



**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI**  
**THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY - (FOURTH SESSION)**  
**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**  
***NO. 29 of 2025***

**COMMUNICATION ON THE KENYA DEVOLUTION SUPPORT PROGRAMME (KDSP)**  
**MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE, 2025 AT THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.**

**Honourable Members,**

As you may be aware, the Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP) is a Programme for results jointly funded by the World Bank and the Government of Kenya. Initially implemented between 2016 and 2021 and now extended, the programme is coordinated through various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to enhance capacity building and support development projects in counties. The programme operates at two levels:

- Level 1: Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
- Level 2: Investment Support

**Honourable Members,**

In an effort to strengthen county performance in areas of resource financing, management, coordination, and accountability, the KDSP established a County Programme Steering Committee (CPSC) whose composition is as follows:

- The County Governor – Chairperson
- County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Devolution
- CECM for Finance
- Other relevant CECMs linked to specific programme results and DLIs
- Chairperson, County Public Service Board
- Speaker of the County Assembly
- County Secretary
- Programme Coordinator – Secretary





**Honourable Members,**

The National Programme Coordinating Unit convened a sensitization meeting for the Kitui County Programme Steering Committee on 24th June, 2025, at the Office of the Governor. I attended the meeting alongside the other designated members of the Steering Committee.

During the meeting, the following key responsibilities of the County Programme Steering Committee were outlined:

- Provide overall policy guidance, oversight, and strategic direction
- Approve county Annual Work Plans and Budgets
- Review progress in programme implementation and achievement of Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs)
- Evaluate Annual Performance Assessment results
- Review the status of Capacity Building Programmes
- Endorse semi-annual and annual project progress reports
- Address dispute resolution matters

**Honourable Members,**

The facilitators emphasized the oversight role of Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) as enshrined under Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. They highlighted the importance of fostering a constructive working relationship between the Assembly and the Executive, while urging MCAs to diligently execute their constitutional oversight mandate. Additionally, two categories of performance-based grants under KDSP were discussed:

**1. Institutional Grant (Level 1)**

This is awarded to counties that meet specific minimum conditions, including:

- Signing of a participation agreement (including provisions for publication of budget and expenditure data)
- Preparation of approved work plans, budgets, and cash flow projections
- Establishment of functional implementation structures
- Receipt of qualified or unqualified audit opinions, with time-bound action plans
- Submission of programme implementation and fund utilization reports
- Timely release of KDSP II funds from the County Revenue Fund (CRF) to the Special Purpose Account (SPA)

**2. Service Delivery Investment Grant (Level 2)**





This grant rewards counties demonstrating substantial improvement in performance, based on the achievement of DLIs, subject to meeting the Level 1 minimum conditions. For the FY 2025/2026 assessment, the following indicators must be fulfilled:

- Existence of a County Project Implementation Unit
- Full disclosure of all pending bills
- Publication of own-source revenue (OSR) collection data by type
- Development and implementation of HR/payroll audit plans and publication of a staffing list aligned with the approved establishment
- Availability of an approved work plan and budget for investment grant utilization
- Completion of feasibility studies for proposed investments
- Approval of a Single Project Management Unit (SPMU) structure
- Training of gender officers as per the approved training plans

#### **Honourable Members,**

Disbursement Linked Indicators guide the allocation of funds as follows:

- Level 1 – Institutional Grant: A flat allocation of USD 250,000 is awarded to each county that meets the minimum conditions as outlined above.
- Level 2 – Investment Grant: For counties that meet all required conditions:
  - 50% of the allocation is distributed using the CRA formula among eligible counties.
  - The remaining 50% is allocated based on each county's score in performance measures related to the DLI areas.

Thus, access to KDSP funding depends not only on meeting the minimum conditions but also on demonstrating above-average performance.

#### **Honourable Members,**

The KDSP aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Effective and sustainable management of pending bills
- Reliable intergovernmental fiscal transfers
- Enhanced integrity and control of human resources and payroll
- Strengthened performance and results-based management
- Improved accountability in public financial management
- Alignment of county investments with citizen service delivery priorities
- Improved resilience of county infrastructure to climate risks
- Overall improvement in county service delivery





Honourable Members,

It is important to note that KDSP grants are conditional and tied to performance. Their successful implementation depends on close collaboration between the County Assembly and the Executive. The Assembly must uphold its oversight mandate to ensure that these grants are utilized effectively, and for their intended purposes.

In particular, the Assembly must closely monitor adherence to feasibility study findings and implementation frameworks. This will not only safeguard the grant funds but will also promote transparency, efficiency, and improved service delivery to the people of Kitui County.

Thank you.



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