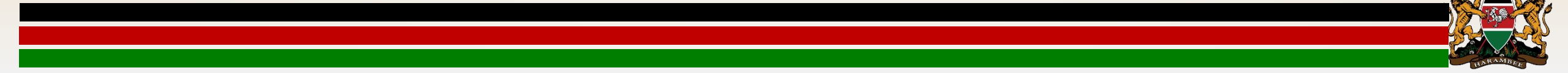




USAID Kenya WASH Week 2023

Water technical Annex under MOU with Council of Governors

Venue: Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club





INTRODUCTION

- Part one of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 assigns the function of water and sanitation services provision to the county governments.
- The Inter-Governmental Relations Act (IGRA) of 2012 establishes the Council of County Governors (COG) under section 19 with a mandate to provide a mechanism for consultation amongst County Governments, initiate information sharing on the performance of the counties in execution of their functions, and collective consultation on matters of interest to County Governments.
- It is in light of this background and a joint goal of strengthened synergies on joint priorities that USAID and COG agreed to work together to support the COG water committee to strengthen its capacity to implement the devolved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) functions.





COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S CURRENT UNDERTAKINGS IN THE WASH SECTOR

The Committee works to address matters relating to WASH sector development through stakeholder collaboration and consultation. The Committee offers a platform for consultation and coordination on key issues such as:

- Dialogue between National and County Governments on intergovernmental issues of common interest affecting county-level service delivery
- Review of WASH sector policies and legislation to ensure conformity with the constitution specifically the devolved system of Governance
- Dissemination and application of best practices in the WASH sector to promote a culture of sector innovation and homegrown solutions to sector challenges
- Resource mobilization to bridge the water scarcity index through facilitating WASH sector investment in counties





POTENTIAL AREAS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN USAID AND COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

- To help achieve the objectives of this MOU, the Participants intend, to the extent feasible and permissible under each Participant's respective laws, policies and procedures and subject to the availability of funds or other resources to each Participant for this purpose, to coordinate in the implementation of activities that seek to improve and to enhance development outcomes in the WASH sector.





CoG intends to:-

- Support County Governments in the development of the WASH sector through investments in projects and activities that are aligned with USAID-funded WASH activities and those of other donors supporting development activities in the WASH sector.
- Collaborate with USAID in the implementation of USAID-funded WASH activities, including, but not be limited to, the provision of input on work plans, and the participation by COG officials, in site visits, assessments, evaluations and public outreach events for USAID-funded WASH activities.
- Collaborate with USAID in the design and development of any planned future USAID-funded WASH activities as relevant to the intent and purpose of this MOU.
- Provide in-kind (e.g., COG official staff time, office space, utilities and sanitation services, facilities, access rights) to support the objectives of this MOU.
- Involve USAID in WASH sector planning and budgeting processes, including at a central level of the COG or advocating for the same at the individual county level.





JOINT PRIORITIES AND ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

Objectives	Illustrative Joint Activities
Strengthen the COG WASH Committee at the secretariat so as to provide a mechanism for cascading national legislation and policies for implementation at the county level	<p>Develop, domesticate, and implement prototype laws and policies for county reference and use</p> <p>Strengthen operationalization of existing coordination fora, including assessment to identify and address gaps within existing fora</p>
Advocate for the prioritization of WASH sector investment in County Governments	<p>Facilitate positioning of WASH in county budget & planning cycles</p> <p>Improve county WASH budget tracking</p> <p>Increase participation in national planning and budget processes (e.g. sector working groups)</p>
Strengthen the capacity of county governments to develop appropriate policies and legislation and to conduct strategic planning in county WASH departments	<p>Increase capacity of county technical teams to develop policy and legislation</p>





CONT....JOINT PRIORITIES AND ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

Improve operationalization of WASH sector intergovernmental framework	<p>Support resumption of annual sector review conferences</p> <p>Facilitate establishment of intergovernmental WASH sector working forums</p> <p>Enhance capacity of COG WASH Committee to effectively engage with the national government on WASH sector issues</p> <p>Develop strategic policy briefs and sub-national positions to assist governors in their national and international dialogues in the WASH sector</p>
Build critical skills in county WASH sector personnel	<p>Support sensitization of county officials on roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in the water and sanitation sectors.</p>
Provide technical support and advisory services to the WASH CECs and Governors Committee	<p>Develop technical advisory pieces and positions on topical WASH issues affecting county governments</p>
Strengthen data management, knowledge sharing, learning and peer to peer learning within the WASH sector	<p>Strengthen and expand sector community of practice</p> <p>Build county capacity to engage with WASH sector monitoring and reporting mechanisms</p> <p>Support joint performance reviews and field visits by COG and USAID</p>



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