

Deepening devolved climate finance in Kenya



Overview

The County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) Mechanism supports county governments to integrate climate change into planning and budgeting; access climate finance from different sources and; strengthen public participation in the management and use of those funds. The CCCF Mechanism was successfully piloted in five counties — Isiolo, Garissa, Kitui, Makueni and Wajir between 2011 and 2019 — and has since been scaled out nationally.

Financial Sector Deepening Kenya (FSD Kenya) partnered with the Adaptation Consortium (ADA) from 2020, to scale out the CCCF mechanism in Kenya. Fifteen Counties (Kakamega, Kisii, Kisumu, Nandi, Bomet, Vihiga, Embu, Machakos, Narok, Kwale, Nakuru, Taita Taveta, Trans-Nzoia, Kericho and Laikipia) have been supported and have since made significant progress in terms of establishing and fully operationalising the CCCF mechanism.

Makueni and Wajir Counties were also supported to build climate relevant data generation capabilities focused on low-income households.

Objective

The overall objective of the work is to support the building of necessary capacities of county and local institutions to scale out the CCCF Mechanism in order to strengthen climate resilience and promote sustainable economic growth.

These capacities include those required to:

1. Analyse, plan, and act in inclusive and responsive ways to the circumstances and priorities of different social groups, including vulnerable or excluded sections of society.
2. Mobilise the necessary resources for equitable and community-driven action on climate change and manage these resources in ways that are transparent and accountable and in line with the principles of public finance set out in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Accomplishments

Key activities implemented towards this objective include development of the relevant legislation and strategies, and targeted capacity building for counties and communities to effectively coordinate the implementation of climate change interventions.

The results realised so far include establishment of CCCF in 17 counties; five counties (Nandi, Kericho, Vihiga, Embu, Machakos) were supported to develop climate information services (CIS) plans; an integrated ecosystem management plan for the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB); a CCCF training manual and promotion of data driven decision making in climate finance.

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County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) mechanism established

CCCF mechanism establishment is critical for anchoring climate change structures and actions and in ensuring predictable financing for priority interventions at community levels. Counties supported to establish Climate change legislations include Makueni, Nakuru, Taita Taveta, Trans Nzoia, Laikipia, Machakos, Embu, Kericho, Narok, Kwale, Machakos, Vihiga, Kakamega, Kisumu, Kisii, Bomet, and Nandi counties.

County climate change planning committees at the county and ward level were established to support the prioritization and implementation of the county climate change investments. Vihiga, Nandi, Narok, Nakuru, Laikipia, Trans-Nzoia, and Kisumu counties were those supported to establish the county and/or ward planning committees.

2

County Climate Information Services (CIS) Plan developed

County Climate Information Services (CIS) plans have been developed in five counties (Nandi, Kericho, Vihiga, Embu, Machakos) to enhance use of climate information to make day to day decisions & for longer term planning for effective climate risk management. This ensures that climate change issues in the five counties are more deeply embedded in county planning, budgeting and decision making.

3

Integrated ecosystem management plan development commenced

A roadmap for developing an LREB Ecosystem Management Plan (EMP) was developed. The ecosystem management plan for LREB will identify climate related challenges which are transboundary and create a framework for coordination between and among the concerned counties to deal with such challenges.

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CCCF training manual developed in partnership with the Kenya School of Government (KSG)

CCCF training manual developed in collaboration with Kenya School of Government. This will go a long way in ensuring that training and support is provided to both government officials and non-state actors interested in the CCCF mechanism on a sustainable basis.

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Climate Finance Ecosystem

To enhance linkage of climate finance with localised investment opportunities to improve accountability, transparency, and participation in public finance use, FSD Kenya supported Wajir and Makueni Counties to identify the localised gaps, strengths and opportunities towards having an effective and efficient climate finance data ecosystem for informed decision making.

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