

# **West Pokot County**



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West Pokot County is located in the Rift Valley region. It borders Turkana County to the north, Baringo County to the east, Elgeyo Marakwet County and Trans Nzoia County to the south, and Uganda to the west

**Area:** 9,169 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 512,690 (Male 50%; Female 50%)











### Accountability and Governance multiplimate in the control of the c

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.

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Employment creation, particularly among youth, is one of the top priorities of the Government of Kenyan. 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 it 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.

- 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 West Pokot County

### **Road Transport**

"REGIONAL ROAD CORRIDOR "SOUTH SUDAN LINK": UPGRADING OF PART OF THE TANZANIA-KENYA-SOUTH SUDAN CORRIDOR (KITALE-MORPUS SECTION, 68KM)

Blending project with KfW. Infrastructure Trust Fund contribution €25M

Counties: Nandi, Trans Nzoia, West Pokot Implementing Partner: KfW

### **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, Vihiqa, West Pokot

Implementing Partner: Government of Kenya (Ministry of Environment)

### Support to food security and Resilience

## ENDING DROUGHT EMERGENCIES: SUPPORT TO DROUGHT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION - €30M

Grants to support Pillar 5 and 6 for Drought Risk Management, and Institutional Development and Knowledge Management

**Arid counties:** Baringo, Garissa, Isiolo, Mandera, Marsabit, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana and Wajir. Wajir

Semi-arid counties: Embu, Kilifi, Kwale, Laikipia, Lamu, Makueni, Meru, Narok, Nyeri, Taita Taveta, Tharaka Nithi, Kitui, Kajiado and West Pokot.

Implementing Partner: National Drought Management Authority (NDMA)

#### KENYA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME €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.

#### Programme estimate 4 – ASAL drought management €4.5M

ASAL Drought Management Arid counties: Baringo, Garissa, Isiolo, Mandera, Marsabit, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana and Wajir. Semi-arid counties: Embu, Kilifi, Kwale, Laikipia, Lamu, Makueni, Meru, Narok, Nyeri, Taita Taveta, Tharaka Nithi, Kitui, Kajiado and West Pokot.

Implementing Partner: National Drought Management Authority (NDMA)

### ASAL Drought Contingency Fund Project €10M

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## ENDING DROUGHT EMERGENCIES: SUPPORT TO RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS AND DROUGHT RISK MANAGEMENT (AAP 2017) - €37.5M

The overall objective is that communities in ASAL areas of Kenya are more resilient to drought and other effects of climate change, through improved food and nutrition security and sustained livelihoods contributing to enhanced peace and stability.

Component 1: West Pokot, Baringo, Isiolo and Tana River Implementing Partner: National Drought Management Authority (tbc)

Component 2: 23 ASAL Counties (Baringo, Embu, Garissa, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Kwale, Laikipia, Lamu, Makueni, Mandera, Marsabit, Meru, Narok, Nyeri, Samburu, Taita Taveta, Tana River, Tharaka Nithi, Turkana, Wajir, West Pokot

Implementing Partners: Call for proposals

#### Nutrition

#### SHARE KENYA - €40M

## Contributing towards the nutritional wellbeing of deprived children & women in Kenya €19M

**Location**: Mandera, Wajir, Turkana, Tana River, West Pokot, Kitui, Kwale, Samburu and Kilifi Counties in Kenya

Implementing Partner: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

## ASCENT: ADVOCACY, SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR NUTRITION TRANSFORMATION IN WEST POKOT COUNTY - €0.8M

County: West Pokot

Implementing partner: FUNDACION ACCION CONTRA EL HAMBRE

### Water and Sanitation

# ENDING DROUGHT EMERGENCIES: CLIMATE PROOFED INFRASTRUCTURES FOR IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION IN ASAL - €20M

Location: Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Mandera, Samburu, Taita-Taveta, and West Pokot Counties

Implementing Partner: Water Sector Trust Fund Registered Trustees

### Support to Devolution

## INSTRUMENTS FOR DEVOLUTION ADVICE AND SUPPORT (IDEAS) - €20M

IDEAS - Capacity building

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Devolution and Planning (MoDP)

Grant to each County: €1M

Recipient Counties: Baringo, Kisii, Kisumu, Kwale, Laikipia, Makueni, Marsabit, Migori, Nyandarua, Samburu, Taita Taveta, Tana River, Uasin Gishu, Waiir, West Pokot

Implementing Partners: Counties

### Governance and Accountability

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

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

Implementing Partners: KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG EV

## SPOTLIGHTS ON WOMEN ASPIRANT LEADERS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL - €0.43M

Counties: West Pokot, Mombasa, Trans Nzoia, Nyandarua, Kajiado, Kisumu, Narok and Nandi

Implementing partner: Media Focus on Africa Foundation Limited

## SUPPORT TO THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR TRANSFORMATION PROCESS AND TO DECENTRALISED LAND GOVERNANCE - €16M

Support to the attainment of Vision 2030 through devolved land reforms in community lands of Kenya €10M

Counties: Tana River, West Pokot, Turkana, Baringo, Marsabit, Samburu, Nandi and Laikipia

Implementing Partner: THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)



Website: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/kenya