

Governor: H.E. Hon. Cecily Mbarire M.G.H

Deputy Governor: H.E. Kinyua Mugo

Speaker: Hon. Josiah Murithi Thiriku

Capital: Embu Town

Key towns: Embu Town, Runyenjes, Kiritiri and Siakago

Regional Bloc: Mt Kenya and Aberdares Region Economic Bloc

Constituencies: 4

Electoral wards: 20

Land area and Size: 2,821 km²

Temperature range: 12°C and 30°C

Crop farming and livestock keeping provide a means of livelihood for the majority of the people in Embu County, accounting for approximately 87.9% of the total households

Coffee, tea, macadamia nuts and miraa are the leading industrial/cash crops, while maize, green grams, and cowpeas are the key food crops, and mangoes and bananas are the high-value horticultural crops in the county

Own Source Revenue (OSR) accounted for 10% of FY 2022/23 revenue

Recommendations

- Improvement of the county's overall revenue profile mainly in fully automating its own source revenue collection by providing an online one-stop collection portal for fees and levies
- Strengthen compliance for established county laws and policies such as the climate change policies and enhance capacity building and awareness in climate change and green finance
- Exploring alternative financing options such as the debt capital markets to fund capital development projects

Gross County Product (GCP) of Kshs 187.93 billion contributes 1.5% of Kenya's GDP



Population of 641,769 people
Annual Growth Rate of 1.65%



Agriculture is the mainstay of Embu County contributing 27.1% to the county's GCP and employing approximately 70.1% of the population

Kshs 6.86 billion
Revenue
(FY 2022/23)

Kshs 6.11 billion
Expenditure
(FY 2022/23)

Kshs 1.37 billion
Pending Bills
(FY 2022/23)

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Shadow
Credit Rating

Fiscal Snapshot

Key green projects



WATER HARVESTING, MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

Construction of the proposed 12 million cubic meters Thambana dam & expansion of water infrastructure for irrigation. Improve the existing water infrastructure to reduce non-revenue water.



ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRO-PROCESSING FACILITIES

Establishing (and supporting) agro-processing facilities for the County's main crops: coffee, macadamia nuts, tea, miraa, banana, mangoes, avocados, and honey. Developing County Industrial Parks to support value addition.



DEVELOPMENT OF HYDOR DAMS AND SOLAR FARMS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY

Building hydro and solar mini-grids in the County to improve residents' access to electricity especially in the rural areas. Setting up a hydropower plant at the Nthenge Njeru Waterfall.



INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND RECYCLING CENTRE

Establishing a material recovery facility and a waste-to-energy plant at the Kamwimbi landfill. Increase County medical waste incinerators to improve waste management.

Governance structures

Presence of a legal & regulatory framework for green/climate finance - Embu County Climate Change Fund (CCCCF) Act, 2020

Presence of Embu County Environment Management Act 2015, Embu County Water Act 2015 and Embu County Tourism Act 2018

Qualified for Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) funds

Green assets

Water bodies: Tana River, Rupingazi River, Kii River, Ena River, Thiba River and Thuci River

Forests: Masinga, Kindaruma, Kamburu, Gitaru and Kiambere Parks and Reserves: Mt. Kenya National Park and Mwea National Reserve

Embu County is home to five of the famous seven-forks project, which has an installed capacity of 543.2 megawatts and contributes 80.2% of the national hydroelectric power capacity

