



Nakuru County



Nakuru County at a glance

Nakuru County borders 7 counties with Baringo to the north, Laikipia to the north east, Nyandarua to the east, Kajiado to the south, Narok to the south west with Bomet and Kericho to the west

Area: 7,495 km²

Population: 1,603,325
(Male 50%; Female 50%)



Prosperity **Peace**
Partnership
Planet People



Accountability and Governance

The Constitution of Kenya (2010) has provided the opportunity for resources to be transferred to a new level of government at the grassroots. While devolution has created a new reform space for more responsive, equitable, efficient and accountable local service delivery, converting this into actual transformation at the grassroots will depend on the quality of county institutions charged with this responsibility.

Since devolution entails the simultaneous transfer of power and resources to an entire new level of government, counties face unique challenges that demand innovative solutions. The EU is therefore working with the Government of Kenya to promote transparency and accountability in the management of county public finances. Sound economic and political governance will allow the residents of all counties to reap the benefits that devolution promises to bring to the people.

Sustainable Infrastructure

The EU together with its development partners, has committed to continue supporting Kenya in its infrastructure projects with a focus on energy, transport, water and sanitation and housing. This is in line with Vision 2030 (MTPII) and the government's Big Four agenda.

The EU is also supporting the country towards the modernisation its energy infrastructure with a special focus on development of renewable, affordable and reliable energy sources. This support is also targeting access to energy in rural areas in Kenya in order to increase the economic and social development of communities, households, and to spur the creation and growth of energy-based and reliant small enterprises.

Through this support and partnership, the Government of Kenya will be able to achieve its aspirations in poverty reduction and accelerated and inclusive economic growth through more sustainable and efficient energy and transport infrastructure.

Employment Creation

Employment creation, particularly among youth, is one of the top priorities of the Government of Kenya. In addition, Vision 2030 through the Third Medium Term Plan (MTP III), highlights the need for institutional and economic reforms to accelerate growth for job creation, notably in the informal sector. The government is committed to create more new jobs annually to address the pressing problem of youth unemployment.

It is in line with these efforts that the EU will seek to promote growth and employment through identification of opportunities in sectors with great employment potential, such as agriculture and agri-business; sustainable housing; sustainable infrastructure; and the manufacturing sector.

These sectors are the backbone of the government's Big Four agenda and contribute directly to the Vision 2030 goals of creating social-economic transformation, increasing job creation and improving quality of life for all Kenyans.

By aligning its support to these efforts, the EU's work within the counties is seeking to improve the social and economic opportunities for youth in all counties.

Resilience Building

Agriculture is the bedrock of Kenya's economy and contributes to a large percentage of Kenya's GDP. It is also the source of livelihood for a majority of Kenya's population.

The EU in partnership with the government of Kenya are working towards more climate-resilient agricultural production and enhanced adaptation to climate change while following a low-carbon development pathway in light of the fact that Kenya's agriculture is mostly rain-fed.

Specific EU investments will go towards improved food security at national and county level. This will be with the view to achieve sustainable drought management; increased food security and nutrition; livelihood diversification and value chains; and research and adoption of climate-smart agriculture.



Partnering with the EU

The EU provides funding for a broad range of projects and programmes covering areas such as: regional & urban development; employment & social inclusion; agriculture & rural development; maritime & fisheries policies; research & innovation; humanitarian aid.

Funding is managed according to strict rules to ensure there is tight control over how funds are used and that the money is spent in a transparent, accountable manner.

In Kenya over 80% of the EU budget is managed in partnership with national and regional authorities through a system of "joint management", largely through the European Development Fund implemented through the EU-GoK Country Strategy Paper.

Other funds are managed directly by the EU. These are provided in the form of:

- Grants for **specific projects in relation to EU policies**, usually following a public announcement known as a 'call for proposals'. Part of the funding comes from the EU, part from other sources.
- Contracts issued by EU institutions to **buy in services, goods or works** they need for their operations – like studies, training, conference organization, IT equipment. Contracts are awarded through calls for tender.

Young people may access two main types of funding:

- Education & training - study opportunities through Erasmus+, support for pupils nearing the end of secondary education, and vocational training in another country
- Youth – co-funding of projects which encourage civic involvement, volunteer work and a broader multicultural outlook.

EU Supported Projects in Nakuru County

Support to food security and Resilience

KENYA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (KRDP)- €84M

The general objective of the Kenya Rural Development Programme will be to contribute to improved food security in Kenya. The project purpose is to increase productivity and efficiency of food systems in Kenya.

Kenya cereal enhancement programme - KCEP €27.1M

Location: Kenya, maize production zones - Bungoma, Kakamega, Nakuru, Nandi and Trans Nzoia- Semi - arid - Embu, Kitui, Tharaka, Machakos, Makweni, Taita Taveta, Kilifi, Kwale

Implementing Partner: International Fund for Agricultural Development

Access to Justice

PROGRAMME FOR LEGAL EMPOWERMENT AND AID DELIVERY (PLEAD)- €34.15M

Promoting Access to Justice for Poor and Marginalized communities through Legal Aid and Assistance to Amkeni Wakenya fund contribution €8.75M

A contribution to the UNDP-led Amkeni Wakenya basket fund to provide legal aid in focal counties.

Counties: Wajir, Mandera, Lamu, Tana River, Garissa, Marsabit, Isiolo, Kisumu, Nairobi, Mombasa, Uasin Gishu, Nakuru

Implementing Partner: UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

Governance and Accountability

INCREASING WOMEN PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION IN 2017 ELECTIONS - €0.48M

Locations: Kisii County, Nakuru, Wajir, Turkana and Nairobi Counties

Implementing partner: OXFAM GB LBG



STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF STATE AND NON-STATE ACTORS FOR EFFECTIVE DEVOLVED GOVERNANCE - €0.5M

Counties: Kilifi, Mombasa, Tana River, Machakos, Makeni, Kitui, Nakuru, Baringo, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet

Implementing Partners: KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG EV

TOWARDS ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH KENYANS EMPOWERMENT IN PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVE REQUEST FOR TRANSPARENCY (TAKE PART) - €0.5M

Counties: Kajiado, Taita Taveta, Mombasa and Kilifi

Implementing Partner: COMITATO INTERNAZIONALE PER LO SVILUPPO DEI POPOLI ASSOCIAZIONE

Water and Sanitation

DEMONSTRATING AND UPSCALING AN INNOVATIVE SANITATION VALUE CHAIN FOR THE (PERI) URBAN LOW INCOME AREAS IN NAKURU COUNTY, KENYA

Implementing partner: VITENS EVIDES INTERNATIONAL BV

Clean Energy

THE IMPROVED COOK STOVES FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND INSTITUTIONS PROJECT

Location: Nakuru, Nyandarua, Laikipia, Nyeri, Murang'a

Implementing partner: STICHTING HIVOS (HUMANISTISCH INSTITUUT VOOR ONTWIKKELINGS SAMENWERKING)

Environment and Climate

SWITCH AFRICA GREEN PHASE 2: GREEN HORTICULTURE AT LAKE NAIVASHA (GOALAN) PROJECT - €1.2M

Implementing Partner: World Wide Fund for Nature Kenya (WWF-Kenya)

Trade and private sector development

EAC EU MARKUP (MARKET ACCESS UPGRADE) - €3.6M

The Programme aims to increase the value of both extra and intra-regional agricultural exports, with main focus on exports towards the European Union

Location: Taita Taveta, Transzoia, Nyandarua, Bungoma, Uasingishu, Transzoia, Nakuru, Muringa, Kajiado

Implementing partner: UNIDO



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