

**REPORT ON THE INTER-COUNTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR WOMEN,
YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY FROM THE COUNTIES OF
NANDI, KIRINYAGA, BOMET AND KITUI HELD FROM 26TH TO 29TH
NOVEMBER 2019 IN WOTE, MAKUENI COUNTY.**



The Council of governors has been implementing the FORD Foundation Project titled 'Strengthening the capacity of women- and youth-led counties for improved public participation in budgeting process and oversight of public resources in Kenya', aimed at facilitating effective coordination and ensure the select counties; Bomet, Kitui, Kirinyaga and Nandi, implement policies and laws that guarantee inclusion and meaningful participation of women, youth and PWDs in in budgeting processes to ensure public resource work for public good.

In view of this, the program selected 25 trainees from each of the above four counties and took them through training sessions as per the below work plan.

Ref No	Activities	Key outputs	Key Performance Indicators	Means of Verification
1	Developing guideline for gender and youth mainstreaming in budgeting processes.	Increased ability of youth, women and people with disability (PWD) to interrogate existing county plans and programmes.	Increased ability of youth, women and people with disability (PWD) to interrogate existing county plans and programmes	Guidelines for gender and youth mainstreaming in budgeting processes developed.
2.	Conducted training for 25 county officials on existing legal and policy framework for inclusion of women and young people, prudent public resource use and responsive service delivery	Increased awareness amongst the county officials on the available policy and legal frameworks that support their participation in county development process to enhance service delivery	Conduct 3 days training per county for 25 county officials	Workshop report List of participants Contracts for Facilitators
3.	Trained 25 youth, women and people with disability (PWD) in budget formulation.	Enhanced capacity and participation of youth, women and people with disability (PWD) in budget formulation.	Conduct 3 day training for 25 participants	Workshop report List of participants Contracts for Facilitators
4.	Trained 25 young men and women in fiscal management and in Gender and Youth Responsive budgeting	Enhanced capacity amongst the youth and women on fiscal management and in Gender and	Conduct 3 day training for 25 participants	Workshop report List of participants Contracts for Facilitators

		Youth responsive budgeting		
5.	Trained 25 women and youth on how to track resource utilization.	Enhanced awareness amongst the youth, women and PWDs on the 30% rule on access to procurement opportunities.	Conduct 2 days training for 25 participants.	Workshop Report. List of participants Contracts for facilitators.
6.	Conducted training for youth and women on advocacy	Enhanced capacity of youth, women and people with disability (PWD) in advocacy for inclusion and fiscal accountability.	Conduct 3 days training for 25 participants	Workshop Report List of participants Contracts for facilitators.
7.	Conducted periodic assessments on the level of resource allocation to women and youth.	Enhanced understanding of the level and impact of allocation of locally generated resources for women and youth economic empowerment.	Assessments on extent of resource allocation to women and youth in the county	Reports of the forums List of participants
9.	Supported inter-county exchange program for women and youth	Women, Youth and PWDs develop awareness and adoption of alternative, multi-faceted approaches to learning.	3 days Inter county exchange forums for 25 participants	Reports List of participants.

THE INTER-COUNTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

As per the above schedule, one of the requirements was to conduct an inter-county exchange program.

This was successfully implemented between the 26th and 29th November 2019 and Makueni County was the selected county for the Exchange program. Three of the four counties were able to send a delegation to Wote, Makueni County for the exchange program. These were; Nandi, Kitui and Kirinyaga. The delegations comprised of;

- The program county coordinators
- The trainees and their team leaders
- County officials

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Day 1: Tuesday 26th November 2019

- Arrival at Wote, Makueni County by all the three counties.
- Checking in: all the counties were able to find accommodation for the three days of the program

Day 2: Wednesday 27th November 2019

- 1. Courtesy call to the Governor's office, Makueni County**



In attendance:

- *The Deputy Governor*
- *Council of Governors officials*
- *County coordinators and team leaders from Nandi, Bomet and Kitui*

The teams were officially welcomed to Makueni County by the deputy Governor, Her Excellency Adelina Mwau

2. Joint consultative meeting at Makueni ATC Kwa Kathoka.

In Attendance:

- *The Deputy Governor, Makueni County*
- *The Makueni County C.E.Cs*
- *Officials from The Council of Governors*
- *Chief Officers from Makueni and the visiting counties*
- *Directors from Makueni County and the visiting counties*
- *County Officials from Makueni and the Visiting Counties*
- *The trainees from the three counties*

3. The Program:

- a) Introduction and welcoming remarks by the COG
- b) Introduction and welcoming Speech by the Deputy Governor Her Excellency Adelina Mwau

Makueni County Presentations:

- Makueni County Public participation Framework
- Makueni County Budget Building Process
- Makueni Youth Empowerment Initiatives
- Makueni Women Empowerment Initiatives
- PWD Empowerment Initiatives

Nandi County Presentations:

- Nandi County data and call centre – 1548 toll free and how it has enhanced open governance, public participation and citizen engagement.
- The various youth empowerment initiatives in Bodaboda operators sacco, welding machines, agribusiness and sporting activities

Kirinyaga County Presentations:

- The Kirinyaga Persons living with Disability Directorate and how it functions
- The Disability mainstreaming Policy
- The promotion of all-inclusive and equal society

Kitui County Presentations:

- The Kitui County Gender policy
- Gender mainstreaming
- The Kitui County Women Empowerment Bill
- The Kitui County Textile (KICOTEX). Its success as a complete value chain.

Day 3: Thursday, 28th November 2019

Field visits to Makueni County Projects

1. Visit to Makueni Mother and Child Hospital by all the visiting counties
2. Visit to Youth Empowerment initiative- Kasiyani Bodaboda Sacco by Nandi and Kitui Counties
3. Visit to Youth empowerment project – A model farm run by youth graduates from Makueni County by Nandi and Kitui Counties

4. Visit to Women Empowerment Project- Sisal Value Addition Plant by women from Kirinyaga and Kitui counties.

Day: Friday, 29th November 2019

Closing and departure of the three visiting counties

- Breakfast and closing remarks
- Checking out

Photo Gallery



Photos: Makueni Mother and Child Hospital



Photos: Visit to a Youth empowerment project – A model farm run by youth graduates from Makueni County by Nandi and Kitui Counties



Photos: Visit to a Youth Empowerment initiative- Kasiyani Bodaboda Sacco by Nandi and Kitui Counties





Photos: Joint consultative meeting at Makueni ATC Kwa Kathoka