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Deepening County Climate Change Fund Mechanism: The Case of Lake Region Economic Bloc - Kenya

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Overview

The County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) mechanism supports county governments to mainstream climate change in 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 is now being scaled out.

The Financial Sector Deepening Trust Kenya (FSD Kenya) partnered with the Adaptation Consortium (Ada) in 2020, to scale out the CCCF mechanism in six counties of Bomet, Kakamega, Kisii, Kisumu, Nandi and Vihiga within the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB). Additional counties of Machakos, Narok and Kwale were brought on board in early 2021 and have since made significant progress in terms of establishing and fully operationalizing the CCCF mechanism.

Objective

The overall objective of LREB 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:

- 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.
- 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 targeted capacity building for counties and communities to effectively coordinate the implementation of climate change interventions and the development of the relevant legislation and strategies.

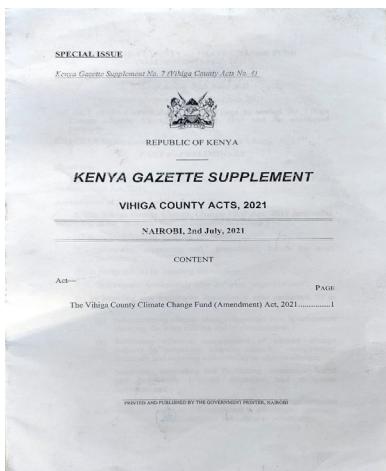
Results realised so far include:

County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) mechanism established

CCCF mechanism established in the six LREB counties. This is critical for anchoring climate change structures and actions and in ensuring predictable financing for priority interventions at community levels.

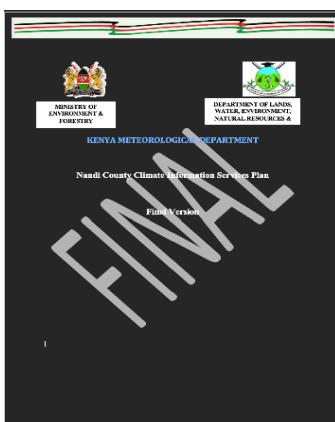
County climate change planning committees at the county and ward level were established to support the identification and implementation of the county climate change investments.

Kakamega County Climate Change Action Plan was validated. The plan will guide sectors and partners in implementing interventions relevant to Kakamega more efficiently and cost-effectively.



County Climate Information Services (CIS) drafted and validated

County Climate Information Services (CIS) plans developed in three counties (Nandi, Vihiga and Machakos) to guide relevant climate information for effective climate risk management. This ensures that climate change issues in the three counties are more deeply embedded in county planning, budgeting and decision making.



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 counties to deal with such challenges.

CCCF manual drafted by 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.



Participants posing for a photo during the drafting of the KSG manual

LREB contextualise CCCF in urban and peri-urban environments

Two LREB counties (Vihiga and Kisumu) under the scale-out contextualised CCCF. The counties are now ready to establish CCCF structures in urban and peri-urban environments to address climate change impacts.



The CCCF contextualisation workshop in LREB

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