



A former Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Butso East Fridah Matati, "My responsibilities as an MCA include listening and responding to needs, concerns, and questions of county citizens like John Songa. This is a key function that brings together devolved institutions and the central government roles." Photo: Irene Angwenyi/USAID

KENYA

AGILE AND HARMONIZED ASSISTANCE FOR DEVOLVED INSTITUTIONS

Agile and Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI) supports Kenya's devolution agenda by partnering with Kenyan institutions to promote transparent, accountable, effective service delivery and responsive governance systems. The program works with other stakeholders to address cross-sectoral governance processes and capacity challenges that impact service delivery and effective implementation of devolution.

AHADI support strengthens the ability of counties to develop sound laws and policies, improve performance of key sectors, optimize revenue generation, and ensure proper management of public funds. In addition, AHADI supports the development of curriculum and training materials and trains and mentors county officials (executives and legislators).

OUR WORK

Good Governance: AHADI supports locally led promotion of democratic governance and strengthening of local governance capacity and structures in 22 counties. AHADI complements local governance support through its engagement with national ministries and intergovernmental bodies to build sustainable competence for devolved governance and service delivery.

Resilience: In arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) counties, AHADI supports strengthening governance of economic and development sectors such as livestock, water and sanitation, and natural and agricultural resource management for improved resilience of pastoralist communities.

Civic engagement and social accountability mechanisms: AHADI works to enable government entities and citizens to engage in collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships that improve accountability and service delivery.

Education: AHADI supports the Ministry of Education to improve policy and legislative framework for education.

Continuous Learning: AHADI develops innovative governance tools such as the County Capacity Index, a diagnostic tool that objectively measures county capacity in ten critical areas. AHADI also supports research and best practice centers, like the Council of Governors' Maarifa Center, that facilitate development and dissemination of approaches for effective implementation of devolution.

ACHIEVEMENTS

To date, AHADI has:

- Trained, mentored, and provided expert support for on-job-training to over 38,000 county officials and 7,500 national officials.
- Enhanced the skills and capacity of over 22,000 education administrators and government officials and an additional 35,000 school board officials.
- Strengthened technical expertise and capability of five national and intergovernmental institutions including the Council of Governors, Ministry of Devolution and Planning, the Intergovernmental Relations and Technical Committee, the Senate and the County Assemblies Forum.
- Fostered development of 120 intergovernmental mechanisms such as the alternative dispute resolution regulations.
- Supported the development of 52 sector specific policies, laws and plans in livestock, water and sanitation, climate change and education sectors for use by county governments.
- Facilitated over 1,300 civil society organizations to participate in stakeholder forums and provided civic education to over 500,000 individuals.

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:

Bomet, Garissa, Isiolo, Kakamega, Kiambu, Kisii, Lamu, Machakos, Mandera, Marsabit, Meru, Mombasa, Murang'a, Siaya, Tharaka Nithi, Nairobi, Nandi, Nyamira, Trans Nzoia, Turkana, Vihiga, and Wajir counties.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

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KEY PARTNERS

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Intergovernmental Relations
Technical Committee (IGRTC)
Kenya Law Reform Commission
Kenya School of Government
Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training
Commission on Revenue Allocation

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