

Gross County Product (GCP) of Kshs 61.9 billion contributes 0.5% of Kenya's GDP



Population of 848,385 people
Annual Growth Rate of 1.8%



Agriculture, fishing and forestry is the dominant sector and accounted for 37.6% of the GCP

Kshs 11.1 billion
Revenue
(FY 2022/23)

Kshs 10.2 billion
Expenditure
(FY 2022/23)

Kshs 5.5 billion
Pending Bills
(FY 2022/23)

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Shadow
Credit Rating

Fiscal Snapshot

- Governor:** H.E FCPA Ahmed Abdullahi, EGH
- Deputy Governor:** Hon. Ahmed Muhumed Abdi
- Speaker:** Hon. Abdille Yussuf
- Capital:** Wajir Town
- Key towns:** Wajir, Habaswein, Bute & Griftu
- Regional Block:** Frontier Counties Development Council Economic Bloc
- Constituencies:** 6
- Electoral wards:** 30
- Land area and size:** 56,685.9km² (3rd largest)
- Temperature range:** 22°C and 34°C

- About 70% of the population practices livestock keeping as the main economic activity
- Camels, goats and sheep are the main livestock reared for the production of meat, milk and hides
- Wajir boasts of several natural resources, including expansive land mass, the Wajir shallow aquifer, and deposits of limestone
- Own Source Revenue (OSR) accounted for less than 1% of FY 2022/23 revenue

Recommendations

- Deepen own source revenue by fully automating the revenue collection process to address challenges associated with leakages and collection.
- 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
- Explore alternative financing options to fund capital development projects

Key green projects



WATER HARVESTING, MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION
The County's Water Company is seeking to raise funds to finance water harvesting through the drilling of boreholes and build a supply network across Wajir



AGRICULTURE
Completion and operationalization of the Wajir Export Abattoir, which could use green technology such as solar panels and energy-efficient systems, and sustainable waste management systems



ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Harness electricity generated from solar parks and mini-grids to power government offices, schools, state-owned enterprises, hospitals, street lights and marketplaces to promote a 24-hour economy



INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (EPZ)
Establish agro-processing facilities to transform hides and skin into finished products for export focused trade

Governance structures

Presence of a legal & regulatory framework for green/climate finance - Wajir County Climate Change Fund (CCCCF) Act, 2016

Presence of the Wajir County Water Management Bill 2019, Wajir County Disaster Management Act 2014, and the Wajir County Livestock Marketing Bill, 2021

Qualified for Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) funds

Green assets

- Water bodies:** One seasonal river namely Ewaso Ng'iro, and several seasonal streams known as Lagas including Katulo, Bogal and Bor
- Forests:** Approximately 19,171 hectares is gazetted as forest land
- Hills:** Series of low-lying hills including Yogala, Madokhor, Eldas and Gurar

Wajir County's proximity to Somalia and Ethiopia plays a crucial role in shaping various aspects, including cross-border trade, security dynamics and migration patterns

