**Wajir County**

**Green finance assessment factsheet**

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**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

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**Fiscal Snapshot**

- **Revenue (FY 2022/23):** Kshs 11.1 billion
- **Expenditure (FY 2022/23):** Kshs 10.2 billion
- **Pending Bills (FY 2022/23):** Kshs 5.5 billion

**Shadow Credit Rating:** "B+" ken

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**Governance structures**

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

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**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

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**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**

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**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

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**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

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**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