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UNDP partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone. On the ground in 177 countries and territories, we offer global perspectives and local insight to help empower lives and build resilient nations.

In Kenya, UNDP aims to address poverty, inequality and exclusion by supporting communities and government, through innovative sustainable interventions for inclusive human development and economic growth. Our programmes are delivered in consultation and partnership with a broad range of stakeholders including; the Government of Kenya, civil society organisations, independent bodies, development partners and other UN agencies.

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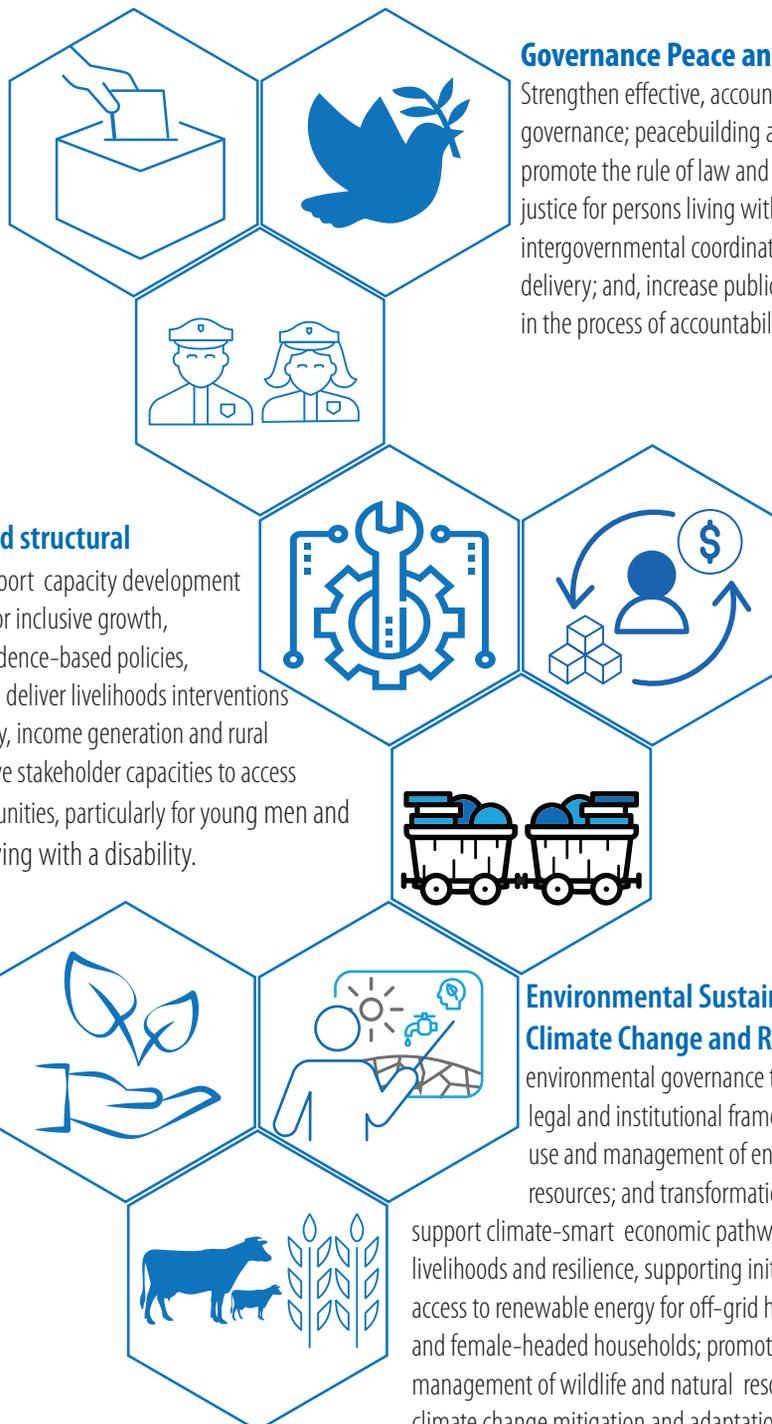
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PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

The overarching objectives of the country programme are to alleviate widespread poverty by:

- Strengthening the policy, productive and service delivery capacities, systems and institutions to accelerate inclusive growth, safeguard development gains against cyclical shocks; and mitigate socio-economic marginalization; and
- Contribute to addressing the socio-political and natural resource fault lines at subnational levels to mitigate the risk of violent political and natural resource and other conflicts, and support credible and accountable governance.



Governance Peace and Security:

Strengthen effective, accountable and inclusive governance; peacebuilding and conflict prevention; promote the rule of law and enhance access to justice for persons living with HIV and AIDs; support intergovernmental coordination to improve service delivery; and, increase public voice and participation in the process of accountability.

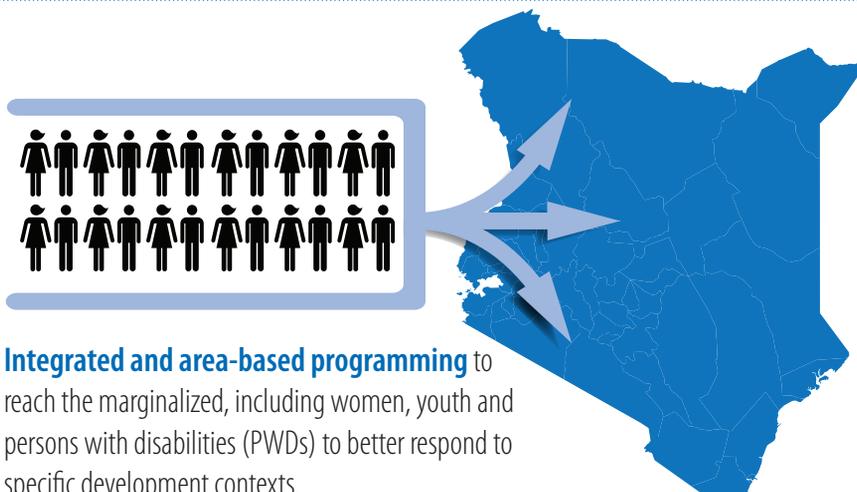
Inclusive Growth and structural

Transformation: support capacity development across the Government for inclusive growth, gender-sensitive and evidence-based policies, particularly in the ASALs; deliver livelihoods interventions for increased productivity, income generation and rural development and improve stakeholder capacities to access entrepreneurship opportunities, particularly for young men and women and persons living with a disability.

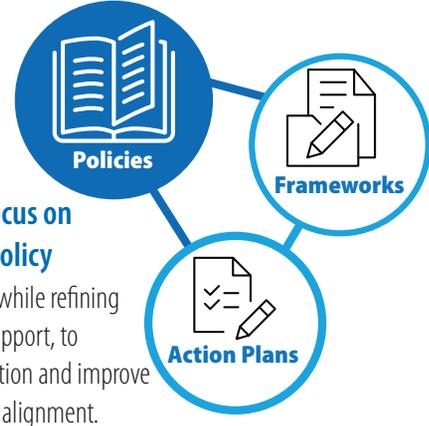
Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change and Resilience:

strengthen environmental governance to improve the policy, legal and institutional frameworks for sustainable use and management of environment and natural resources; and transformation to a green economy; support climate-smart economic pathways for improved livelihoods and resilience, supporting initiatives to improve access to renewable energy for off-grid households targeting rural and female-headed households; promote the sustainable use and management of wildlife and natural resources through gendered climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

WHAT WILL WE DO DIFFERENTLY?



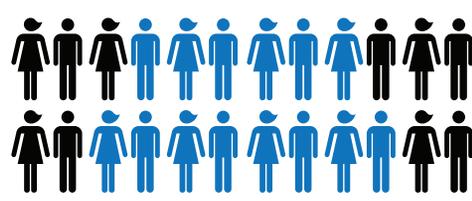
Integrated and area-based programming to reach the marginalized, including women, youth and persons with disabilities (PWDs) to better respond to specific development contexts.



Strengthen focus on subnational policy engagement while refining national policy support, to accelerate devolution and improve macro-economic alignment.



Enhance conflict sensitive programming to enable spaces for inclusive and responsive governance.



Better leverage volunteerism as an essential act of citizenship and to encourage social inclusion; and Support civil society voice and participation to engage communities to participate in local governance for better accountability. Civil society groupings and their constituencies will, therefore, be at the forefront of informing our policy engagement, programme design and supporting accountability.



Invest in private sector, philanthropic, IFIs partnerships to deliver programmes including the Kenya SDG Philanthropy Platform to drive sustainability.



Improve monitoring, evaluation and communication to increase accountability.



MAINSTREAMING GENDER

From a cross-cutting gender perspective, UNDP will invest in women's effective engagement and participation in: accessing business and employment opportunities for young women and PLWDs, accessing healthcare, sustainable use of the environment, conflict prevention and in elective and appointive leadership to accelerate progress towards realization of the sustainable development goals.



“ I’m excited how our governance structures are changing, creating more spaces for women to take up leadership roles. We now have more women in leadership in our area and this encourages our girls to see the potential in themselves of becoming leaders. I believe this could be one of the factors contributing to school attendance by our girls.

- MWINYI MWATAJIRI,
TEACHER, MUHAKA ISLAMIC CENTER

GOVERNANCE, PEACE AND SECURITY

In line with the UNDP Strategic Plan Signature Solution 2: Strengthen effective, accountable and inclusive governance, the programme will continue flagship programmes including Integrated Support to Devolution, Building Foundations for Peace and the Marsabit-Moyale Cross-border Peace Initiative to address the structural barriers to equitable, accountable and transparent governance, and to mitigate local level conflict and marginalization.

The devolution programme aims to accelerate fiscal and administrative decentralization including local revenue generation through subnational support for planning and budgeting, accountability and anti-corruption initiatives.

In partnership with the National Treasury, Ministry of Devolution and Planning, Council of Governors, Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGTRC), the Office of the Auditor General and other independent commissions, county governments and subnational economic groupings and mechanisms (Frontier Counties Development Council, Lake Victoria Region Economic Basin), and UN Women and UNCDF, the programme will strengthen co-ordination between all levels of government to improve governance and service delivery.

To support peacebuilding and conflict prevention, the programme will improve conflict analysis to promote social cohesion and conflict mitigation interventions in partnership with the UWIANO Platform for Peace, National Cohesion and Integration Commission, National Commission on Human Rights, Media Council of Kenya, UNESCO and UNHCR to promote national stability. UNDP will also partner with civil

society at the frontlines of localized conflicts and national dialogue, and with key actors to prevent radicalization and violent extremism. Social cohesion will also be promoted in partnership with the FCDC, National Counter Terrorism Center and inter-religious peacebuilding mechanisms for community security, and to provide livelihood and diversion interventions for youth to disrupt pathways to radicalization.

Following on the results of the 2015 Universal Periodic Review, UNDP also aims to integrate a 'rights based approach' through enhanced access to justice and promotion of the rule of law, and in partnership with UNAIDS, for persons living with HIV and AIDS, including youth, women and PLWDs. UNDP will partner with the Judiciary Training Institute, the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Justice for efficient dispute resolution including use of mechanisms in the 2016 Legal Aid Act to increase access to justice. Furthermore, building on previous work with the National Human Rights Institutions, state and non-state anticorruption institutions, OHCHR, UNODC and Governments of Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, UK, US, and the EU, UNDP will expand support for human rights advocacy and reporting and partner with justice sector actors to increase public voice and participation in the process of accountability.

Leading to the 2022 elections, UNDP will leverage existing bilateral partnerships with, inter alia, USAID, DfID, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Denmark, Italy, EU, Germany to implement early conflict mitigation measures, civic and voter education, political party regulation and judicial capacity to adjudicate electoral disputes.



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“ I make woven mats and baskets roughly I earn KES. 3000 per month. I'm saving part of my profit to buy for myself a television set and a radio, because I no longer enjoy going to the neighbours to watch TV. I want to enjoy the freedom of being able to select what I want to watch and when.

- MAMA FATUMA BAKE DIE

INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION

In line with the UNDP Signature solution 1 – Keeping People Out of Poverty, the programme will support capacity development across government to formulate and implement inclusive growth, gender-sensitive and evidence-based policies. Building on current programming, and in partnership with the World Bank, AfDB, Kenya Bureau of Statistics, county governments, civil society and the private sector we will support initiatives to address structural poverty including macroeconomic and poverty analysis to strengthen the effectiveness of inclusive growth policies and initiatives, structural transformation, gender and extractives, and support monitoring of the SDGs; address data gaps for planning and monitoring; and improve institutional capacities to deliver poverty reduction interventions.

To complement enabling actions in infrastructure development, public sector reforms, and the use of innovative financing mechanisms, the programme will support structural economic transformation to create jobs by increasing the share of the manufacturing, extractives and mineral resources, industrial, and exporting sectors in the economy. We will deliver livelihoods interventions for increased productivity, income generation and rural development for sustainable poverty alleviation, and improve stakeholder capacities to access entrepreneurship opportunities, particularly for young men and women and PLWDs.

Through our Biashara (Business) Centres, innovative technologies will be deployed, particularly for female-headed households to address the gendered dimensions of poverty, to add value, strengthen quality standards and improve access to markets, in collaboration with FAO, ILO, UNICEF, and UN Women, and CSOs, the private sector and county governments. The programme will address youth unemployment by supporting scalable pilot value chains in the agriculture sector including working with the county governments and private sector on fruit agro processing in the southeastern region, and leather production in the northeastern region.

Kenya's graduation to low middle-income status also presents opportunities for UNDP to explore financing for development through host country resources. Working with the revenue allocation and collection authorities and national and county governments, UNDP aims to secure co-financing through local cost sharing models. The programme will also seek to fast track financing for development by deliberately seeking new partnerships with South-South Cooperation partners, IFIs, the private sector and philanthropic entities.

In support to Kenya, the CO will employ the MAPS approach to SDG implementation across the three CPD pillars. The programme will assist in identifying SDGs accelerators through monitoring and reporting on empirical data on development impact with focus on subnational county-level results.



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“ I took up fishing as another source of income but now the reduction of water levels in Lake Turkana is affecting our fishing activities. Sometimes we are out here fishing for hours and still go home with nothing, and if we are lucky to catch some fish, the quality is not the same as it was in the past.

- LUJIO JARAN

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE

Pillar III aims to strengthen environmental governance and the sustainable use and management of natural resources. Partnering with UNEP, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other partners including USAID, DFID and SIDA, UNDP will work with government to improve the policy, legal and institutional frameworks for sustainable management of environment and natural resources; and to catalyze transformation to a green economy. In alignment with UNDP Signature solution 5: Close the energy gap, UNDP will optimize strategic opportunities to support climate smart development pathways for improved livelihoods and resilience supporting initiatives to improve access to renewable energy technologies for off-grid households, particularly for targeting rural households that depend primarily on biomass for household energy needs.

In line with UNDP Signature solution 3: Enhance prevention and recovery for resilient societies, to mitigate environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity and build community resilience, UNDP will promote the sustainable use and management of wildlife and natural resources through gendered climate change mitigation and adaptation of sensitive measures. We will offer upstream advisory support for natural resource governance to mitigate conflict and boost community-level resilience to climate shocks, and work with local communities in western and southwestern regions to initiate “climate-proof” livelihood and food security interventions and promote fair distribution of benefits from mineral resource exploitation. Furthermore, UNDP will support government

efforts to upscale a blue economy in coastal communities; and facilitate SSTRc with the neighboring coastal and island states to benefit from ecosystem goods and services to address bio-diversity, ocean acidification and coral bleaching supported by the Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystem.

UNDP will partner with national institutions including the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), National Disaster Operation Centre (NDOC), and National Disaster Management Unit (NDMU) and in collaboration with sister UN agencies including UNICEF, WFP, FAO, UNFPA, UN Women to promote disaster risk reduction resilience. We will support strengthening disaster risk policy formulation and the legal and institutional frameworks for risk management, and the establishment of mechanisms for assessment and monitoring.

In complement to the data initiatives in the inclusive growth pillar, we aim to improve access to risk information; strengthen preparedness and early warning systems; and work with our devolution programme to integrate DRR in county development plans and budgets. Targeting the most vulnerable communities in the ASALs, programming will also include assisting communities access timely climate information. In partnership with the Africa Regional Office, UNDP will roll out a Lake Victoria Initiative in SSTRc with Uganda and Tanzania Country programmes to address climate and livelihood issues, including fisheries, in the sub-region.



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