

GOVERNMENT OF MAKUENI COUNTY

**County Universal Social Protection Coverage for
All: A Case Study of Makueni County, Kenya**

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Overview

- ▶ The projected population for 2018 based on 2009 census is 1,002,979 out of 488,378 are male and 514,601 female, OVCs under cash transfer are 6000 out of the projected 25,000 we have in the county.
- ▶ The population density in the county is 125 persons per KM sq.
- ▶ The county population is mainly rural based with the county's poverty index at 60.4 % necessitating social programs to cushion citizens from catastrophic healthcare expenditure

Introduction: Social Protection

Social protection generally refers to the strategies that are meant to cushion the poor and vulnerable from the hard social economic risks and shocks

Social Protection entails:

- ▶ Policies and actions including legislative measures:
- ▶ To enhance capacity and opportunities for the poor and vulnerable; and
- ▶ To improve and sustain their livelihoods and welfare.

Major components of social protection are:

- ▶ Social Assistance;
- ▶ Social Security; and
- ▶ Social Health Insurance among others.

Social Protection: Makueni County Context

The projected population for 2018

Significant population of the vulnerable:

- ▶ The elderly (Those above 65 years account for 5.2% of total County population);
- ▶ Orphaned and vulnerable children (OVCs) (OVCs under the age of 15 years account for 1.3% of the County's population way above the 1.2 % of the National average);
- ▶ People living with Disability (PLWDs);
- ▶ People living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA);
- ▶ Women and children headed households,
- ▶ Unemployed youth.

Social Protection: The Makueni County Experience

First Cycle of Devolution

- ▶ Encountered numerous challenges;
- ▶ Able to score quite a number of successes in:
 - ▶ Social Security;
 - ▶ Universal Health Care;
 - ▶ Food Security; and
 - ▶ Economic Empowerment.

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Social Assistance: Support for Income Generating Activities

- ▶ Support to 70 vulnerable groups with tents and chairs:

Outcome: Increase in household incomes through hiring of the tents & chairs.

- ▶ Formation of 31 boda boda SACCOs across the County; and

- ▶ Provision of 80 motorcycles to the SACCOs as seed capital.

Outcome: Promotion of a saving culture among youth.

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- ▶ Training & licensing of 5,100 boda boda riders;
- ▶ Construction of 60 boda boda sheds in markets across the County:

Outcome: Encouraging of entrepreneurship among the youth.

- ▶ Sensitization and training of women, youth and persons with disability on Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) and entrepreneurship skills.

Outcome: 850 new businesses formed and registered with the County.

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- ▶ Agricultural production incubation to groups:

Outcome: Provision of skills & technology to motivate young farmers to pursue agriculture as a source of livelihood.

- ▶ Support to 600 groups with 3,000 litre water tanks as seed capital (*'Nzangule ya Matangi'/'Water Tanks' Merry Go Round'*):

Outcome: -2,778 tanks have been bought by the groups;

-Increased access to clean and safe water by households; and

-Lessening of the burden by women in accessing clean water.

SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR WATER HARVESTING



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- ▶ Support to 1,700 groups with loans. KES 124,385,000 disbursed to the groups:

Outcome: Economic empowerment of the community to sustain livelihoods by providing affordable credit through the ***Tetheka Fund***.

Long Term Plans: To upscale *Tetheka* Fund to include social protection mechanisms thus reduce the dependency rates by the elderly.

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Youth Empowerment Initiatives

❖ **Mentorship and Training** of 17,083 youths:

-Secondary School graduates.

-Mentorship covers:

Self awareness;

Career choice and development; and

Drug and substance abuse among other topics.

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❖ Provision of internship and attachment opportunities:

Target: Youth in and out of college within; and

Opportunities offered with government departments.

Investment in ICT infrastructure through equipping Community Information Centres (CIC)

Outcome: Increased access to information by the citizenry.

❖ Training of youths on basic computer skills (*'Tusomeei Compyuta Nduani'* / 'Let us Learn Computer in Our Villages':

Outcome: Enhanced access to employment opportunities by leveraging on technology.

Food Security: The Makueni County Experience

► *'Operation Mwolyo Out'/'Eradicating Food Aid':*

Have committed KES 17 Million in this financial year to:

- Train farmers and build capacity on water harvesting;
- Farm ponds construction;
- Drip irrigation; and
- Produce marketing.

Are developing a standard manual to guide farmers on food security mitigations and best practices.

► **Makueni Fruit Processing Plant:**

Farmers have supplied over 1,000 metric tonnes of fresh mangoes for processing through cooperatives and contracted suppliers.¹³

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- A business plan for the plant is ready; and

- The European Union has given us KES 110 million to install a reconstitution line for diluting and bottling of ready to drink juice.

► **Agricultural Extension Services:**

- We have 155 Technical Staff across the County offering extension services; and

- We have committed KES 15 Million this financial year for support of this programme.

► **Poultry:**

- 20,390 improved birds varieties have already been distributed;

- 206 poultry vaccinators have already been trained and equipped; and

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-Poultry population has moved from 824,000 in 2013 to 1,020,000 in 2018.

Outcome: Improved marketing and an improved poultry economy.

► Assorted Certified Crop Seeds Variety:

-We have disbursed 62 metric tonnes of certified seeds to our farmers; and

-Have factored this in our CIDP for 2018-2022.

► Pest and Disease Management:

-Have provided assorted pesticides worth KES 6.5 Million and provided 923 fall army worm traps after the fall army outbreak;

-Got a donation from a well wisher of approximately KES 26 million;

-The approximate beneficiaries were 120,000 farmers; and

-Have made budgetary provision for continuation of this mitigation measure.

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▶ **Diary Development:**

-We have successfully inseminated 21,700 animals for better milk and beef.

▶ **Improved Pasture:**

-We have 5,000 acres under various improved grass varieties and the County has bought machinery for baling.

▶ **Milk Processing and Marketing:**

-Kikima Dairy Plant is now operational; and

-We have equipped 14 Dairy Cooperatives with coolers and back up generators.

Outcome: The yield has increased from KES 18 Million litres in 2014 to 28 Million litres in 2017.

Investment in Health: The Makueni County Experience

- ▶ Our Department of Health Services has invested in the various WHO building blocks to lay foundation for **Universal Healthcare**.
- 1. Investing in service delivery including operating procedures;
- 2. Robust leadership and governance for healthcare;
- 3) Investing in health information for evidence based practise;
- 4) Expanding infrastructure for both primary health care and specialised care;
- 5) Ensuring regular supply of medical products, vaccines and technologies;
- 6) Recruitment of human resources for health (across all cadres); and
- 7) Allocating at least 30% of County Budget to health care financing.

Makueni Care

- ▶ Informed by pilot programme of Universal Healthcare for senior citizens over 65 years from May to September 2016.
- ▶ All bills incurred by patients at the County Hospitals are reimbursed by the Government of Makueni County.
- ▶ The County population is mainly rural based with the County's poverty index at 64.3% necessitating social programmes to cushion citizens from catastrophic healthcare expenditure.
- ▶ All citizens resident in Makueni County are eligible.
- ▶ All eligible citizens undergo a registration process that register the principal beneficiary, their spouse(s) and direct dependents below the age of 18 or 24 years for school-going dependents
- ▶ There is an annual non-refundable registration fee of KES 500 per household and payment mechanism is 'fee for service'.

Health Benefits Package

In Patient Services

Nursing care, daily bed fee, ward consumables, drugs, daily consultations, side room procedures, and last office procedure (where applicable), inpatient Investigations both laboratory and radiological, and blood transfusion.

Outpatient

Consultations in the Outpatient Clinics, Dental services, minor operations, ambulance from Community to County Hospitals, Laboratory services, Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy, Routine Orthopaedic services, Pharmacy services and imaging

Co-payment of Services

Orthopaedic: Auxiliary devices and cost of surgical implants,

Forensic Services: Post Mortem Services: Specialised services e.g CT scan, surgical implants, intensive care unit services and dialysis and non-routines medical reports.

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