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As part of the United Nations response to the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic in Kenya, an agreement has been reached with partners on the UNDP-led [Consolidating Gains and Deepening Devolution in Kenya project](#) to repurpose \$3.1m of funds towards rapid measures to mitigate the impact and spread of the virus, which have been formulated in line with the COVID-19 Contingency Plan developed by the Government of Kenya.

The project, which is jointly implemented by UNICEF and UN Women in close collaboration

with the Ministry of Devolution and ASALs and [supported by the governments of Finland, Italy and Sweden](#), was due to begin implementation when COVID-19 emerged as an urgent threat to the national health as well as socioeconomic development.

Taking into account the fast-moving nature of the crisis, the Government of Kenya, UN and development partners engaged in the project have agreed an initial six-month workplan to bolster Kenya's response to COVID-19 at both national- and county-levels. [Read More >>](#)

## Kenya commences drafting of Voluntary National Review, with support from UNDP

UNDP is supporting the Government of Kenya in convening stakeholders to draft the country's Voluntary National Review (VNR). The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as part of its follow-up and review mechanism, encourages member states to conduct country-led and country-driven regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels.

UNDP provided financial and technical support towards consultative meetings to begin this process earlier in the year. The

VNR will be presented at the [2020 High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#).

Regular preparation of VNRs facilitates sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The VNRs also seek to strengthen policies and institutions of governments and to mobilize multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. [Read more >>](#)



# UNDP hands over Medical Waste Management equipment to Nakuru County



Building on going support aimed at strengthening county-level capacity to efficiently and sustainably manage medical waste as part of the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNDP joined partners from the Government of Kenya and County Government of Nakuru at Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital, Nakuru County, to handover Medical Waste Management equipment procured by UNDP.

The specialist equipment, handed over on 21 May 2020, is to be deployed in Nakuru County at the Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital, Naivasha Sub-County Hospital, and Molo Sub-County Hospital. Intended

to bolster the Medical Waste Management response from initial triage to final disposal, the equipment is designed to reduce volume of waste disposed through the non-burn technology process and has been procured in line with WHO Blue Book guidance on Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practice (BEP).

The handover in Nakuru County marks full operationalization of this initiative nationally, and follows the first handover of similar equipment by UNDP which took place on 23 April 2020 at Mbagathi Hospital, Nairobi County. In total, over USD \$100,000 worth of specialist equipment has been procured ... [Read more >>](#)

## UNDP's REDD+ supports counties in forest conservation and management in Kenya

Forest degradation and deforestation has contributed up to 30 percent of climate calamities such as landslides, mudslides and floods in Kenya.

These calamities are mainly attributed to soil erosion which is caused the cutting of trees and forests due to an increasing human population pressure on the resource base and overreliance on forest land for agricultural production. Forests and trees play a major role in holding soils, storing water from water catchment and controlling its flow downstream. Sadly, massive deforestation of forests in West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet has largely contributed to the landslides, mudslides and floods currently being experienced.

In November and December 2019, less than a year ago, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet and surrounding areas were affected with floods and mudslides due to heavy rains. Lives were lost, property destroyed, and an estimate of over 100 families ... [Read more >>](#)

## COVID-19| UNDP deploys volunteers to county health centres to support with response

UNDP in Kenya has continued scaling up its support to the national COVID-19 response efforts - On June 29th, the Resident Representative of UNDP in Kenya, Walid Badawi, was in Kajiado County to flag off the deployment of 50 health personnel to complement staff in health centres in Kajiado as well as in Kakamega, Busia, Garissa, Machakos, Kilifi, Kiambu, Taita Taveta, Wajir, Kisumu, Migori, Mander, Uasin Gishu and Nairobi health centres.

The personnel, recruited by UNDP as United Nations Volunteers (UNVs) will join other community volunteers who have been mobilized by the Ministry of Health to beef up capacity in health centres as the country responds to the COVID-19 global pandemic. "Your mission is special" stated the Head of UNDP in his statement before the deployment. [Read more >>](#)





## Kenya launches second National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security



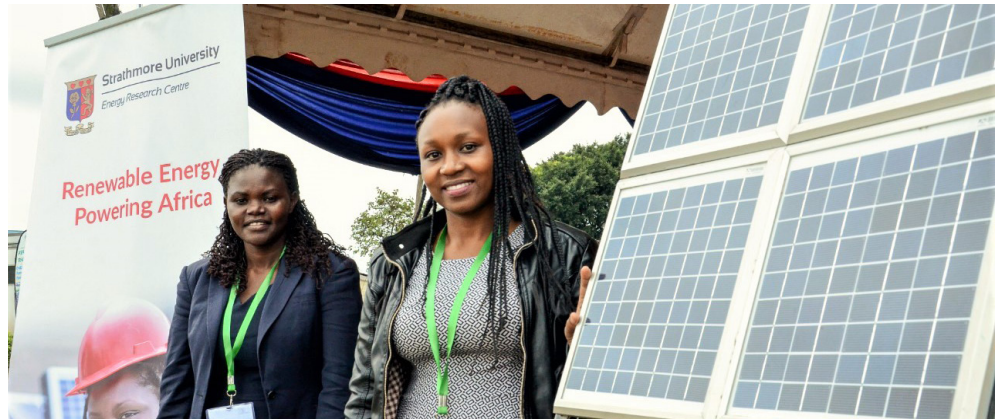
Twenty years after the United Nations (UN) Security Council passed Resolution 1325, Kenya has continued to demonstrate its commitment to its domestication and full implementation. The Resolution on Women, Peace and Security that unanimously adopted by member states on 31st October 2000.

The resolution reaffirms the critical role women play in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, in undertaking peace negotiations, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction. It also stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security.

The adoption of this Resolution was significant as it not only recognized the undervalued and under-utilized contribution women make to conflict prevention, peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and peace-building but also marked the beginning of country level initiatives that put the role of women into sharp focus as an important constituency in responding to a peace, conflict and security related issues at national and sub-national levels.

In Kenya, the Government has taken the lead in ensuring that this Resolution is implemented – this has been achieved through regular development of Action Plans which inform priority areas and initiatives for full participation and recognition of the role women continue to play in peacebuilding, humanitarian response and peacekeeping efforts. [Read more >>](#)

## UNDP and KEREA organise inaugural Renewable Energy Day in Kenya



On 28 January 2020, the Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) hosted the inaugural Renewable Energy Day event, a celebration of all things green-energy which featured an exhibition of home-grown renewable energy innovations, speeches from key players in the renewables space, and panel discussions bringing together players from the Government of Kenya, UN, civil society, academia and the private sector.

The event – the theme of which was ‘Powering the Future’ – was organized by the Kenya Renewable Energy Association (KEREA) with

support from UNDP through the Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development (LECRD) project.

Over 300 participants engaged in the discussions and exhibitions, which included: clean-cooking solutions; solar-powered water heaters, bikes, lights and televisions; biogas tanks; and domestic wind power solutions.

Kenya is leading the East African region in the deployment of renewable energy technologies in power generation: according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics ... [Read more >>](#)

## UNDP participates in EU-UNDP strategic dialogue, highlights progress in strengthening democratic governance in Kenya



UNDP joined the rest of the United Nations (UN) family in Kenya at the European Union (EU)/UN retreat and strategic dialogue that was organised as part of ongoing efforts to reinforce collectiveness in the delivery of support to the Government and people of Kenya as an important element for accelerated attainment of Kenya's long-term development aspirations.

The retreat was also used as a platform creating a common understanding about current and

future UN and EU development cooperation strategies and priorities and identifying areas of interest for partnership between the UN, EU and EU Member States.

UNDP used the opportunity to highlight progress made under the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) first Strategic Result Area which focuses on support to the government's efforts towards strengthening democratic governance in the country. UNDP is the lead agency under this result area. /END

## Opinion | **COVID-19 Pandemic: a war Kenya must win together with other battles - Walid Badawi**



The new coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 pandemic, has caused widespread global disruption to human activities, unlike outbreaks experienced in recent history.

The World Economic Forum estimates that trip cancellations on international flights have so far cost the global aviation industry close to \$900 billion. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) estimates that almost 25 million jobs could be lost globally as a result of this crisis.

We are now living in a time where disruption to lifestyles, regardless of social status, is the new normal. Governments are now desperately pleading with citizens to stay home while restrictions on travel have forced holidaymakers to put their plans on hold – the list is endless.

During his national address on 6 April, President Uhuru Kenyatta reminded us that “we are at war”, a war that “must be won” – we have already seen that winning this war will require all of us to make sacrifices.

While the Government of Kenya has set an example in the region in implementing robust “pharmaceutical” and “non-pharmaceutical” interventions, local civil society organisations as well as citizens are doing their part in helping contain the spread of the virus. Local manufacturers have also reorganized themselves to support national response efforts. But how will this war be won in totality?

This month, UNDP, UNICEF and UN Women agreed with our funding partners (Sweden, Finland and Italy) and the Government of Kenya to ... [Read more](#)

## Taking strides in democratic governance: UNDP and civil society convene to plan for the future

From 2-6 March 2020 in Nakuru County, UNDP convened an Annual Review meeting of 40 civil society organizations (CSOs) to discuss future plans for community-led development, whilst taking stock of notable strides made towards improving the environment for CSOs in Kenya during the past year.

UNDP partners with these CSOs through the Amkeni Wakenya project, a grant facility intended to support democratic governance in Kenya and which is currently engaged in the promotion of access to justice and human rights.

Through the Amkeni project, which is supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the European Union through the PLEAD partnership, UNDP is working closely with CSOs to build capacity in areas of technical need as well as working at a policy-level with institutions such as the National Legal Aid Service and the Council for Legal Education to improve the environment in which CSOs work.

This Annual Review meeting follows the recent launch of the ... [Read more >>](#)







## UNDP joins Government of Kenya, UN and Foreign Missions in visiting Frontier Counties of Kenya

The United Nations in Kenya supported a joint visit to the Frontier Counties of Kenya. The objective of this mission was to allow delegates from the Government of Kenya, United Nations, and development partners to identify opportunities and innovation beyond what any individual stakeholder can accomplish, assess Public- Private Partnerships at county level, and ultimately promote socio-economic transformation in historically marginalised counties.

The mission was conducted as part on ongoing efforts by the Ministry of Devolution, Arid and Semi Arid Lands ( ASALs) and the UN system to build on the existing United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2018-2022 which responds to the clarion call by the United Nations Secretary General, Mr Antonio Guterres of "leaving no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first".

The thematic focus of the mission is on access to water. Specifically, to facilitate both high-level dialogues and visits to

development initiatives related to water which have the potential to advance the Kenyan development agenda, the Big 4 and enabling environment, with the County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) as its context and the realization of Vision 2030 and the Third Medium Term Plan (MTP III) and 2010 Constitution asserting Kenya towards Shared Prosperity.

Analysis shows that a deficit of water impacts negatively on pastoralism and agriculture. Combined with the egregious effects of climate change, scarcity of water is one of the root causes of conflict and a driver of extreme poverty, leading over into degraded health, livelihoods, opening to other negative trends, radicalization, criminality; and forced migration. Water is also one of the most important inputs for industries and economic development: it can have positive impact, unlocking risk capital in SMEs if it is available, or a negative impact if it is scarce.

The development initiatives... [Read more >>](#)

## UNDP participates in first roundtable meeting on "Cities leading in leveraging the Fourth Industrial Revolution"

UNDP Accelerator Lab in Kenya represented UNDP in the first roundtable meeting on 'Cities leveraging the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) to accelerate the achievement of SDGs' in Nairobi.

The meeting, a first in a series of thought leadership and design workshops to catalyse

co-creation of actions in support of the New Urban Agenda for Nairobi City County in Kenya and the City of Los Angeles in the USA provided an opportunity for the Accelerator in UNDP Kenya to share its priorities in tackling some of Kenya's complex development challenges.

The Accelerator Lab, launched last year, is currently focusing on identifying, promoting and supporting ideas that seek to address youth unemployment in the country.

The Accelerator Lab noted the need to unpack 4IR within the context of the future ... [Read more >>](#)

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