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Highlights on Implementation of KRA 2: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Under Kenya Devolution Support Programme

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Presentation Outline

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Introduction:

Planning, M&E was identified as one of priority performance area to deepen capacity building for devolution under the National Capacity building Framework (NCBF)

Objective

To strengthen frameworks, systems, skills and knowledge in order to address county capacity gaps on areas of development planning, M&E.

Outcome

Improved county planning, progress reporting, monitoring and evaluation, and linkages between county plans and budgets.

Focus Performance Areas - by Counties

- ▶ County M&E/ Planning unit and frameworks in place;
- ▶ County Development Plans prepared in accordance to issued guidelines;
- ▶ Counties producing Annual progress reports;
- ▶ Annual Progress reports informing Annual Development Plans;
- ▶ County M&E Committees meeting regularly;
- ▶ Evaluation of CIDP projects; and
- ▶ Linkages between CIDP, ADP and Budget.

Key Achievements (Outputs):

Guidelines and
Regulations

Technical Assistance

Structured learning

Peer to Peer
learning/Knowledge
exchange

Systems

Key Achievements (Outputs) ..Cont'd

Guidelines and regulations

The State Department for Planning has prepared and disseminated:

- Revised County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) guidelines, and County Annual Development Plans (CADPs) guidelines to 47 counties.
- County Sector Plan guidelines - awaiting dissemination
- CIDP - Mid Term Review guidelines for conducting Mid Term Review of second Generation CIDPs - Awaiting dissemination
- Prepared draft County Planning handbook.

Key Achievements (Outputs) ...Cont'd

Guidelines and regulations...cont'd

- **County Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation System (CIMES) guidelines** - Disseminated to 21 counties.
- **Evaluations guidelines** - awaiting to be launched and disseminated.
- **Norms and Standards for M&E** aimed at enhancing the quality of monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects at all levels - awaiting dissemination

Key Achievements (Outputs) ...Cont'd

Technical Assistance:

- Provided technical support to County Governments in preparation of their End-Term review of their first generation CIDPs, and in preparation of their second Generation CIDPs
- Provided technical support to selected counties on preparation of county sectoral plans

Key Achievements (Outputs) ..Cont'd

Technical Assistance...cont'd:

- Provided technical support to (25) counties in formulation and review of M&E policies
- Provided technical support to 45 counties in preparation of their **CIDP II Indicators handbook**
- In collaboration with UNFPA supported Turkana County in drafting and validation of the **Turkana County Monitoring and Evaluation Bill, 2019**

Key Achievements (Outputs) ...Cont'd

Structured learning

- Trained selected counties on County Development Planning and Linkages between CIDPs, CADP and Budgets -
- Trained County Officers on Results Based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME)
- Sensitized officers from 21 counties on CIMES guidelines
- Trained 29 county officers (from two counties) on M&E



Organized and held Annual M&E week forums where all county governments were invited to participate

Key Achievements (Outputs) ...Cont'd

Systems

- Completed development of E-NIMES/e-CIMES and awaiting rollout and operationalization to counties and MDAs

Outcomes and Impact

- ▶ There has been a general improvement on county development planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting by county governments.
- ▶ Specifically it has been observed that counties have been able to:
 - ❖ **95%** of counties have been able to **establish county planning/M&E units and frameworks** (the county ACPA of 2019/20 report)
 - ❖ **85%** (40 counties) have established and **operationalized their M&E committees** (the county ACPA of 2019/20 report)
 - ❖ According to survey/review conducted by the state department for planning indicates that there has been improvement in **quality of CIDPs** as depicted by their **adherence to the issued guidelines**.

Outcomes and Impact...cont'd

- ❖ Similarly **93%** (43 counties) county governments prepared their **ADPs according the issued guidelines and submitted in time.**
- ❖ There has been an increase in the number of **counties that a preparing County Annual Progress reports standing at 97%.** However, the use of the annual progress reports to inform subsequent annual development plans and budgets has been minimal . According to ACPA 2019/20 report 62% of counties has used CAPR to inform ADPs and Budgets.
- ❖ There is **weak linkages between CIDP, ADP and budgets (ACPA, 2019/20 Report)** - Only 29 counties (62%) of counties were able to ensure the linkages between CIDP, ADP and budgets

Challenges

- ▶ The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic slowed down implementation of activities in providing technical support to county governments on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination;
- ▶ Monitoring and Evaluation units are understaffed at the counties thereby making the units ineffective in their operations;
- ▶ Monitoring and Evaluation capacities are still low at the devolved level;

Lessons Learnt

- ▶ Preparation of county sector plans can enhance the quality of the CIDPs;
- ▶ Development planning can be enhanced through regular consultations between national and county level planners;
- ▶ Combined workshop across two or more counties provides an excellent platform for knowledge sharing through peer-to-peer learning.
- ▶ There is still high demand for M&E trainings by counties;
- ▶ CIDP Evaluation guidelines and M&E Norms and Standards will improve the quality of M&E reporting;
- ▶ There is more emphasizes from Counties for establishment of electronic reporting (e-CIMES)

Recommendations

- ▶ There is need for continued capacity building and technical assistance to counties on development planning, M&E in order to ensure adequate capacity for counties to plan effectively, and track and report implementation of their programmes and projects;
- ▶ There is need to activate intergovernmental relations on matter relating to planning at county level;
- ▶ E-CIMES should be rolled out in all Counties so as to facilitate the real-time reporting;
- ▶ Counties should increase budget on monitoring and evaluation in order to fully operationalize the M&E units;
- ▶ Counties should employ more staff to strengthen the M&E function;

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Thank you for Listening

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