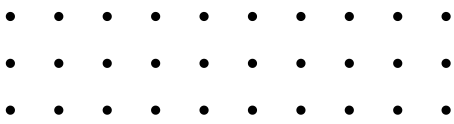


PAMOJA PROJECT





PROJECT NAME

PAMOJA: Collective
Action on Climate
Change



PROJECT LOCATION

Makueni County,
Kenya



DURATION

January 2024 -
December 2025

Problem Statement



Makueni County faces critical water shortages due to climate change, with water availability at 14,489 m³/day versus a demand of 40,794 m³/day, meeting only 36% of needs (Makueni County Vision 2025). This forces 64% of the population to use unimproved water sources, increasing waterborne disease risks, especially for children. Women and girls, who typically fetch water, travel an average of 5 km, exposing them to risks.

Despite various efforts by the government and development partners, 90% of rural water schemes and projects are poorly managed, leading to frequent project failures. Most rural water committees lack the necessary financial and technical capabilities (Makueni County Water Policy). Institutionalizing rural water governance in Makueni's water policy and legal frameworks is essential. This includes regulations for accountability, oversight, and community involvement in water management, enhancing reliability and sustainability of water supply systems to protect community health and resilience against climate change.

Collective Action on Climate Change

Advocacy issue:

Poor rural water governance leads to the collapse of water supply schemes hence denies children and vulnerable families access to safe and clean water.

Policy Ask:

To amend the Makueni County water policy and legal framework to institutionalize rural water governance structure to promote accountability and reliable water access for children and vulnerable families.



Project Objectives

Main Goal

Rural water service provision institutionalized in Makueni County Water Policy and legal frameworks to promote accountability and reliable water access for children and vulnerable families by December 2025(Contributes to SDG 6 and 13.1).

Strengthen Water Governance: Improve the management and accountability of Water Services Providers (WSPs) and community water schemes (CWS) in alignment with the Makueni County Water Policy and legal frameworks

Promote Children's Rights: Ensure safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene for children, supporting their right to health, survival, and protection.

Enhance Climate Action: Develop resilient water management systems and promote tree growing and climate action advocacy among youth.

Project Outcome

Through lobbying efforts and stakeholder engagement, the Makueni County Water Policy and legal frameworks to integrate recommendations aimed at institutionalizing rural water service provision.

Capacity of rural water governance body enhanced to manage resources and finances.

Improved capacity and community's ability to advocate for climate action within the Emali-Mulala ward.

Impact



Enhanced Water Governance: Improved management and accountability of rural water services.

Improved Health and Protection for Children: Safe water access reduces health risks and protects children from abuse associated with long-distance water collection.

Increased Climate Resilience: Community and youth involvement in climate action and environmental conservation efforts.

Target Beneficiaries



Children and Youth: Engaged in environmental conservation and advocacy.

Community Members: Active participation in water governance and advocacy.

Schools: Form clubs promoting environmental conservation and climate action.

County Government: Collaborate and implement and enforce policy recommendations.

Community water service providers



SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Community Engagement

The sustainability of the PAMOJA project relies on active community participation. Regular

community meetings will ensure that members are well-informed and involved. We will form children's groups and an advocacy network to spread information and advocate for climate action. Continuous training and mentorship will strengthen these groups, ensuring long-term impact.

By fostering community ownership and involvement, the PAMOJA project aims to create lasting change in rural water service provision and environmental conservation in Makueni County.





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