

'Bringing Hope in 3 Provinces of Kenya'

With this special leaflet, the Ministry of Planning and National Development officially re-launches its national projects that are being run with support from the International Fund for Agricultural Development, The Belgium Survival Fund (BSF), Global Environmental Facility (GEF), and contribution by beneficiaries. One central focus of the ministry is to promote rural development through appropriate policies, programmes and projects that enhance the capacity for economic growth and poverty reduction in those rural areas. The Rural Planning Department carries out this mandate and has in the last few years co-ordinated implementation of a number of programmes and projects in various parts of the country through the support of various development partners. The main objective of these projects is to fulfill the central mandate of the government and development partners, and that is, the realization of economic recovery and poverty reduction among vulnerable communities. This mandate is well outlined in the official Economic Recovery Strategy (ERS) paper released in June 2003.

Poverty Reduction and MilleniumDevelopment Goals (MDGs)

At the beginning of the New Millennium, poverty levels in Kenya were at 56% of the population. Against this challenge, the NARC Government has put emphasis on participation of all stakeholders in poverty reduction and implementation of the MDGs. The projects and programmes being implemented by the GOK/IFAD/BSF and Local Communities are therefore intended to: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger; promote gender equity and empower women; reduce child mortality improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases and to ensure environmental sustainability. The ongoing projects are therefore in line with the MDGs.

Central Kenya

The Central Kenya Dry Areas Project became effective in July 2001. It covers vulnerable households in the designated dry marginal areas of five districts in Central Province i.e. Nyeri, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Maragwa and Thika. The project aims at reducing poverty and vulnerability to disease and hunger among households in the project area. This project targets groups that are exposed to constant threat of hunger and malnutrition, lack access to basic facilities in health, safe drinking water, income earning opportunities and face the high risk of various types of diseases.

The project has achieved the construction of five

dispensaries in this area, thus greatly enhancing public health care. It has also improved domestic water supply by construction of community water supply shemes. Agricultural extension services have also been improved. A video documentary highlighting the successes and challenges of the project implementation has been prepared and is available with the Project Management Unit (PMU) in Nyeri or the Ministry Headquarters at the Rural Planning Department.



Eastern Kenya

IFAD also funds the Eastern province horticulture and traditional food crops project. The project became effective in July 1994 and is jointly funded by the government, IFAD and contributions by farmers. The Ministry of Agriculture is the implementing lead agency in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and National Development, Kenya Industrial Research Development Institute, Horticultural Crop Development Authority, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, Cooperative Bank of Kenya and various relevant stakeholders.



The project covers eight districts in Eastern Province, namely, Machakos, Makueni, Embu, Mbeere, Tharaka, Meru South, Meru Central and Meru North, covering an area of 23,600 sq. km. and targeting 260,000 people.

Through this project, horticulture development, promotion of traditional food crops, extension and adaptive research and promotion of local initiative fund, have been realised.

Mt. Kenya East

The Mt. Kenya East Pilot Project for Natural Resources Management covers selected sub-catchments of the Tana River on the southern slopes of Mt. Kenya in the five administrative districts of Embu, Meru Central, Meru South, Mbeere and Tharaka.

Funded by GoK/IFAD, GEFand beneficiaries, this project is expected to enhance food security and income levels of farmers particularly rural women by promoting more effective use of natural resources, improving access to water and introducing better farming and water management resources. The project became effective in February 2003.



Southern Nyanza

One of the newest of GoK/IFAD communities funded projects is the Southern Nyanza Community Development Project, initiated in 2002 and coordinated by the Ministry of Planning and National Development. It is implemented by the Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Livestock and Fisheries Development; Water Resources Management and Development; Gender, Sports, Culture and Social Services.



The Project is being implemented in selected Planning areas in six districts, namely, Rachuonyo, Homa Bay, Suba, Migori, Kuria and Nyamira Districts.

The project targets those with a heavy disease burden including those at risk of contracting water borne diseases and malaria; HIV/AIDS infected and affected people, those who suffer frequent food shortages as well as those who lack access to portable water and proper sanitary facilities. The project aims to improve access to credit in order to empower the communities.

Summary of IFAD/GoK Projects

The above four projects are jointly funded by IFAD, GoK and Community contributions. The IFAD component comes in the form of loan and grant. The table below summarises all projects by type of funding and project period.

Project Name	Loan Us\$	Grant Us\$	Gok Us\$	Community Us\$	Total Us\$	Project Period
CKDAP	10.9m	4.1m	2.6m	0.4m	18m	July 2001 – Dec. 2007
EPHTFCP	12.17m	0.204m	1.18m	0.33m	13.88m	July 1994 – Dec. 2005
MKEPPNRM	16.74m	4.87m	1.78m	2.30m	25.65m	Feb. 2003 – Feb 2009
SNCDP	15.6m	-	1.8m	0.4m	17.8m	March 2004 – March 2010
TOTAL	55.4m	9.17m	7.8m	3.43m	75.4m	

Key

CKDAP
Central Kenya Dry Areas Project
EPHTFCP
Eastern Province Horticulture and Traditional Food Cops Project
MKEPPNRM
Mt Kenya East Pilot Project for Natural Resources Management
SNCDP
Southern Nyanza Community Development Project

What the Rural Planning Department (RPD) does for you

The main function of the Rural Planning Department within the Ministry of Planning and National Development is to promote rural development in Kenya, through appropriate policies, programmes and projects that enhance capacity for growth. The Department also facilitates effective decentralization of planning and budget process from the

national level to the districts through the Districts Focus for Rural Development Strategy (DFRD). This is done through the preparation of District Poverty Assessment Reports, District Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), District Development Plans and District Socio-Economic profiles. The department coordinates implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the national policies as stipulated in various documents at provincial and district level.

