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About Us

We are here to accompany the Government of Kenya on its journey to lift millions of Kenyans out of poverty.

UNDP is accompanying the Government deliver development results to millions of its citizens. We are here to support the Government realise its long-term development aspirations as stated in the Vision 2030 and the Big Four Agenda which are implemented through the Government's Medium Term Plans (MTPs), aimed at transforming Kenya into a "newly industrializing, middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all its' citizens in a clean and secure environment."



Our Record

Over the years, we have worked with different partners across the country, identifying opportunities and designing solutions for today's development challenges.



UNDP has been operating in Kenya since 1966. As the Government's development partner of choice, we have supported national and county-level



development interventions. In the last two decades, we have played a leading role in implementing both the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and now the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Over the years, we have invested millions of dollars in programmes aimed at strengthening human development in Kenya, with priority given to the poor and most vulnerable in society.

Our Leadership



Walid Badawi

Resident Representative

Heads UNDP in Kenya and assumes overall responsibility over all activities in the country. He represents the Administrator.



Mandisa Mashologu

Deputy Resident Representative - Programme

Responsible for effective design and delivery of UNDP's programmes in the country.



Taye Amssalu

Deputy Resident Representative - Operations

Responsible for efficient and effective day-to-day operations of UNDP in the country.



**UNDP in Kenya has over 150 Staff
members performing different functions**

Our role in **SDGs implementation**



We focus on **systems and root causes**

As the lead UN development agency, UNDP is well-placed to help implement the SDGs through our work in Kenya. We support the country in achieving the SDGs through integrated solutions. We focus on systems, root causes and connections between challenges—not just thematic sectors—to build solutions that respond to people’s daily realities - this is the only way we can make an impact in addressing the country’s complex challenges - from the spread of disease to preventing conflict. These cannot be addressed in isolation.

We invest in initiatives that strengthen institutional coordination mechanisms for effective delivery of development results.

Achieving the SDGs requires the partnership of governments, private sector, civil society and citizens alike to make sure we leave a better planet for future generations.

To fulfill the aims of the Strategic Plan with the multi-dimensionality and complexity that the 2030 Agenda demands, UNDP is implementing six cross-cutting approaches to development, known as Signature Solutions.



Poverty

Keeping people out of poverty



Governance

Governance for peaceful, just, and inclusive societies



Resilience

Crisis prevention and increased resilience



Environment

Nature-based solutions for development



Energy

Clean, affordable energy



Equality

Women's empowerment and gender equality

Our Programme Priorities (2018-2022)

Our current country programme strategic priorities are spelt out in our Country Programme Document (CPD) (2018-2022). During this period we have and will continue to invest in governance, peace and security; inclusive growth and structural transformation; and environmental sustainability, climate change and resilience interventions in line with national priorities. Over the period 2018-2022, we plan to invest US\$185 million in Kenya's development efforts.

Our programme aims to better respond to varied localized governance contexts through area-based and integrated programming to reach the marginalized in ASALs and border counties, including women, youth and persons with disabilities.

It is also aimed at supporting the alignment of subnational policy with the 2030 Agenda and of national macroeconomic policy to national targets so that development interventions are inclusive and responsive to the needs of the country and counties.

Delivering development requires collaboration with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds - in line with Sustainable Development Goal 17, during the implementation of our Country Programme, we invest

in efforts aimed at driving sustainability through philanthropic and private sector partnerships and working with international financial institutions (IFIs).

Our programme has been and will continue to facilitate dialogue and promoting transparent governance aimed at enhancing social cohesion and conflict management.

In implementing our Programme, we rely on the generosity of our funding partners (through core and non-core contributions) - we therefore ensure that we demonstrate our accountability not only to our clients, the government and people of Kenya, but also our partners whose tax payers money we invest in this country. We support civil society and communities because we believe in the power and potential of local solutions.

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Governance, Peace & security



We invest in our flagship programmes on devolution, peacebuilding and the Marsabit-Moyale cross-border initiative. We support efforts aimed at deepening democratic governance, intergovernmental coordination to improve service delivery as well as peacebuilding and conflict-prevention programmes through conflict and gender analysis to promote social cohesion and conflict mitigation.

02

Inclusive growth & structural transformation



We support capacity development for inclusive growth, gender-sensitive and evidence-based policies. We also support macroeconomic and poverty analyses for inclusive growth policy formulation and implementation for structural transformation. We prioritize monitoring of the SDGs focusing on “big data” gaps and poverty reduction interventions.

03

Environmental sustainability climate change & resilience



Our support aims at strengthening environmental governance through improvements to the policy, legal and institutional frameworks. We optimize opportunities to support climate-smart economic pathways for improved livelihoods and resilience, supporting initiatives to improve access to renewable energy. We also promote the sustainable use and management of wildlife and natural resources.

Our flagship Programmes

Strengthening Devolved Governance

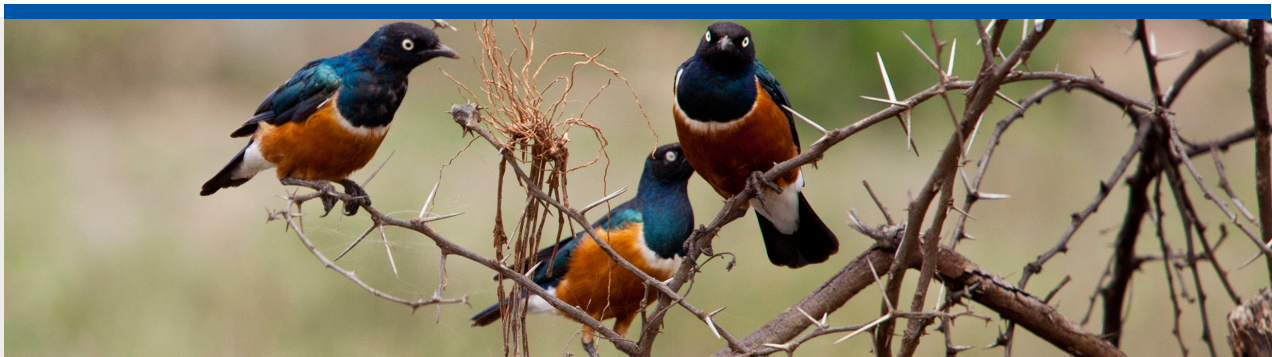
We work with the county governments and relevant national level institutions, including the Ministry of Devolution and Arid and Semi-Arid lands (ASALS), Council of Governors towards improving service delivery at county levels.

Support to NDC Process

Through our Climate Promise, we support the Government to raise its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) ambition, accelerate progress on targets and mobilise resources and partnerships to deliver on them.

Civil Society Organization Facility

Also known as Amkeni Wakenya, this is a UNDP-led initiative dedicated to strengthening the effective participation of citizens in democratic Governance by providing financial, capacity building and knowledge support to local Civil Society Organizations.



REDD+ **Readiness Project**

We support the government in meeting its national forest cover targets. We also support efforts to pursue long-term, transformative development and accelerate sustainable climate resilient economic growth, while slowing the emission of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) from the forest sector.

Youth Empowerment and Innovation

As the youth occupy a central part of our Country Programme, throughout our activities, they remain our priority, including through the work of our Accelerator Lab.



2019 Highlights



Our Accelerator Lab consulted with national stakeholders on urgent development priorities requiring innovative solutions to address - youth unemployment stood out.

Accelerator Lab

We launched our Accelerator Lab and joined the world's largest and fastest learning network on sustainable development challenges. As part of 60 Lab teams covering 78 countries, we began our work towards creating actionable intelligence, partnering with our national partners in testing solutions.

County Governments

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Integrated peacebuilding into their County Integrated Development Plans

Youth Entrepreneurs

400+



Youth entrepreneurs supported with financial and business development services

Access to Justice

20%



Kenyan population reached with sensitization on their rights and legal aid

Access to clean energy

3+%



Growth of the proportion of the population relying on clean fuels and technologies

Emerging issues | COVID-19

We are providing support to the national COVID-19 response efforts by helping Kenya look towards 2030 and manage uncertainty in governance, social protection, the green economy and living in the digital world as we lead the UN's socio-economic response.





We will continue to collaborate with United Nations agencies, where there is comparative advantage to deliver technical advisory support to optimize development effectiveness and enable UN reforms through our “integrator role.”

Our programme operates within the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2018-2022, in which we provide leadership in the area of Transformative Governance while supporting others focusing on Sustainable Economic Growth and Human Capital Development.

Our programme continues to employ results-based management principles throughout the 2018-2022 cycle including convening and coordination of project strategic oversight committees and technical working groups.

Our projects are always aligned with our corporate social and environmental standards and accountability mechanisms, where required, including implementation of the due diligence review.

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