



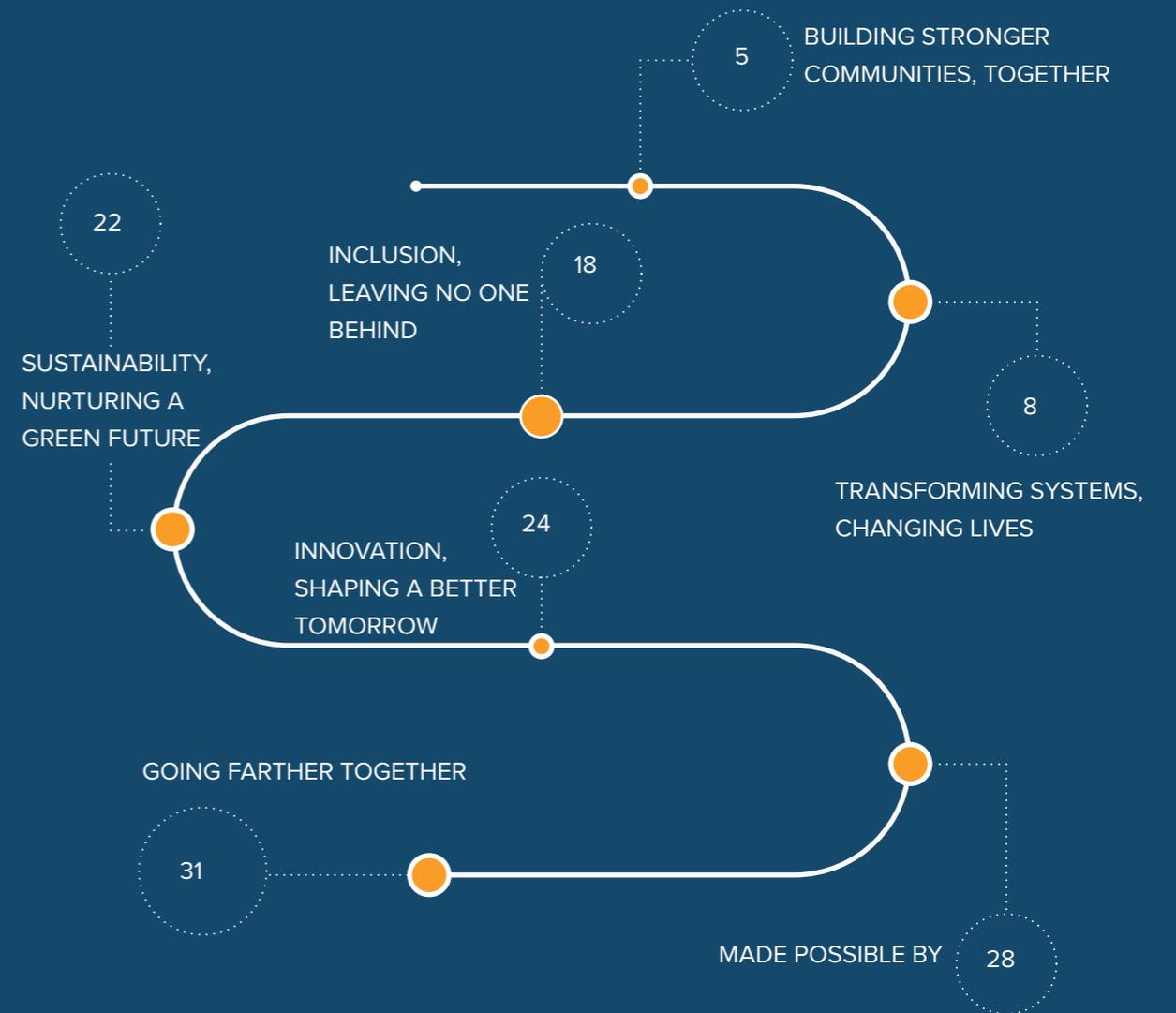
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FOREWORD AND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



Executive Board in June 2022, outlines Kenya's development priorities and the UNDP's support towards achieving the SDGs.

We played a pivotal role in the development of the Medium-Term Plan IV and the SDGs Recovery and Acceleration Strategy, aimed at fast-tracking the attainment of SDGs targets and indicators. To support reporting on the SDGs, we expanded the National Indicator Framework through technical assistance to the Kenya Demographic and Health Survey.

Our efforts in enhancing coordination capacity for the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to scale up civic and voter education resulted in an increased number of registered voters in the August 2022 General Elections compared to the 2017 elections.

Innovation, digitalization, and development financing are key enablers of development, and the UNDP recognizes their importance.

We launched a report on Mapping the Innovation Ecosystem in Kenya, highlighting the existing infrastructure on innovation assets and their role in developing capacities for innovation and entrepreneurship.

2022 was a year marked by both challenges and progress. Despite facing significant hurdles such as the COVID-19 pandemic, global supply chain disruptions, the war in Ukraine, drought, inflation, and a depreciating currency, Kenya held a peaceful General Election in August 2022, a significant milestone in deepening democracy. With newly-elected officials, a firm foundation has been set up to steer the country towards achieving its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

UNDP has been a strategic partner to Kenya, working closely with the Government and other stakeholders to support development priorities. The Country Programme Document (CPD) 2022-2026 approved by the Joint

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We also hosted forums for youth innovators to share best practices, highlight challenges, and forge new ways to transform the youth innovation landscape in Kenya.

We recognize that collaboration is critical in achieving national goals. In partnership with other UN agencies, we supported the development of the Resilience Programming Framework for the Arid and Semi-arid Lands (ASALS) counties, contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Kenya (2022-2026).

We are also proud to highlight some of the exceptional events we hosted. In March 2022, we were delighted to host the UNDP Administrator's visit as well as the Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA) Resident Representatives Cluster meeting.

In August 2022, we supported the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) National Elections Conference in the lead-up to the elections.

Additionally, in November 2022, we had the pleasure of hosting UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, HRH Crown Prince Haakon of Norway, and Advocate Emerita for the Global Goals, HRH Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden.

These events served as a testament to our commitment to fostering positive relationships with our global partners to advance sustainable development for all. As we move forward, the UNDP remains committed to supporting Kenya's development aspirations and achieving the SDGs. We acknowledge that challenges lie ahead, but we are confident that with strategic partnerships, innovative solutions, and concerted efforts, we can build back better and leave no one behind.

Together, we can make progress towards a more prosperous and sustainable Kenya.

Anthony Ngororano,
UNDP Kenya Resident Representative



Kenya's economy grew by **4.8 percent** in 2022, a slower pace than **7.6 percent** recorded the previous year



2022 was marked by many negative shocks from the supply side.

The persistent shocks which are still present, created permanent negative effects impacting economic activity and the cost of living.



TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS CHANGING LIVES.

GOVERNANCE, PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION

Justice delayed is justice denied

In 2022, we enhanced access to legal aid for populations living in Garissa, Isiolo, Kisumu, Lamu, Marsabit, Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Tana River, Uasin Gishu, and Wajir Counties.



A total of **79,284** direct beneficiaries (**36,261** males and **43,023** females) and an estimated **4,136,961** indirect beneficiaries were reached with legal aid and assistance through various strategies and approaches.

Our efforts in supporting Non-State Actors (NSAs) resulted in:

The successful conduct of over **484** Community Education Sessions, **41** Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) sessions, **7** capacity building sessions, **20** community paralegals trained, **3** Court Users Committees (CUCs) sessions, **19** trainings to duty bearers and community members, **2** justice advisory centres established, **71** legal aid clinics conducted, **13** meditation sessions conducted, **6** mobile courts sessions conducted, **4** cases assisted with pro-bono services, **4** public forums conducted, **8** street law programmes sessions conducted, and **2** toll-free line platforms established.

These achievements were made possible through the concerted efforts of our team and our supported NSAs.



Maimuna Hussein (not her real name) is a strong and determined mother of three living in Tarbaj, Wajir, Kenya.



Overcoming access to justice challenges: The story of Maimuna Hussein and ALDEF's legal aid clinic

Despite facing significant challenges, she refused to give up on her quest for justice. After her husband Hussein Ahmed (not his real name) abandoned her and their children, denying them their right to support and care, Maimuna felt helpless and alone. She tried seeking help from the local council of elders but was met with no results as most of the members were relatives of her husband.

Maimuna's story took a turn for the better when she heard about a legal aid clinic being organized by the Arid Lands Development Focus (ALDEF), a local Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). With the courage to seek help, Maimuna attended the clinic and spoke to the trained paralegals about her situation. The paralegals took up her case, and with their help, Maimuna's husband was summoned to an informal hearing. During the hearing, it was revealed that he had no justifiable reason for neglecting his children and denying them support. Despite trying to invoke cultural traditions, he was reminded of his mandatory responsibilities as a parent according to the Children's Act of 2000.

In the end, Maimuna's husband agreed to settle the dispute and pay Kshs. 9,000 per month to support their family. The payments are now being made directly to Maimuna through the Legal Aid Centre and monitored

by ALDEF's paralegals. Maimuna's story has inspired other women in the Tarbaj area to come forward and seek help from ALDEF, and her resilience and determination serve as a shining example of how justice can be achieved.

ALDEF is one of the organizations supported by UNDP Kenya through the Amkeni Wakenya Project. With their "Promoting Access to Legal Aid and Assistance for the Poor and Marginalized Communities in Wajir County" project, ALDEF is bringing justice to the vulnerable and poor populations in Wajir County. This project, part of the larger European Union funded Programme for Legal Empowerment and Aid Delivery (PLEAD) in Kenya, is empowering communities and providing them with the tools they need to access the justice they deserve.

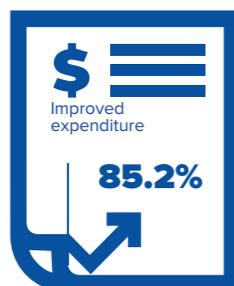
Maimuna's story is a testament to the power of resilience and determination in the face of adversity. Despite facing difficult circumstances, she refused to give up and fought for what was right. Through the support of organizations like ALDEF, women like Maimuna can access the justice they deserve and pave the way for a brighter future.

Making devolution work

We worked in 14 counties to enhance budget absorption, establish county budgets and economic forums, enhance public finance management, and improve evidence-based planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation for accountable service delivery.

Enhanced budget absorption

We contributed to enhanced budget absorption by the FCDC counties to **85.2%** in the 2019/20 financial year from **77.9%** and **74.0%** in 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years, respectively.



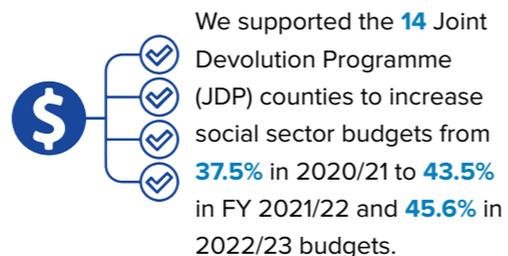
Established county budgets and economic forums

All the **14** counties established County Budget and Economic Forums. This led to the establishment of sectorial committees aligned to county departments, enhanced public awareness of county and national government priorities, and joint monitoring of and social accountability on county programs. This resulted in increased allocation to women and children's priorities to **41%** in 2019/20 from **31%** in 2016/17.

Enhanced intergovernmental policy and legal frameworks

The intergovernmental policy and legal frameworks were enhanced to support the implementation of devolved functions through the development of **39** policies and bills on youth, public participation, gender, health, Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene sectors implemented in **12** counties.

Enhanced County Government's public finance management

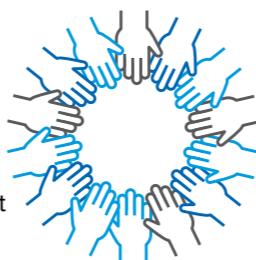


This was achieved through enhanced county governments' public finance management. Enhanced County Capacities for Evidence-based Planning, Budgeting, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation for Accountable Service Delivery.

All the 14 Joint Devolution Programme (JDP) counties improved service delivery and management accountability through performance contracting, while **46** counties improved tracking and reporting of projects and SDGs through the County Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation System.

Enhanced accountability and transparency in devolution through public participation

- We empowered **3,474** youth (**1,802F, 1,672M**) on leadership, business, and county government accountability through social audit undertaken by 12 CSOs.
- **1,430** community members audited **110** county government-funded projects.
- **15** CSOs engaged in alternative service delivery in health, education, WASH, and other social sectors.



We supported local civil society organizations to undertake social audits and accountability at the county level with commendable results. A few highlights include:

- In Garissa County, Jarrerot Dispensary was operationalized after 5 years of dormancy following social audit and petition of the county government by SUPKEM Garissa.
- In Wajir County, Tarbaj Water Supply was restored after Arid Lands Development Focus Kenya (ALDEF Kenya) mobilized residents to petition county government on the stalled project.
- The County Government of Turkana has plans to reopen the Kerio Community Centre following findings of the social audit by Agency for Cross Border Pastoralist (APAD).



Deepened democracy in the lead-up to the 2022 elections



Through our Consolidating Democratic Dividends for Sustainable Transformation in Kenya project, we made significant contributions towards enhancing citizen engagement through civic and voter education, radio talk shows, and social media platforms.

This approach amplified voter messages, leading to an increase in the number of female registered voters from **9.4 million (47%)** in 2017 to **10,865,560 (49.12%)** in 2022. This, in turn, enhanced the capacities and confidence of women in leadership positions.

The project's interventions were designed to promote inclusive electoral processes, including the media profiling of women candidates and capacity building of women seeking elective positions.

This approach led to a significant increase in the number of women who declared interest in elective positions, rising from **458** in 2017 to **643** in 2022. The impact of these interventions was demonstrated by the increased number of women elected to positions of leadership in the August 9th, 2022 polls.

We are proud to report that the number of elected women leaders increased significantly, with **7** governors, **3** senators, and **26** Members of Parliament (MPs) being elected, compared to **3** governors, **3** senators, **23** MPs, and **96** members of county assemblies respectively in 2017. This is a testament to the impact of our capacity building interventions and the dedication of the women leaders who participated.



We are delighted to note that the number of women appointed to Cabinet Secretary positions increased from **6 (21%)** in the previous government to **8 (25.6%)** in 2022. This is a remarkable achievement, and we are proud to have contributed to this trajectory towards gender equality in Kenya.



The power of iverify: Lucy Mwangi's battle against misinformation



Lucy Mwangi an iVerify Fact checker and a Media Analyst from the Media Council of Kenya

Lucy Mwangi was a young woman on a mission. At just 26 years old, she was determined to fight against the tide of false and misleading information that was overwhelming the media landscape in Kenya. She has spent the last four years working in the media industry. Through her roles as a media monitoring expert, online media monitoring supervisor, fact-checker and media analyst, she had seen first-hand the damage of misinformation, disinformation, and hate speech.

But Lucy wasn't one to sit idly by. In 2022, as the Kenyan General Election loomed, she joined a group of dedicated fact-checkers in a groundbreaking initiative led by the Media Council of Kenya. The team was tasked with using UNDP's automated fact-checking tool called iVerify to identify and prevent the spread of false information.

iVerify is a revolutionary automated fact-checking tool developed by UNDP and supported by the UNDP Chief Digital Office and the EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance. It was implemented and adopted in Kenya as part of UNDP's

Consolidating Democratic Dividends for Sustainable Transformation in Kenya project. Lucy and her team of 19 fact-checkers at the Media Council of Kenya worked tirelessly, using iVerify to comb through media and social media content, verifying the information and reporting their findings to the public. According to Lucy, iVerify has been one of the best platforms she has encountered in fighting against online information pollution in Kenya. The iverify platform has so far received and provided feedback on 255 items from the public.

And their efforts paid off. The tool helped Lucy and her team achieve their goal of countering information pollution and ultimately contributed to a more informed and peaceful election season. This was achieved through capacity building sessions and information exchange with colleagues. "With iVerify, people who spread misinformation won't be able to get away with it, and that's a big step forward in the fight for truth and accuracy in the media," says Lucy.



Lucy with other iVerify fact-checkers at the Media Council of Kenya board room, Nairobi on 12th October 2022

Bridging the inclusion gap: How assistAll is helping Persons Living with Disabilities exercise their right to vote in Kenya

As the world strives towards inclusivity and equity for all, innovative solutions have been emerged to bridge the gap for Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWDs). One such solution is the AssistAll application, an innovation by Signs Media Kenya, which has become the first mobile phone sign language interpretation service in Kenya.

The AssistAll App began its journey in 2020 after being awarded support through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Kenya Accelerator Lab's Disability Innovation Challenge. Through the app, a sign language interpreter connects virtually with deaf persons to provide instant interpretation services. This has been particularly helpful for Videliz Njoki, a resolute user of the AssistAll application, who says the app has made life much easier for her and others.



Videliz Njoki, 29, Media personality, Signs Media (Photo by Signs Media)

“It is much easier to access an interpreter with the application now more than ever before. Access to an interpreter was not easy, and if you did get one, it was expensive,”

Videliz explains. The AssistAll app has made a significant difference in Videliz's life, particularly in her ability to participate in the electoral process.



In preparation for the August 2022 Kenyan General Elections, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) emphasized the need for increased participation of PLWDs in the electoral process. One of the initiatives that made this possible was the AssistAll application. Supported by the UNDP Kenya through the Consolidating Democratic Dividends for Sustainable Transformation in Kenya project, the app was deployed specifically to help deaf persons access important voter and election information.

According to the National Council for Persons with Disability and the Integrated Development Facility, messages transmitted through broadcast media during the election did not target deaf persons. The AssistAll app addressed this significant gap and helped deaf persons access the information they needed to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Videliz shares her experience of casting her vote last year with the aid of the AssistAll application, “through the application I was able to access an interpreter who was able to assist where I needed help.

Accessing an interpreter is not hard anymore, the application has come to make everyday engagement much easier.

Where I needed help, I got assisted.” Maureen Wangari, a sign language interpreter, explains how the app has brought both interpreters and deaf persons under one platform, significantly improving the quality of life for PLWDs due to the ease with which they access information.

The AssistAll app has been a game-changer in terms of accessibility, affordability, and convenience for deaf persons in Kenya.

The AssistAll application is an excellent example of how innovative solutions can help bridge the inclusion gap for PLWDs. It has made a significant impact on the lives of deaf persons in Kenya, particularly in their ability to access essential information and services.

With such innovative solutions, the world is moving towards a more inclusive future, where everyone has an equal opportunity to participate and thrive.



(Right) Maureen Wangari, an interpreter with assistAll App, (photo by UNDP Kenya)

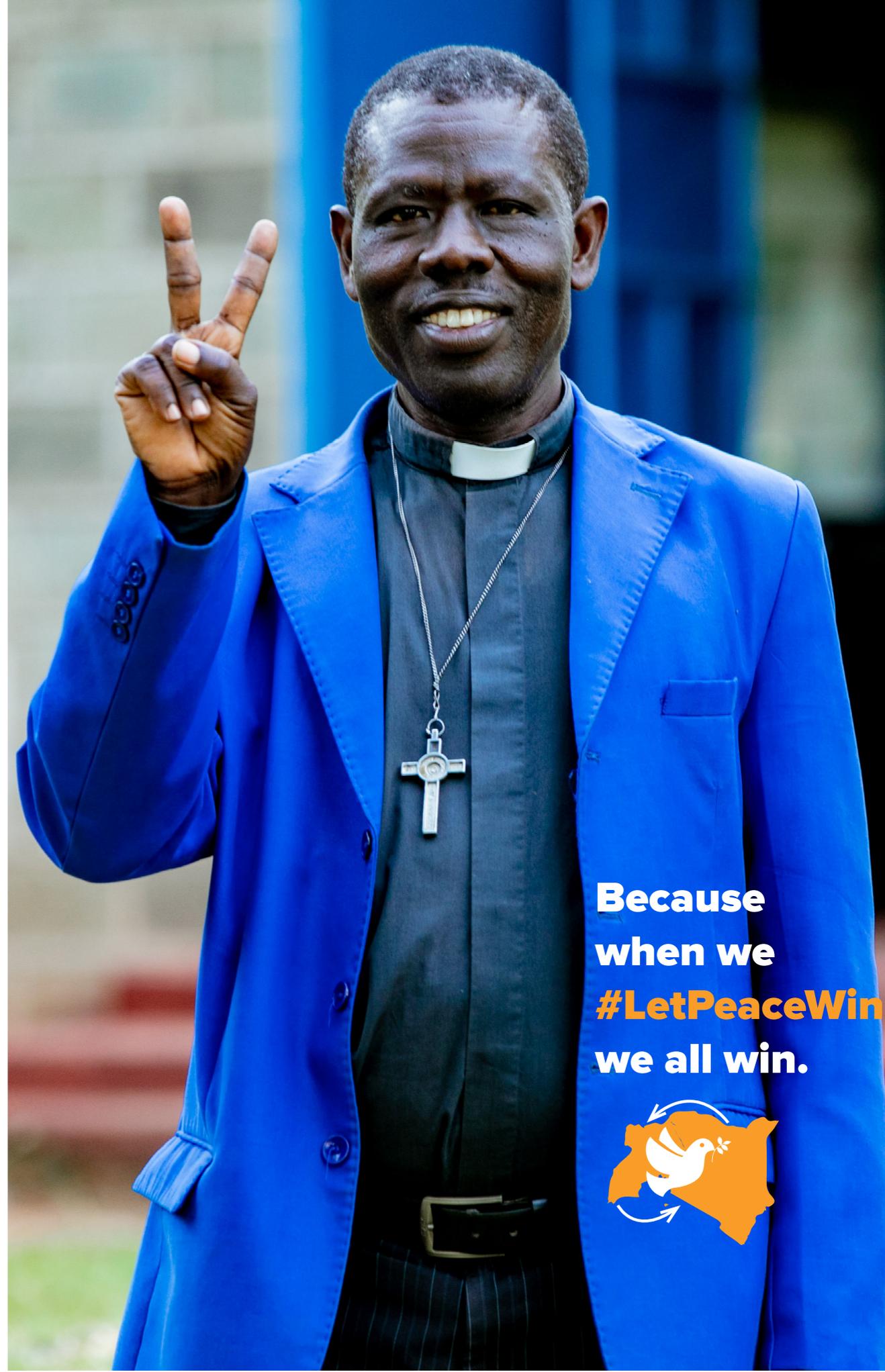


So that all Kenyans can live in peace

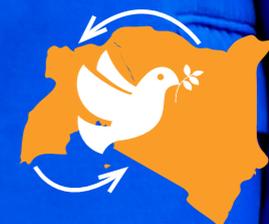
A notable accomplishment of the Transcending Peace Project was the development of the 'Violence Free 2022 General Election Roadmap', which provided crucial guidance to peace actors, including the UWIANO Platform for Peace in Kenya.



The roadmap played a crucial role in sustaining peace before, during, and after the 2022 General Election, and we are proud to have contributed to this important milestone. Furthermore, our #LetPeaceWin campaign successfully increased youth participation in democratic processes, which is a crucial step towards promoting inclusive and representative governance. Through the Promoting Socio-Economic Development and Peace in Africa's Borderlands programme, rapid conflict and gender analysis was undertaken in the Karamoja region. This analysis resulted in valuable recommendations for policy and programme design, which have positive impact on promoting peace and socio-economic development in borderlands.



Because
when we
#LetPeaceWin
we all win.



INCLUSION, LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND.

SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE GREEN GROWTH

Supported Medium-Term planning

In 2022, UNDP Kenya's Strategic Policy Advisory Unit (SPAU) played a crucial role in supporting the Mid-Term Review of the Third Medium-Term Plan (MTP III), centered around the theme "Transforming Lives: Advancing Socio-Economic Development through the 'Big Four' Agenda." The objective of the "Big Four" initiatives was to enhance socio-economic development by increasing manufacturing's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from **9.2%** to **15%**, constructing **500,000** affordable houses nationwide, ensuring food and nutrition security, and achieving 100% universal health coverage.

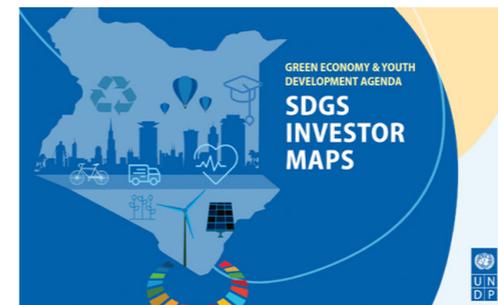
However, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine adversely impacted various sectors, leading to a mixed performance in Kenya's economy during the MTP III period. In response to these socio-economic challenges, we collaborated with the government and other stakeholders to develop the SDGs Recovery and Acceleration Strategy.

Stimulated economic recovery and accelerated SDG implementation

This strategy aimed to stimulate economic recovery and accelerate progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Kenya. The assessment identified the challenges and existing gaps hindering the acceleration of SDGs implementation, with SDGs 1 (No Poverty), 2 (Zero Hunger), 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 15 (Life on Land), and 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) lagging behind, while SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) showed a decline. The report emphasized the urgency for reforms, concerted efforts, and accelerated actions to achieve the Agenda 2030 within the Decade of Action.

Supported integrated National Financing Framework

Through our support for the Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs), we facilitated the development of the first building block, the Development Finance Assessment (DFA). Additionally, we pioneered the packaging of bankable investment options and projects under the SDGs Investor Maps.

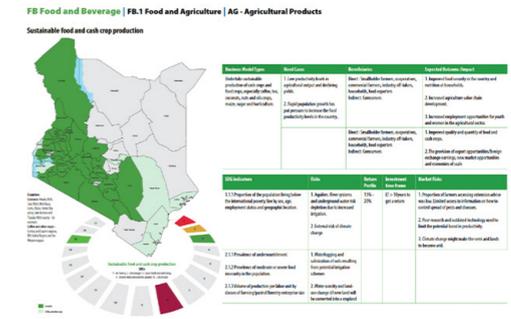


These projects have the potential to drive people-centered development and leapfrog progress. Nevertheless, the DFA for 2022 indicated that Kenya faced an average annual investment gap of **7%** of GDP. In response, UNDP initiated processes for the preparation of the Financing Strategy aligned with the Fourth Medium-Term Plan (MTP IV) for the period 2023-2028.

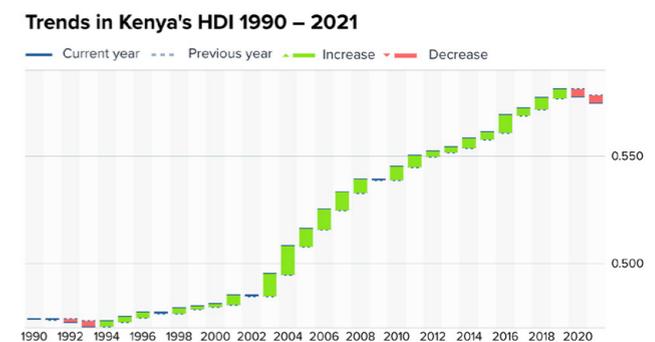
Furthermore, we provided support in the drafting of inputs for MTP IV at the sectoral, ministerial, and departmental levels, culminating in the zero draft technical input. At the subnational level, SPAU played a vital role in developing guidelines for County Integrated Development Plans (CIDP). These guidelines establish norms and standards for the preparation of CIDPs and promote uniformity across all counties. Moreover, they strengthen the mechanisms for aligning county policies, planning, and budgeting processes.

Shaped economic thought leadership

To shape economic thought leadership within the country, we prepared policy briefs on significant topics, such as "The Economic Impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on Kenya's Economy" and "The Eyes Have It: Visualizing the Boda Boda (Two-Wheeler) Network and Its Relationships and Interdependencies." Additionally, we supported the launch of the Global Human Development Report by preparing and publishing an Op-Ed titled



"Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World" in the Nation newspaper.



UNDP remains committed to supporting the preparation of the 9th Kenya Human Development Report. In 2022, a zero draft report was produced, incorporating traditional indices up to 2019. Further work is underway to enrich the report with the latest data sets, including the 2022 Demographic and Health Survey and the 2023 Economic Survey of Kenya.





Strengthened SMEs capacity to participate in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

In 2022, we made significant strides towards enhancing the capacity of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) through business development services support. In partnership with four government agencies, namely Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), Kenya Institute of Business Training (KIBT), and the ICT-Authority, we instituted the provision of business development services through digital platforms.

This initiative supported the production, distribution, and marketing of information, as well as provide training, advisory, and counseling services to MSEs engaged in these value chains.

During the period under review, MSEA helped formalize **85,744 MSEs** and associations, and prepared them for increased access to markets and finance. We recognize the importance of the registrar system in the development of the MSE sector and enhancing its potential for youth and women to benefit from AfCFTA. As such, UNDP is worked with MSEA to increase awareness and buy-in of the registrar system.

We also conducted export promotion training for **96** youth and women-led Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in five counties in Kenya (Kisii, Kisumu, Machakos, Nairobi, Embu, and Kwale). Additionally, we supported the Kenya Export Promotion & Branding Agency (KEPROBA) in developing an Export Preparedness Awareness Manual.

Enhanced capacity of the green economy

We enhanced the capacity of **54** youth tree-growing groups (**1731** members – Male **806**; Female **925**) through training in appropriate technical, financial and agronomic practices. The groups earned approximately USD **180,000** in 6 months. We also built the capacity of 165 trainers (Male **89**; Female **76**) and engaged **24** extension staff to provide technical support to the groups.

We also increased the capacity of **334** youth (Male **185**; Female **149**) on the application of the farmer advocacy and consultation tool and entrepreneurship and business plan development. Additionally, UNDP supported the mentorship of **40** young entrepreneurs by conducting **360** mentorship sessions on business acceleration. We also supported the entrepreneurs to register their businesses and obtain necessary government certification.



Established youth innovation and empowerment centres

We supported the establishment of youth innovation and empowerment centres in Tana River and Isiolo counties through a partnership with the respective County Governments, the Kenya School of Government and the private sector. These centres have provided nurturing of skills and talents and helped build the capacity of **2000** youth-led Micro and Small Enterprises (Female **36%**; Male **64%**). The centres are contributing to the development of solutions affecting young people.

Convened national conference on AfCFTA protocols

We advocated for gender equality in the AfCFTA. The country office held the National Conference on AfCFTA Protocol on women

and youth in trade, which brought together various stakeholders to identify challenges facing women and youth and recommended gender mainstreaming in national AfCFTA implementation policies and strategies.

Promoted investments in SDGs

In partnership with the Government, businesses and investors, we promoted investment in SDGs through the development of Integrated National Financing Framework strategies for SDGs and the SDG Impact Investor maps. The maps provide market intelligence on investment opportunity areas and enhance investment opportunities that will help fill the gaps in SDG financing and grow scalable and bankable business models that can open opportunities for youth, women, and entrepreneurs with disabilities.

SUSTAINABILITY, NURTURING A GREENER FUTURE.

NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS AND RESILIENCE

Strengthened the national climate change coordination processes

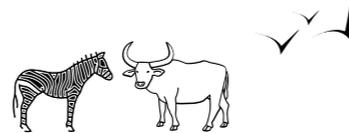
We provided support to Kenya to develop policies and an institutional framework that guide the country towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient development pathway.

Our support was crucial in the development of several key documents, including Kenya's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC). We also contributed to the development of the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) for the period 2018-2022, the Third Medium Term Plan of Vision 2030, the National Climate Finance Policy, the National Adaptation Plan, and Kenya's Long-Term Strategy for 2050.

Our efforts led to enhanced access to clean and efficient energy systems in Kenya. We developed Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPs) for Televisions, Computers, and LED lighting, resulting in energy efficiency and savings of **835 Gwh** and up to **417,615 tons** of CO₂e. These achievements demonstrate our commitment to supporting

Kenya's sustainable development and addressing the urgent challenges posed by climate change.

Promoted sustainable use and management of wildlife and natural resources



Global Environment Facility (GEF)

We played a crucial role in promoting the sustainable use and management of wildlife and natural resources in Kenya.

Through technical advisory support, GEF contributed to the enhanced coordination and management of the Maasai Mara Ecosystem by assisting in the drafting and public consultations on the Greater Maasai Mara Ecosystem plan development. Additionally, GEF provided support to enhance the wildlife crime detection and deterrence capacities of the wildlife security



agencies, including the government and conservancies. This was achieved by equipping the teams with **5** troop carrier vehicles and **20** motorbikes and training **60** community rangers. These efforts resulted in a significant reduction of poaching, with over **86%** prosecution success rate in the Tsavo Conservation Area. Overall, GEF's contributions played a vital role in promoting sustainable use and management of wildlife and natural resources in Kenya.

Enhanced communities' resilience, mitigation of environmental degradation and reduction of biodiversity

In 2022, our efforts in enhancing communities' resilience, mitigation of environmental degradation, and reduction of biodiversity yielded significant results. We successfully strengthened the capacities of communities in **14** counties and institutions for crisis preparedness, response, and recovery. This resulted in **12** counties increasing their budget allocation for disaster management to a total of **KES 1,392,715,661** in the 2021/2022 financial year. Furthermore, we enhanced stabilization and community-level adaptive capacity to build long-term resilience to shocks. As a result, **71,271** people (**36,062** female; **35,209** male) directly benefited from our interventions, with a



further **242,207** beneficiaries indirectly benefiting. The increased income generated from our efforts has had a positive impact on food security, health, and education at the household level.

Overall, our work in enhancing communities' resilience has contributed significantly to the mitigation of environmental degradation and reduction of biodiversity loss. These efforts have helped to build more resilient communities that can better withstand shocks and contribute to sustainable development in Kenya.



INNOVATION, SHAPING A BETTER TOMORROW.

HARNESSING THE POWER OF INNOVATION

Enhanced engagement with innovators with high-level UNDP delegation

We held an impact workshop to evaluate the impact of innovation challenges on the development of innovation capacity and business growth of innovators.

Some finalists from the Great COVID-19 Innovation Challenge and the Disability Inclusive Innovation Challenge were invited to the workshop, which was successful in providing key insights on opportunities to decentralize and support local innovators to scale. Additionally, we organized innovator showcases, which provided a global platform for innovators to profile their startups and mobilize pathways for further support in their scaling journeys.

These showcases were attended by high-level audiences, including the UNDP Administrator, RBA Director, the Crown Prince of Norway, and the Crown Princess of Sweden.

The innovators expressed their gratitude towards UNDP and the support they received.



We look forward to seeing more startups like us getting similar kind of support, and I think that is going to help us get to financial independence and create jobs.

James Munyoki, CEO and Founder of Swift Lab



To be associated with UNDP is a blessing, and we want to thank everyone who took part in mentoring us and supporting us until we were able to build a product.

Daniel Kimani, CEO and Founder of O-Hospital



Strengthened the innovation Ecosystem

Produced in partnership with Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA), the African Center for Technology Studies (ACTS) and the Association of Countrywide Innovation Hubs, the 'Mapping of the Kenyan Innovations Ecosystem' report was launched by President William Ruto. This is a key piece towards shaping the Kenya Innovation Outlook and subsequent 10-year masterplan designed by the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA).

Partnered with Google Ads to tackle misinformation

In 2021, Google committed US\$20 million in free advertising to selected UN agencies through their Ad Grants Crisis Relief Fund to help with the global pandemic recovery. In 2022, we partnered with Google Ads to launch online campaigns aimed at disseminating important messages to those searching for information through Google searches. The Accelerator Lab collaborated with the 'Transcending Foundations of Peace and Security for Inclusive and Sustainable Development Programme' to run the 'Fighting hate and false narratives' campaign from the end of 2021 to early 2022.



This experiment leveraged digital marketing approaches to maximize youth engagement in online interventions aimed at misinformation. This partnership showcases the potential of successful partnership models between UNDP and Big Tech partners. Tools such as Google Ads offer extensive promotion of UNDP and other UN entities' projects and expand the reach of produced content.



Kenya Climate Security Pilot Project

We sensitized **271** participants, including **117** females and **154** males on community resilience to climate change-induced conflicts through the Kenya Climate Security Pilot Project

The participants were drawn from various groups, such as local administration, religious leaders, youth, women, men, and persons with disabilities. The training focused on conflict and gender analysis, prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), conflict mediation, negotiation, and early warning.

Furthermore, the project organized a community handing-over event with over **300** participants, where **12** two-wheeler motorcycles were distributed to enhance

mobility and improve access to services in the project areas. These efforts have helped to promote peaceful coexistence, mitigate climate change-induced conflicts, and improve the well-being of communities in the region.

Strengthened partnership with UNICEF, USAID, Scouts and Plan International on Innovation

We partnered with UNICEF, Scouts, USAID, and Plan International to promote innovation among Kenyan youth through the ImaGen Ventures initiative. This initiative is providing a platform for young people to showcase their innovative solutions, particularly those focused on achieving the SDGs.

Saniwise, a Kenyan innovation group, was named one of the global winners for their financially feasible and ecologically friendly sanitation technology, which addresses the issue of low accessibility to proper, safe, and affordable sanitation in developing countries. This recognition is an inspiration for other young people to pursue innovative solutions that can make a positive impact in their communities and the world at large.



Enhanced young women's digital inclusion skills

In collaboration with Lake Hub, UNDP Accelerator Labs established the FemiDevs programme that empowered young women in Western Kenya with relevant and employable digital skills. The programme facilitated opportunities for young women to gain access to employment and internships in the digital economy through hands-on training, mentorship, and soft skills development.



The FemiDevs programme enrolled **200** young women in Kisumu, Busia, and Migori as part of UNDP's ongoing COVID-19 response project, with local partners providing support in implementing the programme. The programme focused on providing skills in front-end and back-end web development, including practical tools like Canva and Figma. Through these efforts, UNDP is helping to bridge the digital divide and empower women in Kenya to participate in the digital economy.



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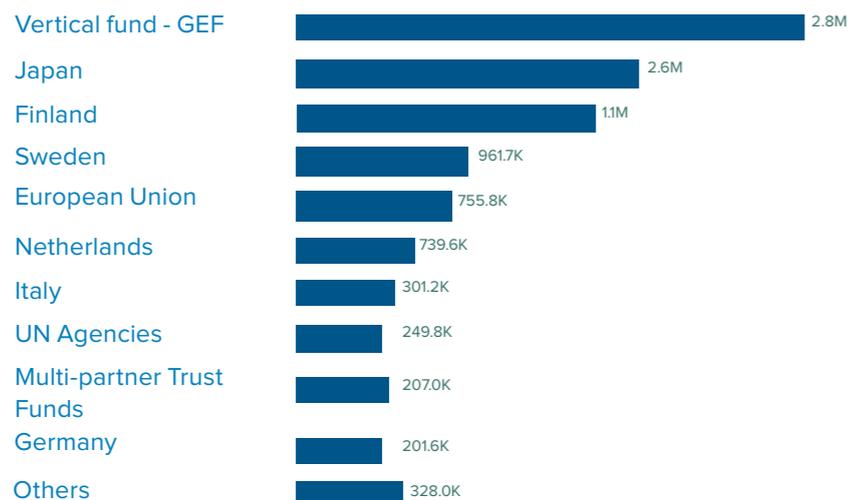
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