





INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

KENYA

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2018-2022

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population

48 million people (2019)



HDI value

0.601 (2020)



Women in politics

21% in Parliament





\$1,840 (2020)

GNI per capita



5.0 % (2019)

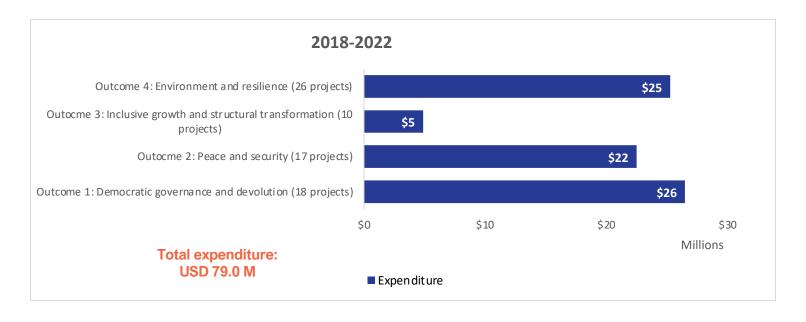
Unemployment



3%
Estimated GDP
losses from
droughts and floods

Climate change

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS



CONCLUSIONS

- 1. UNDP plays an important role in supporting Kenya to implement its devolution objectives, and has effectively met the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **2.** Support to operationalizing policy and legal frameworks for conflict management and human security was achieved through collaboration with Government and civil society.
- **3.** UNDP's work on inclusive growth helped address youth unemployment and environmental and social standards in the small-scale mining sector, although results are limited.
- **4.** UNDP's environment projects deliver effectively, and promote the conservation of Kenya's biodiversity and sustainable management of natural resources.
- **5.** The results-based management system does not clearly articulate a theory of change to link projects to overall objectives, compromising the capacity to track results and inform management decisions.
- **6.** Significant work needs to be done to enhance programme efficiency, especially in terms of securing adequate funding.
- **7.** UNDP's efforts to mainstream gender in its programmes have seen modest results at the national level. The lack of interventions with gender equality as their principal objective indicates the lack of a consistent framework for a gender-transformative approach.
- **8.** UNDP programming was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but has adapted swiftly to accommodate the changes required and build resilience among its partners.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

- **1**. Maintain the overall focus of the governance and devolution programme, with some adjustments.
- Redesign the inclusive growth portfolio while maintaining the focus on youth unemployment.
- **5**. Articulate a dedicated programme theory to feature youth more strongly.
- **7**. Set more realistic resource mobilization targets and establish contingency plans for resource shortfalls.



- **2**. Strengthen synergies within the peace and security portfolio, and across other programme areas.
- **4.** Retain leadership in the environment area, focusing on downstream activities and replicating successful approaches.
- **6**. Upgrade monitoring and reporting systems, and strengthen the theory of change.
- **8.** Improve baseline gender analysis and introduce measures to promote empowerment and equality in decision making

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