

Governor: H.E. Anne Mumbi Waiguru, EGH

Deputy Governor: H.E. David Githanda

Speaker: Hon. Muteti Julius Murimi

Capital: Kutus

Key towns: Wang'uru, Kutus, Kerugoya, Kagio, Kianyaga and Sagana

Regional Bloc: Central Region Economic Bloc (CEREB)

Constituencies: 4

Electoral wards: 20

Land area and size: 1,478.1 km²

Temperature range: 8.1°C and 30.3°C

87% of the population in the county derive their livelihood from agriculture, with the sector accounting for 72% of household income.

Rice, tea and coffee are the principal crops grown in the County influenced by various ecological zones. Other crops grown include bananas, tomatoes, beans, mangoes and maize, in addition to horticultural crops such as avocados and macadamia nuts.

Own Source Revenue (OSR) accounted for 9% of FY 2022/23 revenue.

Recommendations

- Improvement of the county's overall revenue profile mainly in fully digitising all the income lines for business permits, licenses, building approval fees, land rates, hotel fees and parking fees, among other 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 160.91 billion contributes 1.3% of Kenya's GDP



Population of 632,714 people
Annual Growth Rate of 1.5%



Agriculture is the primary economic activity of the county, contributing 42.5% to the county's GCP

Kshs 7.07 billion
Revenue
(FY 2022/23)

Kshs 6.44 billion
Expenditure
(FY 2022/23)

Kshs 235.04 million
Pending Bills
(FY 2022/23)

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Shadow
Credit Rating

Fiscal Snapshot

Key green projects



WATER HARVESTING, MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION
Construction of a bulk water supply system for Kerugoya, Kutus, Kagio and Sagana. Improve the existing water infrastructure to reduce non-revenue water.



ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRO-PROCESSING FACILITIES'
Expand and upgrade the existing agro-processing facilities and establish additional facilities for value addition and tinning industries. Development of climate-smart agro-industrial city in Sagana.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Development of renewable energy solutions - solar farms, wind mills & hydro power projects. Promote and support the installation of solar power systems in government offices, schools, healthcare centres, markets, streetlights, and at the household level.



INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY)
Establish a material recovery facility (MRF) under an integrated waste management system to improve waste segregation and recycling. Rehabilitate the Kabatero/Kutus dumpsite.

Governance structures

Presence of a legal & regulatory framework for green/climate finance - Kirinyaga County Climate Change Act, 2023

Presence of the Kirinyaga County Solid Waste Management Bill, 2020 and the Kutus Municipality Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan, 2020-2030 (Situation Analysis Report)

Qualified for Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) funds

Green assets

Water bodies: Sagana River, Nyamindi River, Rupingazi River, Thiba River, Rwamuthambi River and Ragati River

Mountains: Mount Kenya

Forests: 5 gazetted forests (35,854.68 Ha) and 2 non-gazetted forests (22 Ha)

Kirinyaga County is the source of 84% of all the rice produced in Kenya.

