



REPUBLIC OF KENYA COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF WEST POKOT

COUNTY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AWARD 2024

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Criteria of Awards

The awards will target County Governments which demonstrate clear evidence of the following:

i. Strong policies, budgets and programmes that accelerate SDGs implementation;

Strong policies that support implementation of SDGs

West Pokot County have developed and operationalized several policies that strengthened implementation of sustainable development goals (SDGs) in the county this includes; West Pokot County Monitoring and evaluation policy 2024 that provide guideline for tracking and reporting of SDG at county level, West Pokot County statistical policy 2024 that provide data collections and disseminations process, West Pokot Climate change policy 2023 to streamline and address Climate change issues, West Pokot Gender Policy, 2024 that ensure SDG 5 on Gender equality are streamlined to county plans and programmes, West Pokot Youth Policy 2024 to strengthen SDG 10 equality and Disaster Risk management Policy and Act 2023 and Peace Building and Conflict Management Policy and Act 2023 to address SDG 16, County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027 that aligned all SDG Goals to county priority areas, Approved Programme-Based Budget per financial year with clear thematic areas for implementation of SDG goals and Monitoring and Evaluation framework with clear reporting mechanism. County Annual Budget Implementation Progress Report i.e APR 2023/2024,

Programmes implemented

a) Masol Integrated projects

In the financial year 2015, West Pokot County conducted assessment and identified Masol ward among the 20 wards in the county to be the most marginalized ward; no secondary school, only two dispensaries and less than ten EDCE centre and all were under a tree without school feeding programme, Illiteracy level was above 80 percent, poverty level was above 85 percent.

Summary statistics of Masol ward 2016 to date

Table 1: Comparison of data 2016 to 2024

Items	2016	2023/2024
Illiteracy level	85%	73%
Number of secondary schools	0	3
Secondary Enrolment rate	0	714
Level of school feeding programme	Below 20%	40%
Number of ECDE centres	10	35

Permanent ECDE Classrooms	5	29
ECDE Enrolment rate	534	2435 (Boys1342 Girls 1097)

West Pokot County initiated an integrated project



Figure 1: Health Centre for Masol Integrated officially opened and operational



Figure 2: Masol primary school under integrated project (SRUMBEN PRIMARY)

b) Bursary allocation to address illiteracy

County literacy level was very low during establishment of County Government, SDG goal 4 was among the priority to be addressed at the county, this led to establishment of County Bursary fund to boost students from vulnerable families. This increased school enrollment from 15,550 Students to over 50,000 students.

Table 2: Analysis of Bursary allocation

Item	2016	2023
Bursary allocation	142,500,000	600,000,000
Number of beneficiaries	10,550	45,200
County literacy level	40	60

c) Establishment of peace boarder schools

The county strengthened cross boarder collaboration through construction of peace boarder schools; Akulo in Masol ward bordering Turkana, Katikomor boarding Tranzoia County, Kanyerus boarding Uganda and Kamelei Boarding Elgeiyo Marakwet. These peace boarder schools have implemented SDG 4 on increasing literacy, SDG 16 to increase Peace and Unity among the neighboring communities and SDG 17 through strengthened partnership and collaborations with implementing Agencies and partners. The boarder has restored peace, i.e Kamelei Peace Boarder School situated in West Pokot have 70 percent of students from El-geiyo Marakwet.

d) Establishment and operationalize ECDE centres

West Pokot County in addressing SDG 4 on education, increased establishment of EDCE centres from 479 centres to 1,185 ECDE centres this increased ECDE enrolment from 33,398 in 2016 to 76,275 ECDE learners in 2024 which represent 128.38 percent increase.



Figure 3: construction of ECDE Classroom from under a tree

ii. **Capacity and knowledge-building and training of civil servants and communities that promotes collaboration and co-creation for accelerated SDGs implementation;**

- **SDGs Kenya Forum & Centre For Multi-Party Democracy (CMD)**

The SDGs Kenya Forum together Centre for Multi-Party Democracy organized and conducted workshop trainings and meeting from **October 28-30, 2024, in West Pokot**. These series of impactful workshops and meeting were conducted at Kayla Hotel in Kapenguria, West Pokot, aimed at enhancing local governance and community engagement in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The workshop focused on training branch representatives to facilitate organized meetings that address the local community's needs and priorities This session had a total of forty-eight (48) participants, including local political branch representatives, community leaders, civil society organizations (CSOs), grassroots organizations and key stakeholders in governance and development.

A multistakeholder dialogue convened by fifty-seven (57) participants, including representatives from political parties, CSOs, the private sector, academia, media, of which twenty county government, seven executives which established **Local Steering Group** to strengthen SDG implementations and dialogues at devolved levels. champion was the Co-Chair of the committee.



Figure 3: Facilitator and Executive Director CMD taking participants through SDG priorities/

- **County Budget and Economic Forum Team (CBEF)**

County government have strong CBEF committee member who fully ensure budget process is inclusive with the aim of leaving no one behind. They ensure SDG 10 on equality is mainstreamed and allocated budget to all including disadvantaged in community, vulnerable through provision of certified maize seeds and fruits seedlings. Increased access to health services and access to clean and safe drinking water among others. This brings together CSOs, the private sector, academia, media and community leaders.

- **Budget Public Participations Forums**

West Pokot the budget department conduct public participation in every ward to ensure no one is left behind, SDG goal 5 on Gender Equality is strengthened, Youth, Elderly and people with disability actively are involved to ensure all citizen priorities are aligned to budget allocations. The community are also sensitized on how to set priorities on their areas of needs. Local radios play a critical role ensuring citizens understand budget process in local language.

- **Uploading SDG reports in County website**

West Pokot is among the Counties who have ensured SDG portal is in the website for public review and sharing of SDG implementations. This has promoted accountability and transparency on areas of SDG interventions with the county and also allow the community to have their feedback to key areas of improvements for SDGs.

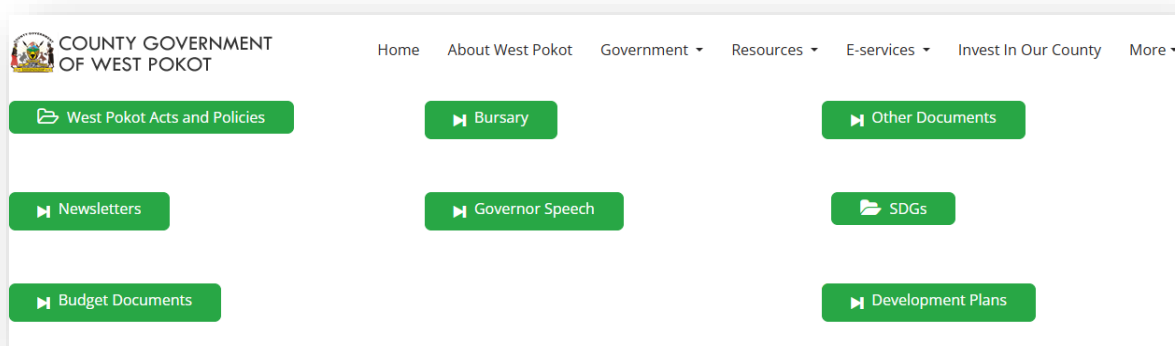
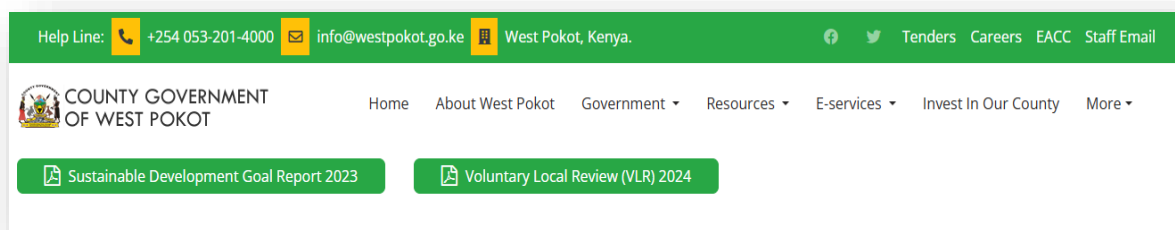


Figure 4 SDG portal in County Website



iii. Partnerships with Civil society organizations, private sector, citizens and other stakeholders in SDGs implementation

- **Establishment of Sebit Cement Factory in 2023**

West Pokot County has promoted partnership collaboration with private sectors. Cement factory has been established in West Pokot that employed over 4000 direct employees and over 10,000 indirect employees. This has also boosted economy of the areas by increasing per capita income of the locals addressing SDG goal 1, SDG goal 2, SDG goal 9 and SDG goal 11.

- **County stakeholders Forum to Review implementation of SDGs at the County level**

All county stakeholders meet quarterly to Review SDG implementations, identify gaps of interventions and make an inclusive recommendation for further considerations. It's Organized by

NDMA county Directorate of Resource Mobilizations which actively involve Civil society organizations, private sector and other stakeholders in SDGs implementation. It's strengthened by the County Steering Committee Chaired by H.E the Governor and Co-Chaired by County Commissioner.

- **Established County Partnership and Resource Mobilization Directorates**

County institutionalized a directorate to strengthen structures for partnerships lead by the Deputy Governor of West Pokot.

- **Operationalization of Emergency Operation Centre (EOC)**

This brought together all partners on the mission to response on emergencies issues in the County. The project was constructed County Government and equipped by the Kenya Red Cross.

iv. SDGs mainstreamed in the County planning frameworks through review of the County Spatial Plans, Sectoral Plans, CIDPs, Annual Development Plans, City and Municipal Strategic Plans, performance contracting and other attendant planning documents.

Review of CIDPs at the mid of the interventions using CIDP Mid-Term Review Report for improvements of the interventions with weakness and strengthened areas of good performance. **(West Pokot Mid-Term Review Report 2019)**

County prepared CIDP End-Term Review 2016-2022 to provide information for future planning

SDG Goals aligned in CIDP

Sub Programme	Key Output	Key Performance Indicators	Linkages to SDG Targets	Planned Targets and Indicative Budget (KSh.M)										Total Budget (KSh. M)
				Year1		Year2		Year3		Year4		Year5		
				Target	Cost	Target	Cost	Target	Cost	Target	Cost	Target	Cost	
Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) Services	Reduction of maternal, perinatal and neonatal morbidity and mortality	% of Maternal deaths Audited	SDG 3.1	100	110	100	115	100	119	100	126	100	132	602
		Number of maternal deaths reported in KHIS2	SDG 3.1	7	12	6	17	5	24	4	29	3	36	118
		Number of community volunteers on MPDSR and formation of committee trained	SDG 3.1	200	20	300	25	500	30	600	35	800	40	150
	Skilled deliveries promoted	% of deliveries conducted by skilled Birth attendants in health facilities	SDG 3.1	70	168.6	72	175.2	75	179.3	77	184.6	80	190.0	897.70
	Improved quality of care for mothers and babies	No of special delivery beds and specialized	SDG 3.1	20	180	25	185	30	190	35	195	40	200	950

Figure 5: Aligned SDG to CIDP

v. County institutional framework for coordination of the SDGs implementation

● County SDGs Unit

The department Finance and Economic Planning is responsible for the overall management and coordination of the implementation, monitoring and reporting of SDGs process in West Pokot County Government. However, the day-to-day management and operations of the implementation process is delegated to the SDGs Unit which is responsible for planning and overall management of the process; reporting and accounting, monitoring and evaluation of all the SDGs activities. This arrangement was strengthened under Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Reporting unit where the SDG Champion is the Director of the Unit.

● Departmental SDGs focal persons

During devolution, West Pokot County set their institutional structures in place. Ten departments County departments we established. The County SDG Unit nominated 12 Departmental focal persons who coordinates SDGs at the department levels through strengthening implementation reporting.

The Inter-Agency Technical Working Group that consists of officers from the key MDGs implementing Ministries is one of the partnerships arrangements that has been retained and strengthened. The WG provides strategic oversight on SDGs programme design and implementation as well as making decisions on strategic programme choices at the national level. The group is responsible for delivering specific goals and targets and is mandated to meet and agree on a coordinated delivery schedule of programmes and ensure effective implementation and reporting. It is also charged with the responsibility of ensuring that various

MDAs implement the SDGs and report on the implementation progress in a timely manner. It also acts as a forum to share information where necessary

The private sector has played a key role in the implementation of the SDGs as highlighted in the report. The private sector SDGs Forum is being planned to bring together key stakeholders such as

A youth caucus is at its early stages of formation and is drawing membership from the National Youth Council while a Parliamentary SDGs Caucus will also be formed after the formation of the new government. Other institutions will be set up on a need basis.

● **County Inter-Agency Committee on SDGs**

West Pokot County have Inter-Agency Committee known as Technical Working Group (TWG) which is coordinated by and County Inter- Governmental Forum Chaired by H.E the Governor.



Figure 6: Development partners engagement forum with County Government of west Pokot, where 65 key partners participated



Figure 7: H.E. The Governor, West Pokot County, Simon Kachapin Addressing development partners at Governors Residence

● **West Pokot County SDGs Steering Committee**

The County constituted County SDG Steering Committee which comprises of eleven (11) members to ensure all the SDG goals are streamlined and aligned with County Developments and Strategic Plans and make decisions on key implementations of SDG Goals. The following are the composition of the committee; H.E the Governor who is the Chairperson, County Commissioner, The Speaker County Assembly, Chairperson County Public Service Board, 6 CECs Responsible for achieving SDG goals, County Secretary and SDG Champion who provide secretariat.



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Date 27th January 2024

MR. JOSHUA LORIONG'ONG'AR RUTTO
CECM FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

Dear Sir,

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY SDG STEERING COMMITTEE

I'm pleased to inform you of your appointment as a member of the County Steering Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This committee plays a vital role in steering, coordinating, and overseeing the county's efforts toward achieving the SDGs.

The committee functions are as follows;

- i. Provide overall policy guidance, oversight, and strategic direction including Inter-Agency Coordination on SDGs implementations.
- ii. Ensure that SDGs Goals are incorporated in the county planning framework including County Integrated Development Plans (CIDP) and County Annual Development Plans (CADP).
- iii. Review the progress of the SDGs implementation at the County
- iv. Monitor the implementation of the recommendation on County Voluntary Local Review feedback report.
- v. Review the status of SDG capacity building programs in the county.
- vi. Provide guidance on any other matter related to the SDG Goals that may be brought to the Committee by the SDGs Sub-Committees.

I congratulate you on this appointment and wish you well on your duties and responsibilities. Please signify your acceptance of this appointment by signing on the space provided.

Yours Sincerely,

HE. HON. SIMON KITALEI KACHAPIN CBS, EGH
GOVERNOR, WEST POKOT COUNTY
Acceptance

NAME: *Joshua Loriong'ong'ar Rutto* SIGN

DATE: 29/01/2024

● **County CEC Sub-Committee on SDGs**

West Pokot County have Sub-Committee which streamline the SDG implementation at various departments. The following are the composition; CEC in charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources, CEC Education and Technical Training, CEC Health and Sanitation, CECM in charge of partnership coordination and Peace programmes, CECM Tourism, Youth, Gender and Social Services, CECM Land, Urban Areas and Housing and CECM Finance and Economic Planning who is the Chairperson.

vi. Framework for tracking and reporting on the progress of SDGs implementation

The County have a framework for SDGs tracking and reporting, this is well aligned in Monitoring and Evaluation Implementation framework 2024. The framework has provided the guideline on key areas of sustainable development goals and how and when should they be tracked.

CIDP Indicator Hand Book

M&E POLICY IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

West Pokot M&E Policy Implementation Framework/Plan/Matrix						
	Time frame	Esti mat ed Budget	Funding Sources	Expected Output/Re sults	Indicators & means of verification	Responsibility/I ntervention level
Objective 1: To form and implement County Monitoring and Evaluation Committees						
Formation and training of County M&E and SDG Committees of all levels	2024-2025		County-M&E directorate and development partners	County M&E Committees formed	Number of M&E committees formed and operationalized	County M&E Directorates and SDG Champion
Conduct trainings and capacity building of M&E and SDG Committees formed	Continuously	6 M	M&E Directorate and development partners	Trained and skilled county M&E team, Community and stakeholders	Number of trainings conducted	County M&E Directorate and SDG Champion
Conduct M&E and SDG Committee Meetings	Quarterly	3M	M&E Directorate	Improved decision and feedback on M&E activities	Number of M&E committee meetings held	County M&E Directorate and SDG Champion
Objective 2: To strengthen M&E reporting, feedback and learning						
Prepare County progress Reports on CIDP and SDG implementation	Quarterly	4M	M&E and SDG Directorate	Improved decision and feedback on M&E reports	Number of M&E and VLR Reports prepared	County M&E Directorate County SDG Champion

Figure 8: County M&E implementation framework aligned with SDGs

SDGs Reporting

West Pokot County has been preparing SDG goals report annually using the approach of Voluntary Local Review and Sub-National Local Review.

SDGs Indicator Framework for the County

County have developed CIDP Indicator handbook to track implementation.

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vi. **Frameworks for with communities Engagement on SDGs implementation (e.g. Community dialogues), cascading of SDGs mainstreaming to sub-county, wards and villages**

- **Public Budget Participations Forum.** County have been organizing forums for community engagement per ward, all members of the community especially opinion leaders are allowed to participate and give their priorities per sub-Location ranking them from the most priority.
- **Community Dialogue** through local radios (Kalya, Kokwo and North Rift Radios) and workshops.



Figure 9 Community dialogue and Kalya Hotel and Lomut ward

- Localizing SDG to lower levels of devolved Units. showcasing innovative community-led projects to ward and villages. To strengthen community ownership

i. Frameworks for engagement with National government entities in the County

The county has been conducting County Inter- Governmental Forum Chaired by the Governor done annually, guided by M&E Policy to share view pertaining implementation of SDGs at lower level of devolution. Key stakeholders such as CSOs, Private sectors, Media, Academia, development partners and other stakeholders are actively engaged in SDGs implementations process. During the planning stage, setting of priorities, allocation of funds, tracking implementations and reporting stakeholders are involved at various levels.

Strengthened Community SDGs dialogue model that promotes local citizen partnerships with local vernacular media stations to foster social accountability for marginalized groups.

ii. Mechanisms for Accelerated Implementation of SDGs

- **Increasing funds.** The county in ensuring strong SDG implementation have increased budget allocation to priority areas of interventions. The pressing issues in the community have been given fast priority to be addressed.
- The 2030 Agenda in bringing the principle to leave no one behind to be implemented under social protection framework. The CIDP 2023-2027 has clearly highlight the role of data in implementing the principle to leave no one behind, by disaggregating indicators and incorporating the principle into localized indicators. In terms of groups at risks of being left behind, women, children and youth, disabled and the elderly find most attention in the VLR reports. County identified four wards to be marginalized wards; Masol, Kiwawa, Endugh and Kasei wards.
- Budget process is conducted in an inclusive manner where community are given chance to give their priority projects/programmes for implementations yearly. H.E Governor gives his annually report on the implementation progress as sign of feedback to community. Sensitizations of stakeholders and the community is done through meetings, local radio of Kalya, Kokwo and North Rift radios.
- VLR Reporting at quarterly basis and sub-national local review
- Trained SDG Champion and departmental focal persons
- Development of policies to guide the process to implementing SDG goals
- Community model approach on improved Jikos to combat Climate change
- Close tracking, reporting and dissemination of SDG implementations