Support to Governance, Peace and Security

UNDP KENYA SUPPORT TO ELECTORAL PROCESSES IN KENYA

Working in partnership with the government of Kenya and development actors, UNDP in Kenya has assisted in elections and referenda since early 2000. The Support to Electoral Processes in Kenya (SEPK) project is a multi-donor Basket Fund that aims to develop and strengthen electoral management institutions, systems and processes in Kenya with the objective that the General Election in 2017 will be transparent, credible and peaceful. Working in partnership with the IEBC and other government agencies, donor community and CSOs through a multi-donor basket fund, UNDP supports the electoral cycle.

OUR FOCUS

The project is focused on (4) outcomes:

- Strengthened institutional and legal framework for the conduct and management of free, fair, just, transparent and credible elections: UNDP is supporting institutional and capacity development of electoral management bodies including completion of the electoral legal and regulatory frameworks.

- Strengthened participation of voters, parties and candidates with emphasis on women, youth, persons with disabilities and marginalized groups through civic and voter education; and voter registration.

- Institutional strengthening of to deliver efficient, transparent and peaceful elections including boundary delimitation and dispute resolution; curriculum development and implementation of training for election security in accordance with national and international human rights norms and standards.

THE ENHANCED COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP TOWARDS PEACEFUL ELECTIONS IN KENYA PROJECT

The Enhanced Coordination and Leadership towards Peaceful Elections in Kenya project supports the Uwiano Platform for Peace, which is a conflict prevention policy and programming forum that aims to strengthen coordination and leadership around political and electoral processes. The Uwiano platform provides space for the coordination of key stakeholders and promotion of initiatives that mitigate electoral violence. Since 2010 the platform has addressed some of the conflicts in Kenya through a robust peace infrastructure; making strides in the establishment and strengthening of Peace Committees and convening of Peace Forums, giving impetus to community-based conflict resolution through community-led interventions and enhanced initiatives; and providing peace monitoring capacity development.

The programme is focused on 3 areas:

- Enhanced Early Warning Early Response: Reducing community security threats as well as improving response to conflicts and other risks includes mainstreaming peacebuilding in reconciliation and community security processes in National and County development agendas. This includes deployment of peace and hate speech monitors; social cohesion coordinators and support capacity development for conflict mitigation and peace messaging.

- Strengthening localized conflict mediation systems and conflict resolution processes for peaceful elections: The programme supports mediation mechanisms to reinforce the efforts by state and non-state actors to ensure peace processes are integrated into the electoral processes.

- Enhancing mediation, dispute resolution capacities among political parties, and relevant commissions, security agencies, media and local leadership in conflict prone and at risk communities through deployment of peace monitors, conflict mediators and establishment of local peace committees.
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OUR PARTNERS:

- **Government partners (Ministries, Departments and Agencies)**: The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP), The Judiciary (Political Parties Disputes Tribunal and the Judiciary Committee on Elections), Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, National Gender and Equality Commission, National Steering Committee on Peace Building and Conflict Prevention (NSC) National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), National Police Service (NPS), Council of Governors (CoG), International Peace Training Centre (IPSTC), County Government;

- **Civil Society Organizations**: National, Regional, County-based Non-Governmental Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, Community-Based Organizations, Academia and Research Institutions, Peace and Development Network Trust (PeaceNet Kenya), Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK); and

- **Development partners**: DFID, European Union, Ireland, Italy, Sweden and the United States International Development Agency (USAID).

THE UNDP SUPPORT TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE PORTFOLIO

**Project Budget** (USD)

- Strengthening the Electoral Processes in Kenya Project (SEPK) 2015-2018
  - 24,013,800
  - 7,509,680*

**Resource Gap** (USD) 2017–2018

- 2,500,000
- 388,224

*Excludes UNDP contribution of USD100,000

Over 500 WOMEN & 700 MEN

(1,200 PEOPLE) EFFECTED BY PEACE INTERVENTIONS IN TARGETED COUNTIES

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5 sub-county peace committees chaired by women;

98 women trained as mediators

141 male + 18 female

SAY NO TO ELECTORAL VIOLENCE

33 Hot spot counties have completed the national conflict and electoral risk assessment that informs peace programming and development of a national strategy on Electoral Violence Reduction.

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13 Counties (Isiolo, Garissa, Tana River, Narok, Bomet, Laikipia, Marsabit, Turkana, West Pokot, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nakuru, and Kisumu) have conducted peace dialogues and are strengthening community-led interventions for mitigation and 60 leaders capacitated and engaged in consultative peace processes and mediation.

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