



Busia County



Busia County at a glance

It borders Lake Victoria to the South West, the Republic of Uganda to the West, North and North East, and the following Counties; Bungoma and Kakamega to the East, and Siaya to the South East and South.

Area: 1,134 km²

Population: 743,946
(Male - 48%, Female - 52%)



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 (MTP II) 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 Busia County

Road Transport

NORTHERN CORRIDOR REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PHASE III) - EU CONTRIBUTION IS €76 M (EQUIVALENT TO 70% OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT)

Rehabilitation of Eldoret-Turbo-Webuye Road (Uasin Gishu, Kakamega, Bungoma)

The Eldoret -Turbo - Webuye Road being part of the A104 road is an integral section of the Northern Corridor and as such functions as a major transit route for traffic to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Southern Sudan. The proposed works comprise the rehabilitation of the 60 km long section of the road between Eldoret and Webuye

Rehabilitation of Webuye - Malaba Road (A104) Bungoma Busia

The Webuye - Malaba section (61 Kms) of the Northern Corridor Route from Mombasa to Malaba is a single carriageway bitumen Road. The Road starts at Webuye Township and extends to the Kenya/Uganda border crossing at Malaba River. The total length of the road is 61km which was reconstructed in 1992.

Environment and Climate Change

Water Towers Programme: Watershed Protection and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Programme (WPCCMAP) - €31M

Locations: Bungoma, Busia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kakamega, Kisumu, Nandi, Siaya, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, Vihiga, West Pokot
Implementing Partner: Government of Kenya (Ministry of Environment)

Support to food security and Resilience





AGRIFI KENYA - SUPPORT TO PRODUCTIVE, ADAPTED AND MARKET INTEGRATED SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE IN KENYA - €50M

KILIMO – Value Chains: Kenyan Initiative for Long-term Integration of Market Operators in Value Chains- €31M

Location: Busia, Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay, Migori, Kitui, Kilifi County
Grant manager: GORTA



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