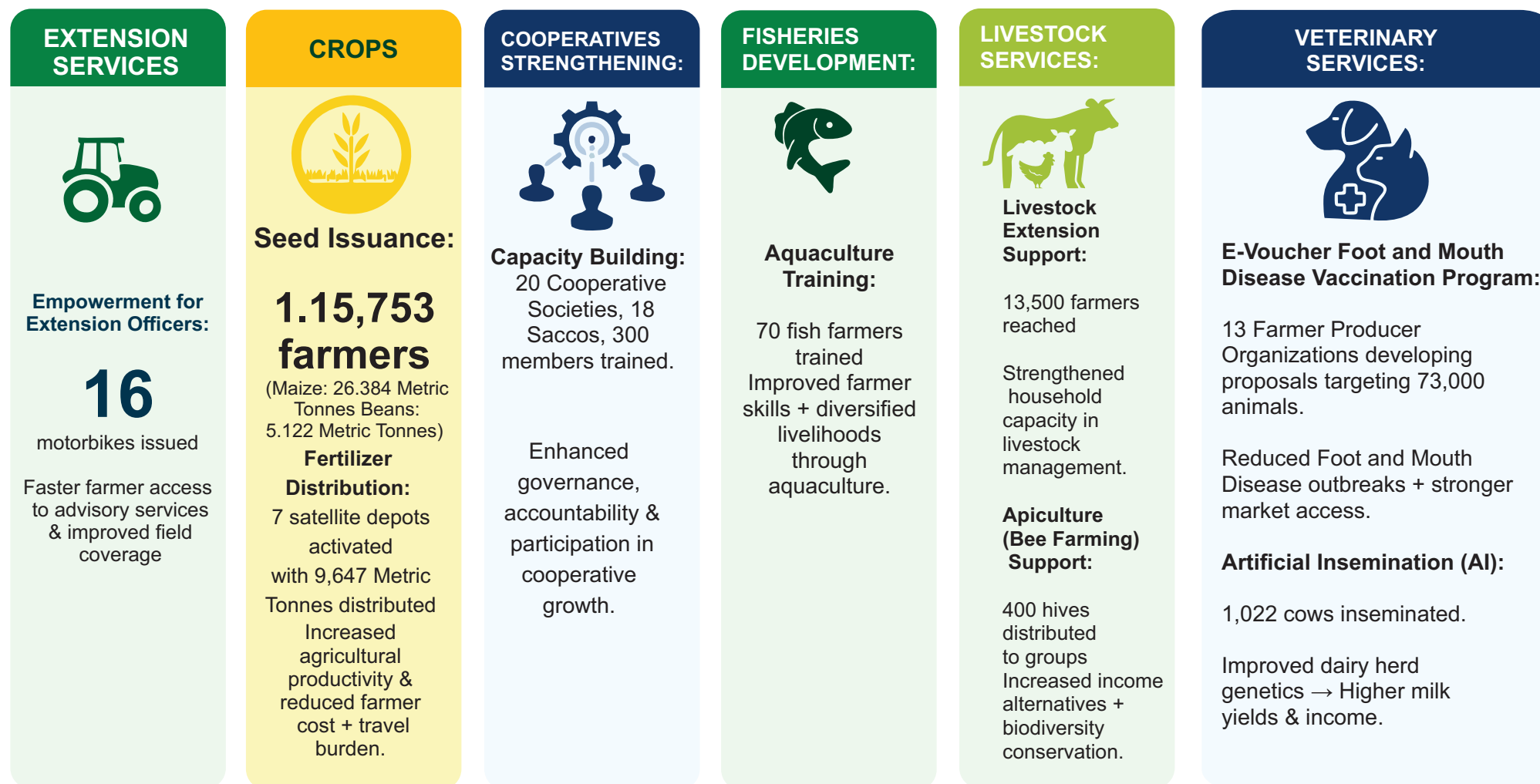
Crop Protection Unit: A dedicated team of 27 trained youths equipped with modern spraying machines to ensure safe pest control.

3. Reducing Losses with Modern Infrastructure

Cold Stores & Pack Houses: New facilities in Tulimani and Kavuthu enable sorting, grading, and storage, helping farmers secure better prices and access export markets.



Agriculture Performance



Overall Impact

1. Increased food production & climate-resilient farming
2. Expanded farmer knowledge & diversification of income sources
3. Strengthened cooperative governance & member participation
4. Improved livestock health and dairy productivity



Department of Gender, Children, Youth, Sports and Social Services

Empowering Every Citizen's Dream

Makueni County is quietly but powerfully redefining what inclusive governance means by mainstreaming vulnerable citizens such as people living with disabilities, street children, unemployed youth, women, and the elderly into the county's development agenda.

1. 1,020 people with mobility challenges provided with state-of-the-art wheelchairs and other assistive mobility devices. This has restored independence of the beneficiaries and their caregivers; opened doors to education, employment, and social participation opportunities
2. Established a Child Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Emali where vulnerable children, once trapped in the harsh cycle of street life, now find hope. The center, now complete, will provide shelter, education, psychosocial support, and reintegration into society.
3. Enhancement of Ujuzi Teke Teke Youth Empowerment Program—a hands-on life skills training initiative designed to equip young people with market-relevant competencies. Selected candidates undergo 8-week hands-on training, where they are attached to established master craftsmen to learn various trades. After completing the training, graduates receive startup toolkits from the county government to launch their own businesses. The program continues to create a critical mass of skilled labor force able to drive the county's industrial economy.
4. 256 self-help groups each supported with a 100-seater tent and chairs to boost community resilience through income generation. Many of the groups have reported increased financial independence.





Strategic Sports Investments Propel Makueni to National Prominence

Makueni County is fast emerging as a force in Kenya's sports scene, thanks to a deliberate and structured development strategy led by Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr.

Key milestones in the sports docket

- ▶ Established 30 Ward Sports Councils which manage grassroots sports activities.
- ▶ 18 playgrounds have been developed or improved, including leveling, fencing, installing goal posts, and enhancing lighting hence creating safer and better spaces for training and competition.
- ▶ Introduced into the annual sporting calendar indoor games such as chess, darts, pool table, and draughts, offering alternative platforms for talent identification and development.
- ▶ Trained 150 sports administrators on professional sports governance and management in partnerships with National Olympics Committee of Kenya.
- ▶ Successfully defended the women football crown for three years at the Kenya Youth Inter-county Sports Association (KYISA) games.
- ▶ Inauguration of Ndukuma dam annual community run to identify, nurture and grow athletics talent.

TRADE, INDUSTRY AND MARKETING PROGRAMS





Development of Cottage Industry

Reach: 90 cottage industries supported

1. Growth in local manufacturing and value addition
2. Women, youth, and PWDs empowered to produce and market
3. Upgraded product quality, branding, and certification

Key Outcomes:

- ✓ Increased sales through Soko Makueni & trade fairs
- ✓ More jobs created and incomes diversified
- ✓ Stronger visibility of the "Made in Makueni" brand



Marketing Initiatives

Reach: 100+ SMEs showcased nationally

1. Promoted Buy Kenya, Build Kenya
2. Attracted investors and market linkages
3. Positioned Makueni products competitively

Key Outcomes:

- ✓ Markets expanded beyond county borders
- ✓ Product innovation and competitiveness strengthened
- ✓ Institutional and industrial capacity improved



Market Governance Enhancement

Reach: 60 community markets supported

1. Better market organization, inclusivity, and management

Key Outcomes:

- ✓ Sustained market vibrancy
- ✓ Increased community trust and fair-trading environment



Soko Makueni – E-Commerce Platform

Reach: 77 vendors onboarded online

1. Local traders gained digital visibility and online market access

Key Outcomes:

- ✓ Boosted online sales and digital trading skills
- ✓ Enhanced resilience in a modern economy

Overall Transformation at a Glance

Empowered local producers

Expanded market reach locally & nationally

Strengthened value chains and innovation

Promoted inclusive economic growth



Mukuyuni Business Park

132 vendors, variety of stalls:



COMPONENTS

Cold room,
Lactation Room,
Solar-Powered Lighting,
Aggregation Room,
Rainwater harvesting &
waste management systems.

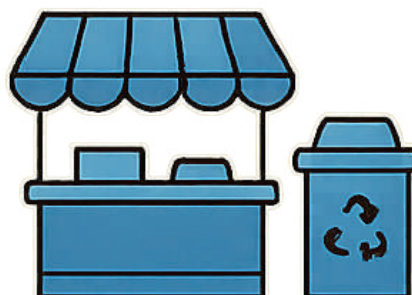
Emali Business Centre

600 traders, variety of stalls



COMPONENTS

Wholesale Block,
Retail Block,
Cold Rooms,
Home Nursing Units &
Administration Block.



Market Sanitation Program

800+ markets covered.

IMPACTS

Hygiene standards
Waste management

The Revolution of Cottage Industries in Makueni

Cottage industries, where communities transform local raw materials into market-ready products, are emerging as powerful engines of economic empowerment in Makueni County.

Through the Directorate of Trade, Marketing and Industry, the County Government is promoting small-scale enterprises to create jobs, raise household incomes, and uplift local craftsmanship. The initiative aims to shift the county's economy from raw-product trade to value addition, driving inclusive growth and innovation.

In partnership with the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI), the program supports community groups such as Kyeni Kya Kitoo Self Help Group in Mbooni Subcounty's Tulimani Ward.

Once limited by manual methods, the elderly women potters now benefit from modern tools; an electric kiln, clay mixing machine, standard moulds and a new storage unit.

With KIRDI's training, their pottery quality has improved remarkably.

KEBS certification and KIPI patenting safeguard their products, while digital marketing, trade fairs and exhibitions have opened new market opportunities and restored their pride in craftsmanship.

Similarly, the County has uplifted other groups like;

Group / Enterprise	What They Produce	Impact
Kalike Millers & Huruma Asili Foods	Tamarind, pumpkin & baobab powders; dried vegetables; organic fertilizer from baobab kernels; animal feeds	Improved nutrition, reduced post-harvest losses
Lizsa Farmer Service Centre	High-iron Nyota bean cookies, pre-cooked bean flours, ready-to-cook legumes	Promoting healthy, time-saving foods
Iviani Farm	Dried mangoes, fish farming, eco-feed production	Value-addition to mango farming + circular agriculture
Tosheka Textiles	Silk scarves, handbags, artisan baskets	Export-ready handcrafted fashion
Kwa Kiai Rural	Fresh, naturally thick tomato paste	Food security & agribusiness expansion



Tourism Participation & Adventure

3,200+ Hikers Engaged

- Nzau Hill 1,000
- Mbui Nzau 1,500
- Kivale 700

Result: Growing adventure tourism culture & weekend economy.



Skills Development & Jobs

113 Hospitality Operators Upskilled
35 Tour Guides & Tourism Service Providers Trained

Impact:

- Service quality improved
- 15–25% rise in local job opportunities
- Professional standards strengthened in partnership with Tourism Fund & Utalii College



Visibility, Branding & Digital Marketing

- 88 Hotels and 37 Cultural Sites mapped
- 4 Social Media Platforms active for destination storytelling
- “Destination Makueni” Online Platform launched showcasing:

- 21 Hotels
- 9 Travel/Transport Firms
- 8 Signature Tourist Sites

Result: Stronger identity and easier visitor planning.



Market Growth & Revenue Expansion

Participation in national tourism expos:

- Sustainable Tourism Africa Summit (STAS)
- East African Regional Tourism Expo (EARTE)
- Magical Kenya Travel Expo (MKTE)

Outcome: 20–30% increase in rural tourism revenue through new contracts and product visibility.



Partnerships & Sector Coordination

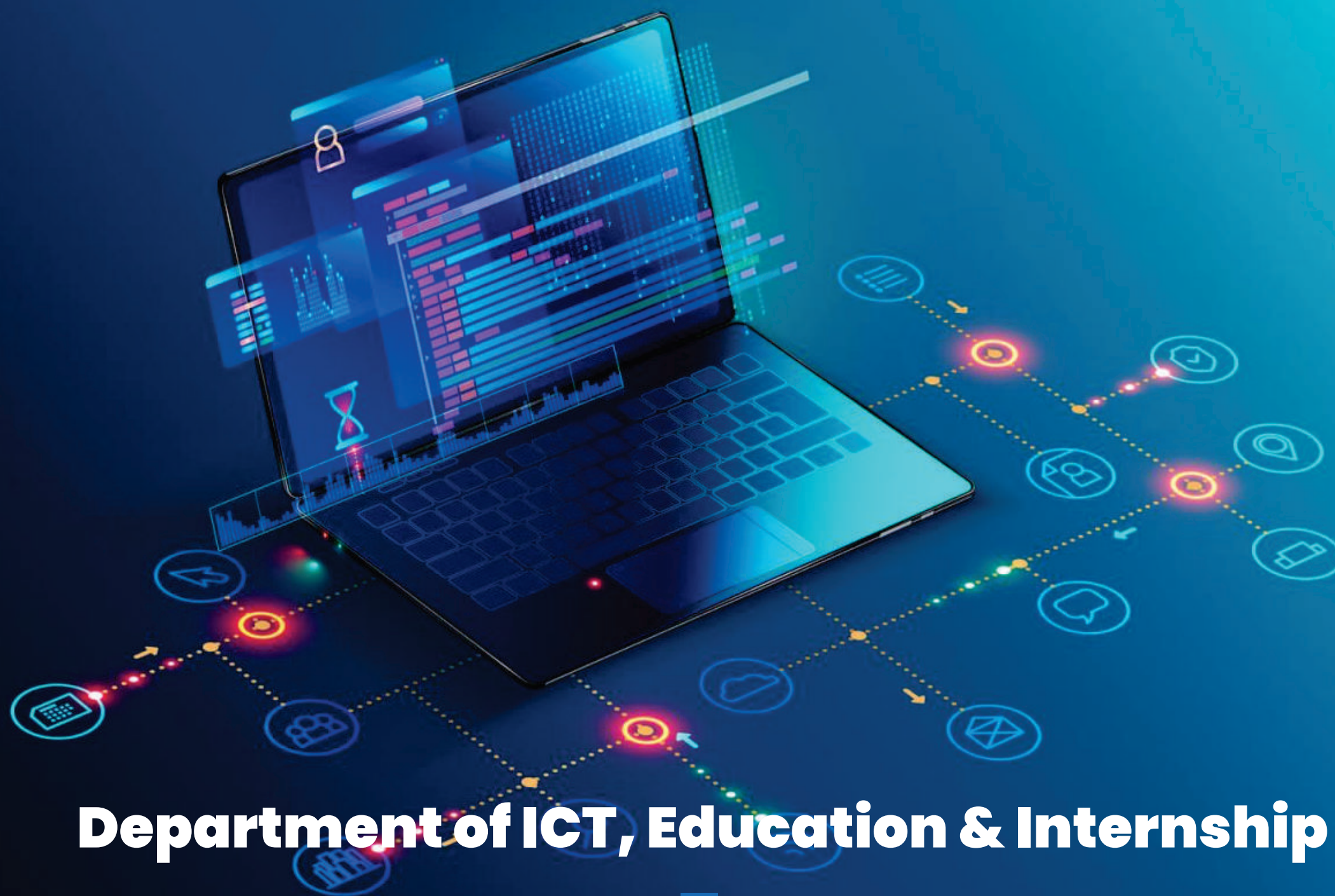
·5 Tourism Circuits launched collaboratively with:

- Kenya Tourism Board (KTB)
- Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)
- Kenya Forest Service (KFS)
- Makueni Hospitality Association formed now the unified voice of the tourism sector.

Effect: Streamlined coordination, collaborative marketing, and shared growth vision.

Overall Impact

A stronger, visible, professionally growing tourism sector driving local incomes and cultural pride.



Department of ICT, Education & Internship



Transforming Lives Through Education

Makueni County has made measurable strides in education, skills training, and ICT. Over three years, the county has empowered thousands of learners, modernized systems, and expanded access to digital and literacy programs.

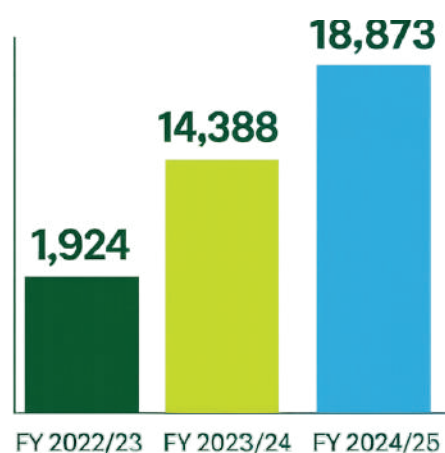


Early Childhood Development Education

- 959 ECDE teachers confirmed on Permanent and Pensionable terms.
- 959 teachers trained on the Nurturing Care Framework and Rationalized Curriculum (UNICEF support).
- 119 new classrooms built and 1,188 centers equipped with materials.
- 95 ECDE learners represented Makueni at the 2024 National Music Festival.
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Bursaries and Scholarships



200 full scholarships awarded to bright, needy students –



295 ongoing in secondary schools



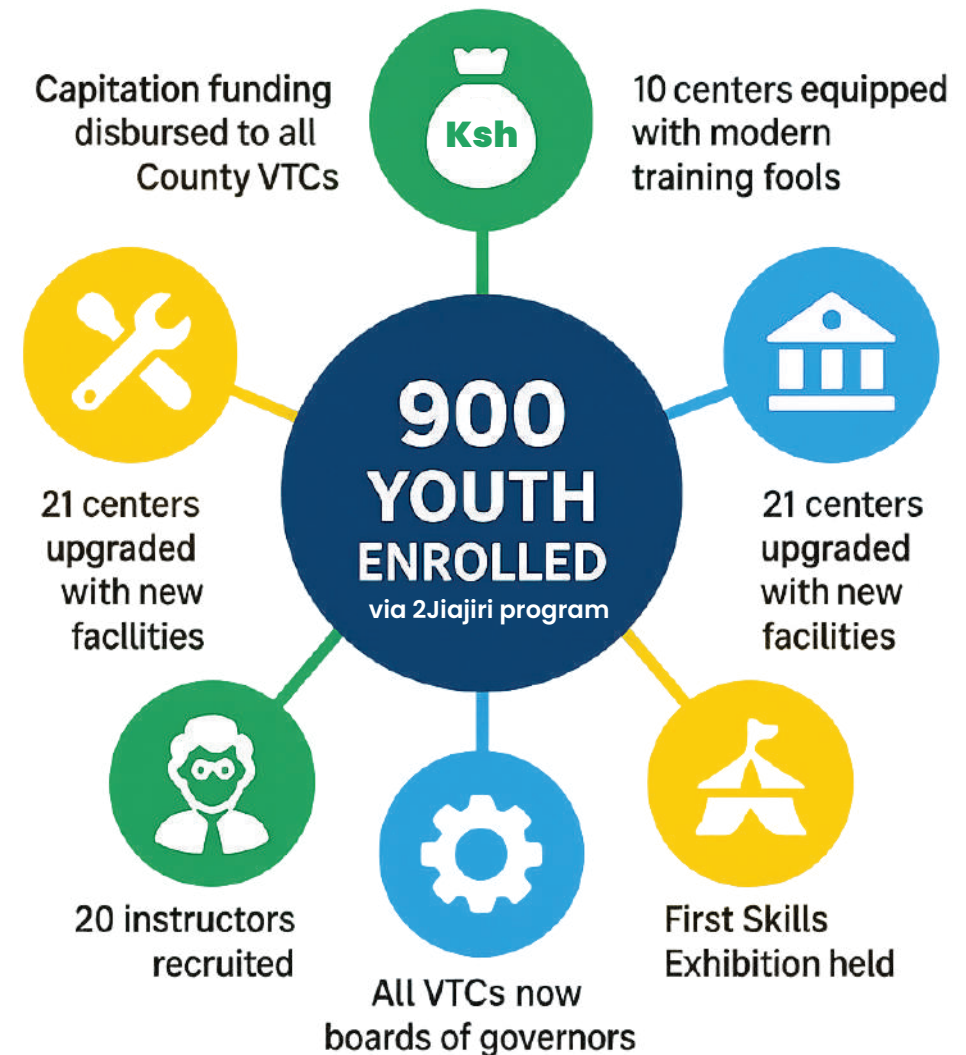
322 ongoing in universities



29 already graduated

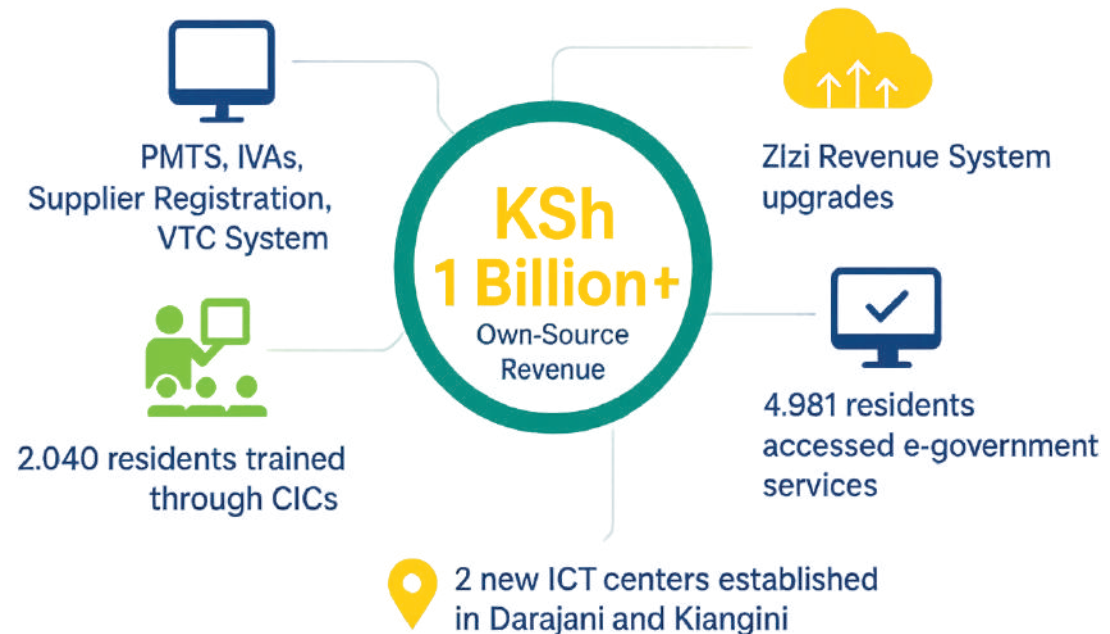


Skills for employability in vocational training centers





Digitization of Government Services





Internships and Mentorship Create Career Pathways



- 225 interns, 1,622 attachments, and 200 volunteers engaged across departments



- 5 mentorship programs conducted for career guidance



- Automation of internship and volunteer systems streamlined placements and record-keeping



Libraries Drive Literacy and Knowledge Sharing

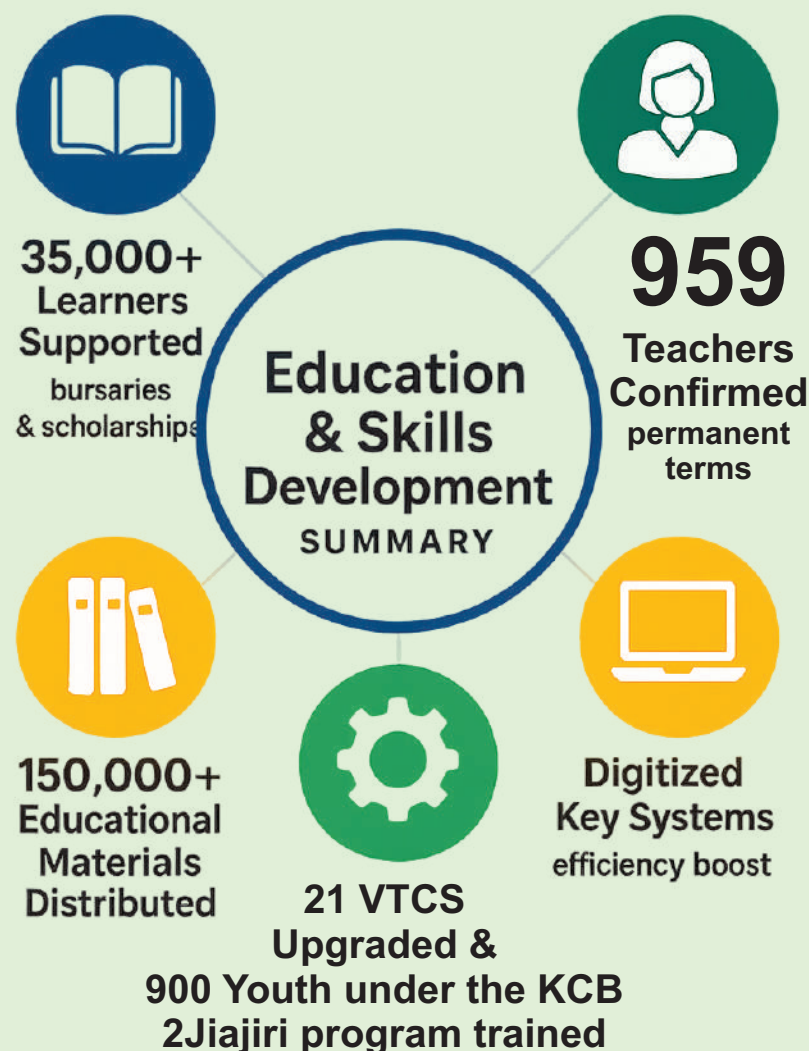


Establishment of Kinyambu Children's Corner to Inspire reading skills in children

- Over 400 books borrowed on hygiene, environment, creativity, and values.
- Colorful murals and play equipment promote learning, fitness, and kindness.
- Teachers and parents report better reading habits and confidence among children.



Summary



Key Digital Systems Implemented by the Department of ICT, Education & Internship

PMTS – Project Monitoring and Tracking System

A digital tool developed by the County ICT Department to track development projects in real time, enhancing transparency, accountability, and efficiency in implementation.

IVAs – Internship, Volunteerism, and Attachment System

An online platform that manages applications, placements, and records for interns, volunteers, and students on attachment within the County Government.

SRS - Supplier Registration System

A digital registry that automates supplier onboarding, verification, and management, streamlining procurement processes and promoting fair business practices.

VTC System

Vocational Training Center Management SystemA management system that digitizes data for vocational centers, covering trainee enrollment, instructor records, and performance tracking for improved administration.



Department of Lands, Urban Planning & Development, Environment and Climate Change



Locally-Led Climate Action Builds Community Resilience

Once defined by climate hardship in the form of recurring droughts, water shortages, and deteriorating ecosystems, Makueni County is now steadily transforming into a model of climate resilience.

This turnaround is driven by bold and deliberate effort led by Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr., whose leadership has placed climate action at the center of the county's development agenda.

Through Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program, Makueni has successfully implemented 12 projects which integrate water access, climate-smart agriculture, and environmental restoration to address the root causes of vulnerability to climate change.

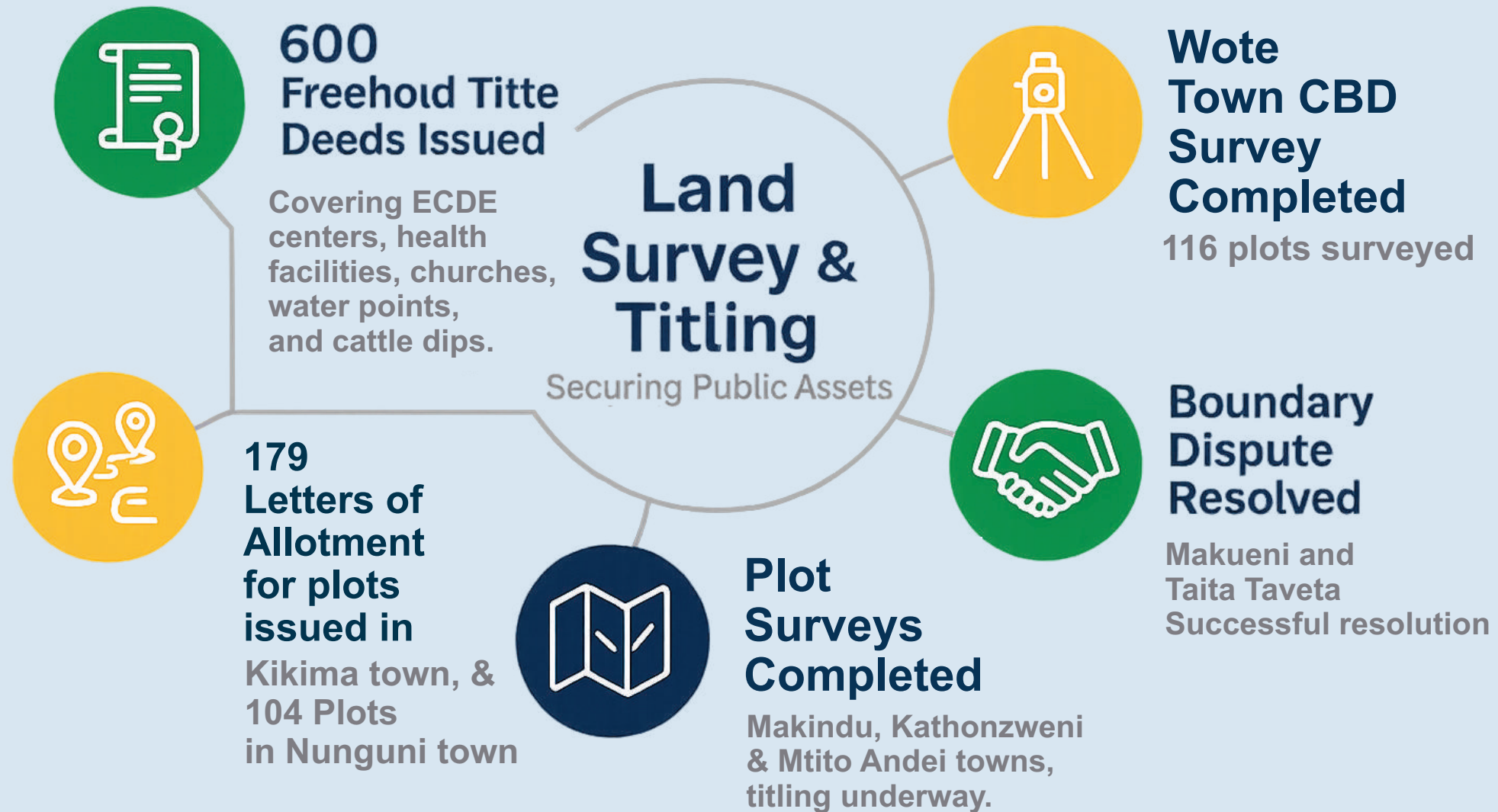
This is slowly ushering in community's adaptation and resilience against the vagaries of climate change

Other Successful climate actions include restoration of 416 hectares of degraded landscapes through tree planting, grass seeding, water conservation, and roads for water

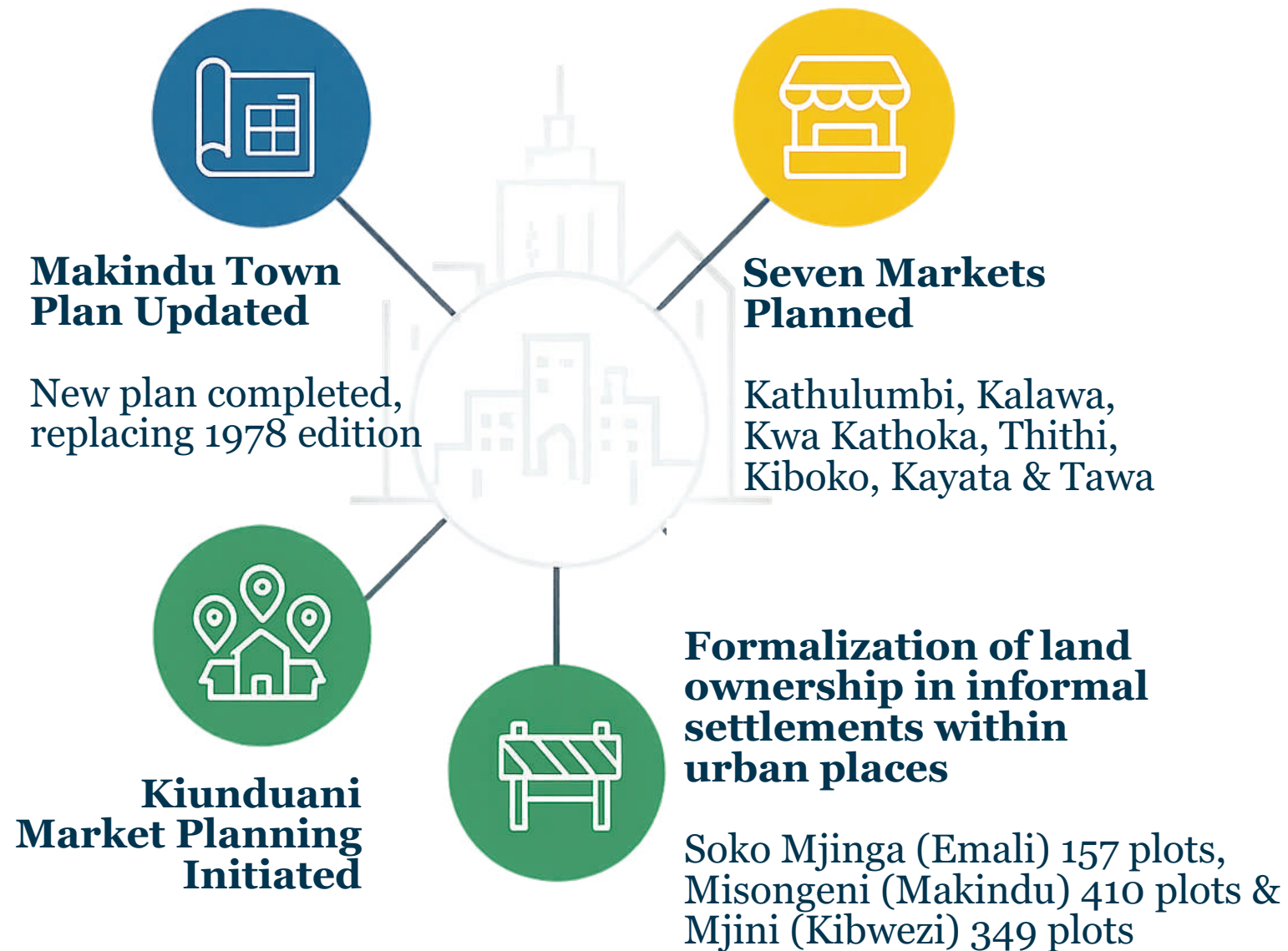


Land Survey & Titling

Securing Public Assets

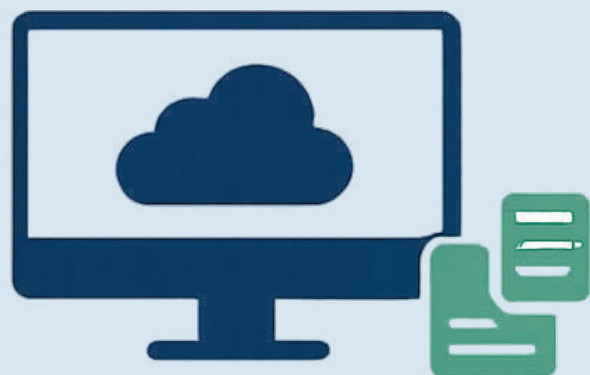


Urban Planning and Development



Makueni Ardhi System Operationalized

Driving smart land governance



- Digitized land records for all urban plots.
- Enhances land-based revenue collection and reporting across the county.
- Through the system clients can access services such as:
 1. Apply for construction permits
 2. Apply for clearance certificates
 3. Apply for land registration
 4. Apply for plot search

Urban Management



Emali-Sultan
Hamud Municipality
chartered and
operationalized

2022



Mbooni-Kee
Municipality:
Charter granted

JULY 2025

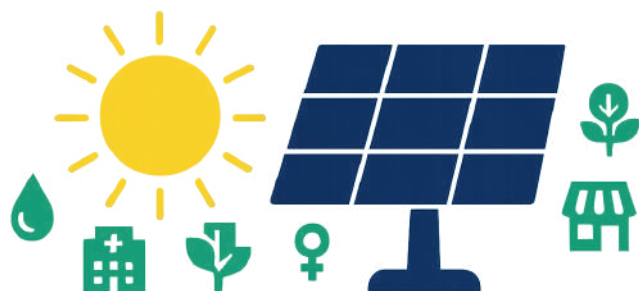
Infrastructure, Transport, Public Works, Housing & Energy



ENERGY SECTOR AT A GLANCE

Solar Energy Deployment

Powering Sustainable Development



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Projects Connected

810.8 kWp

Total Installed Capacity:

MARKET LIGHTING



17

grid
floodlights
installed



45

Integrated
solar market
lights



70

Electrification projects
surveyed & designed.
618 households
connected to the
national grid.

Impact:



Extended
trading hours



Improved
safety



Improved
safety &
reduced crime



Boosted
night-time
business



Building
resilient
business

Grid Access Expansion ⚡



12

grid access
infrastructure
projects

583

new customer
connections

Powering communities, businesses, and livelihoods across Makueni

CLEAN COOKING INITIATIVE

LPG DISTRIBUTION (2024/255 PILOT)

253

LPG
CYLINDERS



KIKUMBULYU SOUTH

Roads & Infrastructure Development

FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
 445.3 km Opened and widened	 368.1 km Opened and widened
 1,273.0 km Gravelled	 2,052.8 km Graded
 102 km Culverts	 81.2 km Graveled
 2,190 m Drifts & drift slabs	 1,216 m Culverts
 813 Gabion boxes installed	 511 Gabion boxes installed



Devolution



GOVERNOR PRESS SERVICE

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BEYOND THE PROMISE - THE MAKUENI SCORECARD

GOVERNOR PRESS SERVICE
MAKINDU



Emergency Response & Disaster Management Preparedness

The Impact (2022–2025)

Over the last three years, Makueni County has strengthened its resilience by responding to 173 emergencies, including:

- ▶ 80 fire incidents
- ▶ 35 road traffic accidents
- ▶ 30 drowning and crocodile attacks
- ▶ 28 landslides and whirlwinds

Transformational Partnership: The Makindu Fire Station

A joint investment between the Makueni County Government and the Polish Centre for International Aid (PCPM) worth USD 185,000 (KES 25 million) turned a vision into reality a state-of-the-art fire station serving communities along the busy Nairobi–Mombasa corridor.

Key Components:

Administration block, vehicle shed, external facilities, landscaping and commander houses (Makindu & Wote)

Capacity Building for Resilience

Through PCPM and other partners, our emergency responders have received specialized, international-standard training in:

- ▶ Basic Life Support (BLS)
- ▶ Road Traffic Accident Response
- ▶ Emergency Medical Care
- ▶ Fire Suppression and Rope Rescue

As a result, Makueni's team has been recognized nationally as:

Best Firefighting Team in Kenya – 3 consecutive years.

Best Emergency Medical Team – 3 consecutive years.

Other valued partners: Kenya Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, Advocates for Social Change Kenya (ADSOCK), Africa Fire Mission.

Budget Commitment: The County Government disaster management budget has been raised from KES 2M to 4.5M, signaling sustained county investment in safety and preparedness

Other key partners in the emergency and disaster and response are the Kenya Red Cross Society, Advocates for Social Change Kenya – ADSOCK, St. Johns Ambulance, Africa Fire Mission (AFM).



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