

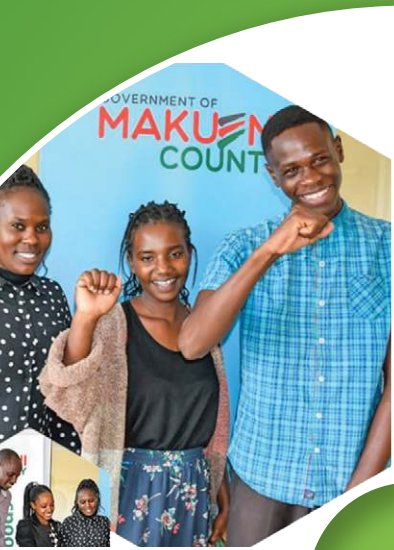


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Government of Makueni County

# GOVERNMENT OF MAKUENI COUNTY



## 2nd Edition NEWSLETTER

The Department of ICT, Education and Internship  
Financial Year 2023/24



## Governor's STATEMENT

I am pleased to celebrate this significant milestone with the release of the 2nd edition newsletter of the Department of ICT, Education and Internship. This publication is more than just a compilation of updates but rather entails our collective aspirations, achievements and the vision we are forging for a bright future. I commend the department for the outstanding effort in putting together this edition, which highlights the remarkable progress we have achieved over the financial year 2023/24.


These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication, resilience and innovation spirit that drive our plans as stipulated in our policies. The success of our county is a shared endeavor and I am grateful for the active participation and support of every stakeholder. Our unwavering commitment to sustainable development, transparency and inclusive growth remains as the core agenda, ensuring that every citizen of Makueni benefits from the opportunities and services the government provides. As we move forward, I encourage you to stay engaged, share knowledge and contribute innovative ideas as we continue to shape the future of our beloved county. Together, we can realize the vision we all cherish—a prosperous, equitable and thriving Makueni. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

**Mutula Kilonzo Junior, CBS**

Passion to Serve with Integrity  
Governor, Government of Makueni County



# FOREWORD



**I** am honored to present the 2nd edition of our department's newsletter. This publication serves as a testament to our collective efforts, showcasing the strides we are making to improve the quality of life for all our residents. In these pages, key milestones within the financial year 2023/24 have been highlighted. Our commitment to transparency and open communication remains unwavering. This newsletter is a vital tool in keeping you informed and engaged.

We are a diverse and vibrant department and it is through our shared vision and collaboration that we continue to progress. I encourage you to stay connected, share your thoughts and actively participate in the ongoing efforts to make our county a better place for everyone.

**Elizabeth Ndunge Muli**

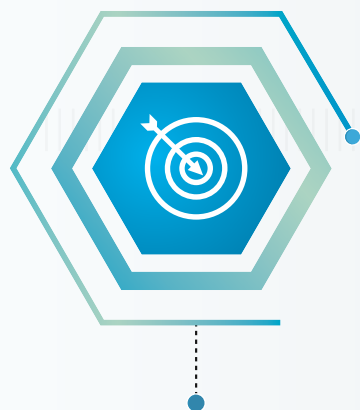
County Executive Committee Member  
ICT, Education & Internship

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter, where we showcase the remarkable achievements of the Department of ICT, Education, and Internship in Makueni County. Through our dedicated efforts, we have significantly enhanced service delivery, driven innovation and empowered our community. This newsletter highlights the key milestones the department has achieved, reflecting our commitment to transforming lives and advancing the county's development agenda.

The department has four directorates namely:

- ICT Directorate
- Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE), Support to education and Libraries Directorate
- County Technical Training Institutes (CTTIs) Directorate
- Internship, Mentorship and Volunteership Directorate

## OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION



### Our Mission

To innovate and nurture talent to transform the livelihoods of Makueni citizenry.

### Our Vision

Department of Reference



### Our Values

#### I - CARI - IT.

- I** - Integrity
- C** - Customer Focus
- A** - Accountability
- R** - Result Orientation
- I** - Innovation
- I** - Inclusivity
- T** - Teamwork

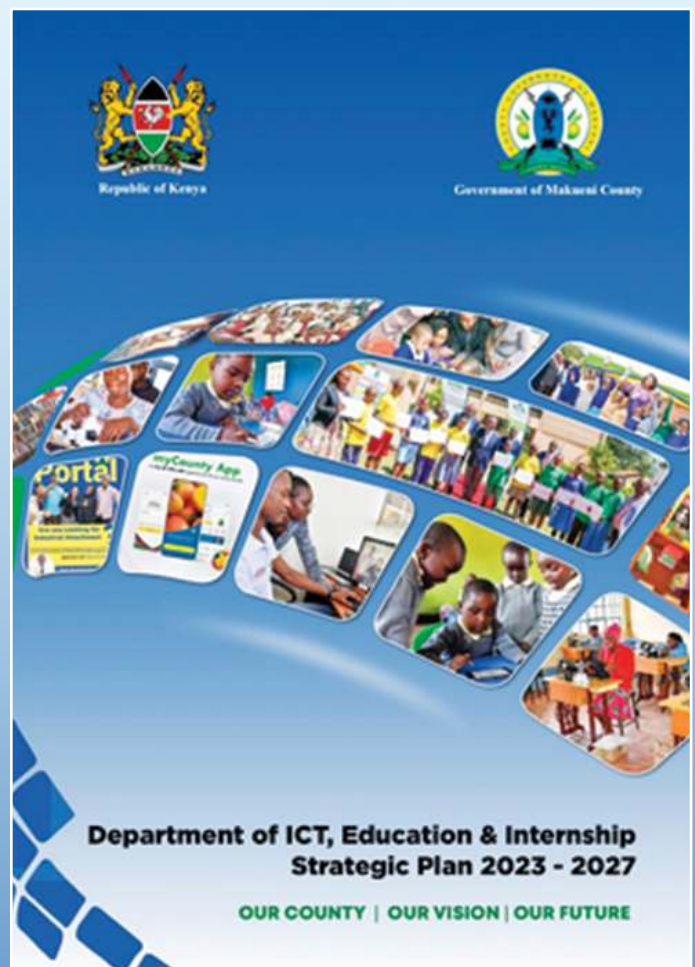


DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR THE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO DELIVER ON ITS KEY MANDATE AS PER THE CIDP III. OUR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE TABULATED BELOW:

## FORMULATION AND LAUNCH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STRATEGIC PLAN.

January 2024, the Department launched its second generation Strategic Plan for 2023-2027, marking a pivotal step forward in aligning the department's goals with Makueni Vision 2025 and the County Integrated Development Plan III (2023-2027).

By focusing on enhancing customer experience, ensuring financial sustainability, and achieving operational excellence, the plan has strengthened the department's capacity to deliver high-quality services. Its emphasis on developing ICT and education infrastructure has laid a solid foundation for sustained growth and development in the county.





## ICT DIRECTORATE

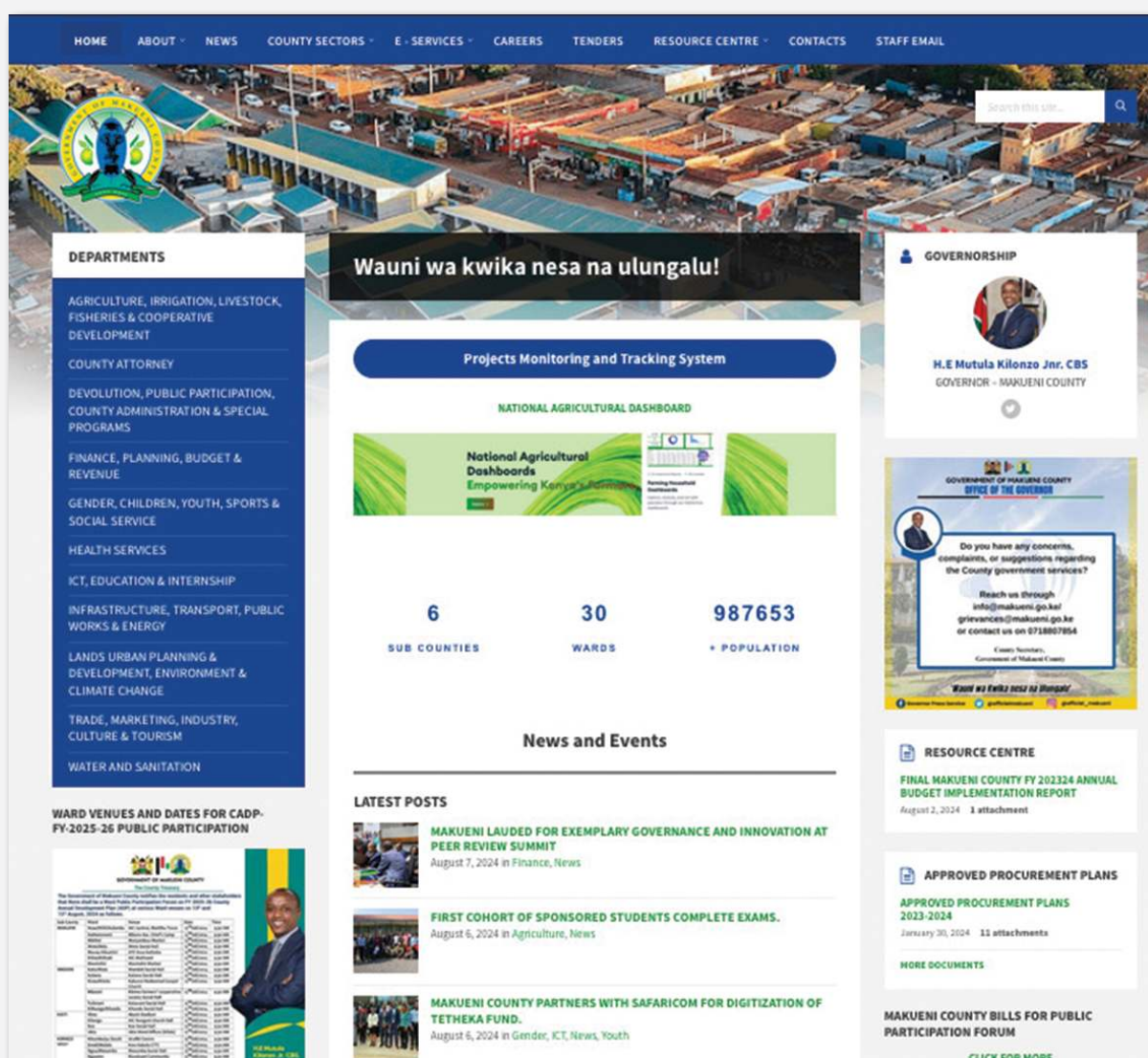
ICT as a tool of catalyzing better service delivery within the county.

Automation is a key flagship initiative in the Government of Makueni County, as envisioned in the manifesto of H.E. the Governor Mutula Kilonzo Junior, CBS and subsequently prioritized in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP III) and the Departments strategic plan 2023-2027.

Our strategic Intent is to contribute to the socio-economic transformation of the county by enhancing access to Government services through automation.

### 1. The County website

During the financial year 2023/24, the County website was significantly enhanced, transforming it into a dynamic platform designed to provide real-time information on County affairs to the public. This upgrade has ensured that citizens have timely access to crucial updates, enabling greater transparency and engagement with County activities.

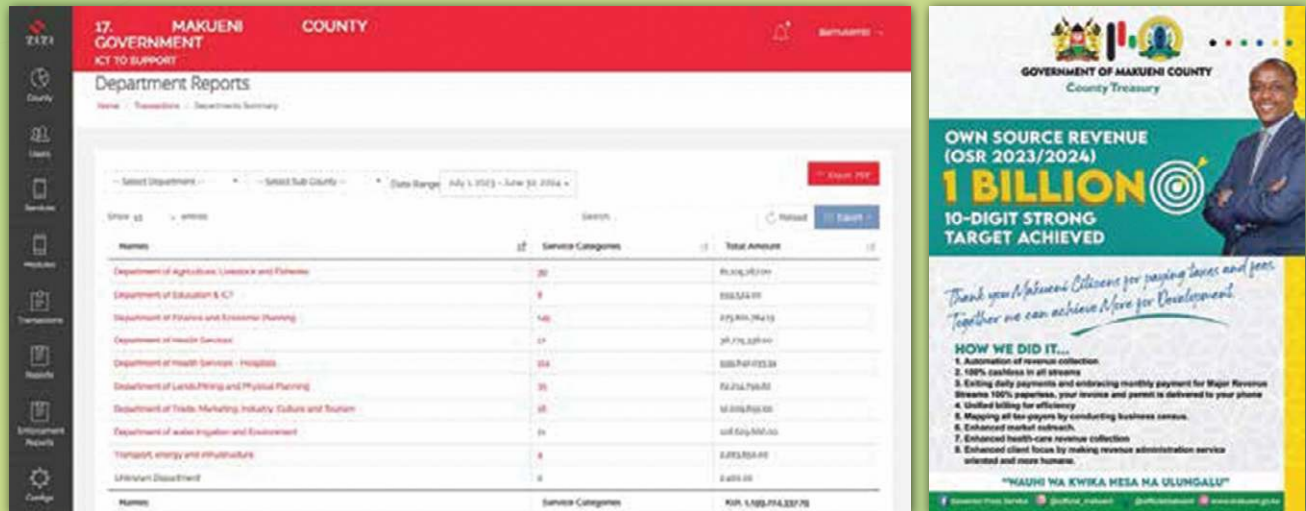


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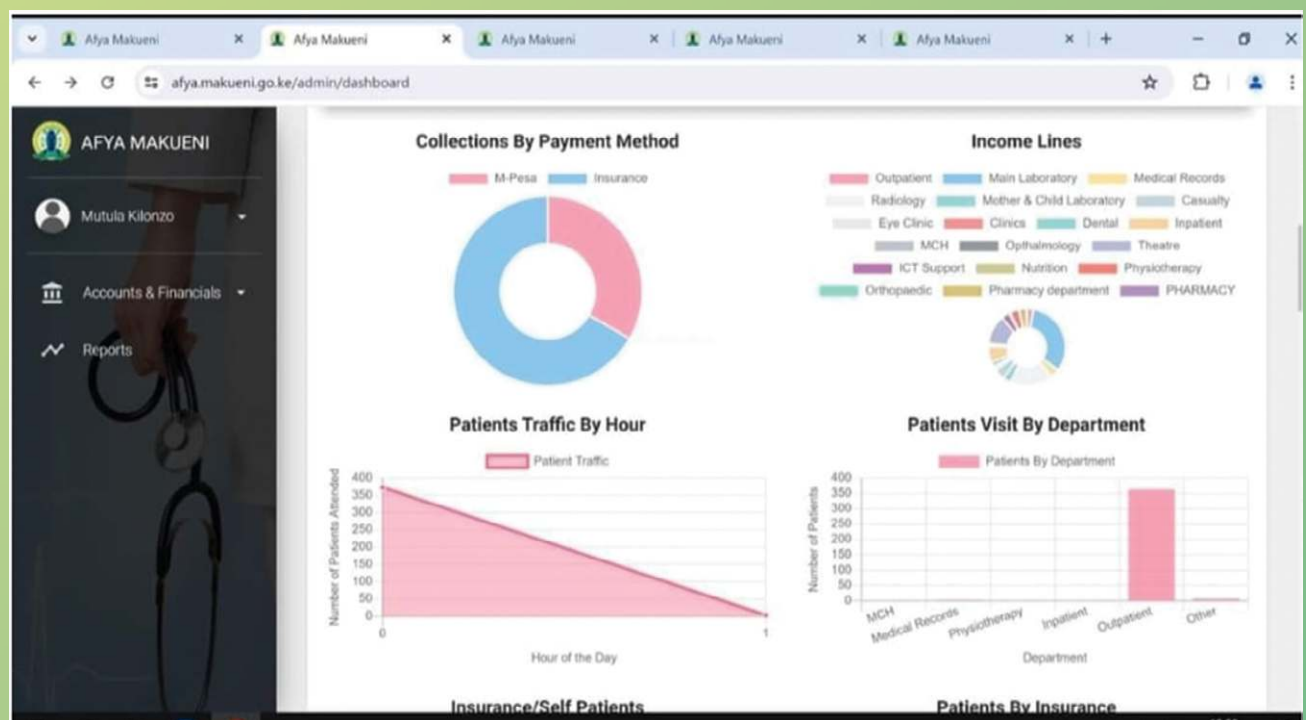
## 2. Enhancement of the County Core Revenue Management System (Zizi RMS)

with New features including auto-billing, unified billing, self-service invoicing, payment, business permit/receipt printing, monthly structured payments for major revenue streams and Onboarding 60 health facilities for revenue reporting. These initiatives contributed to significant increase in revenue collection with the Government hitting the first ever 10-digit strong target.

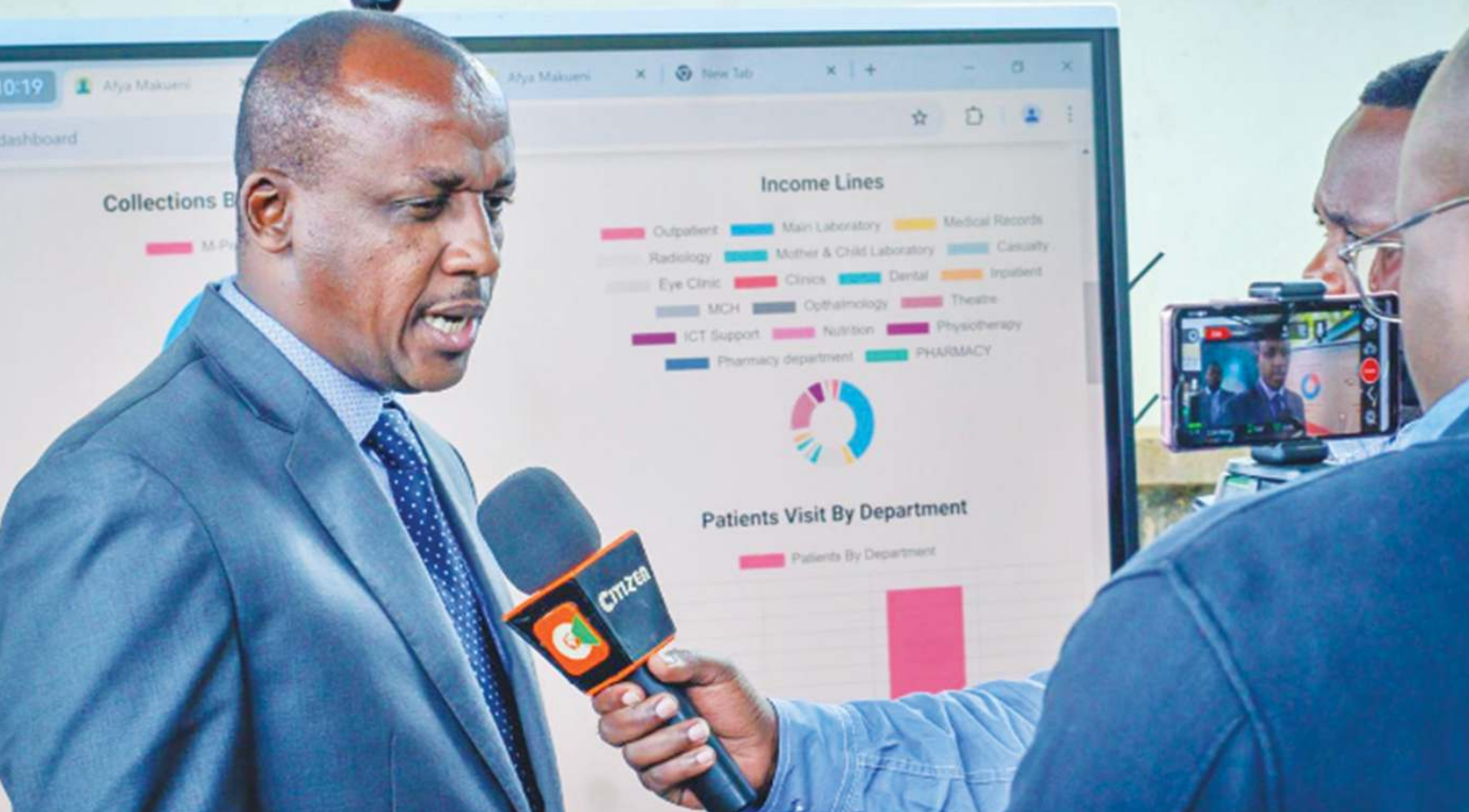


## 3. County Integrated Health Management Information System (CIHMIS)

dubbed Afya Makueni focusing on patient care, management of health products and technologies and enhancing revenue collection in the hospitals. The system has been deployed in Makueni County Referral Hospital (MCRH) and Mbooni Sub-County Hospital. This innovation has enhanced efficiencies in Patient management, Health commodities and Revenue management.

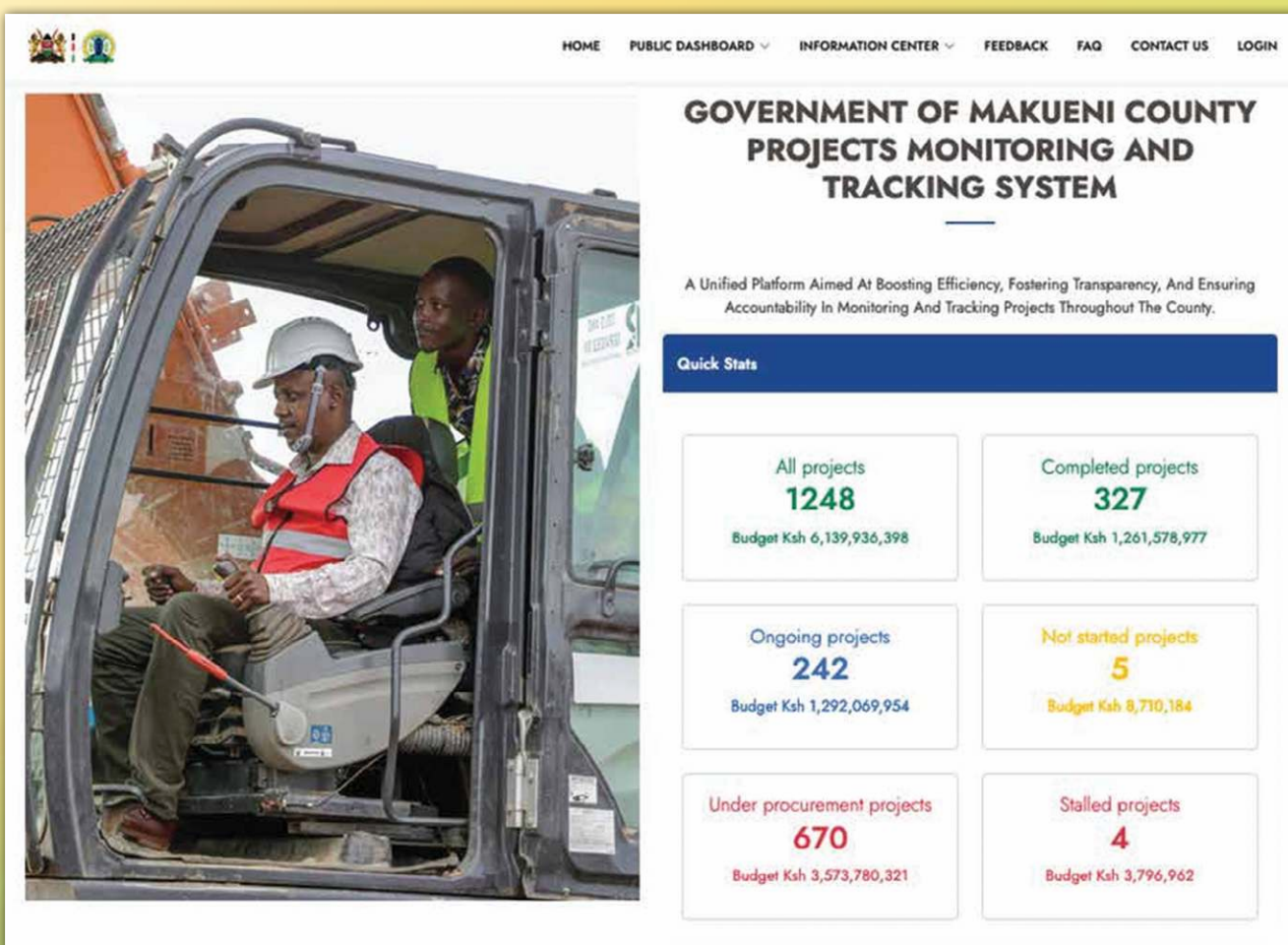


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#### 4. Project Management and Tracking System (PMTS):

A unified platform aimed at boosting efficiency, fostering transparency and ensuring accountability in monitoring and tracking projects throughout the county.



<https://pmts.makueni.go.ke>





## GENERAL INFORMATION & PROJECTS GALLERY CENTER



### 5. IVA System

A digital platform for recruiting and managing interns/attachés focused on equipping students and young professionals with real-time information on available opportunities in the County.

The platform has led to efficiency in application, processing & placement of Interns and attachés across the County hence significantly reducing the turn-around time and minimizing costs associated with the application process.

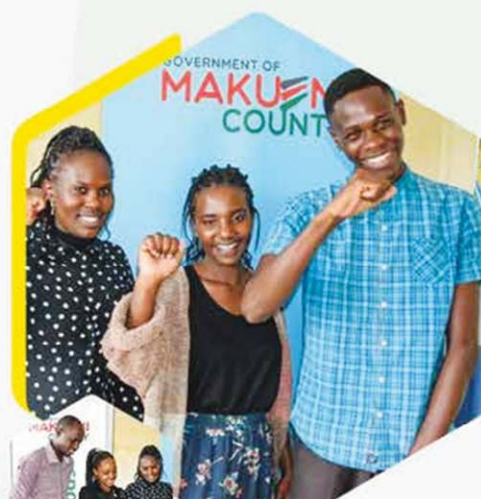


Welcome To Makeni County

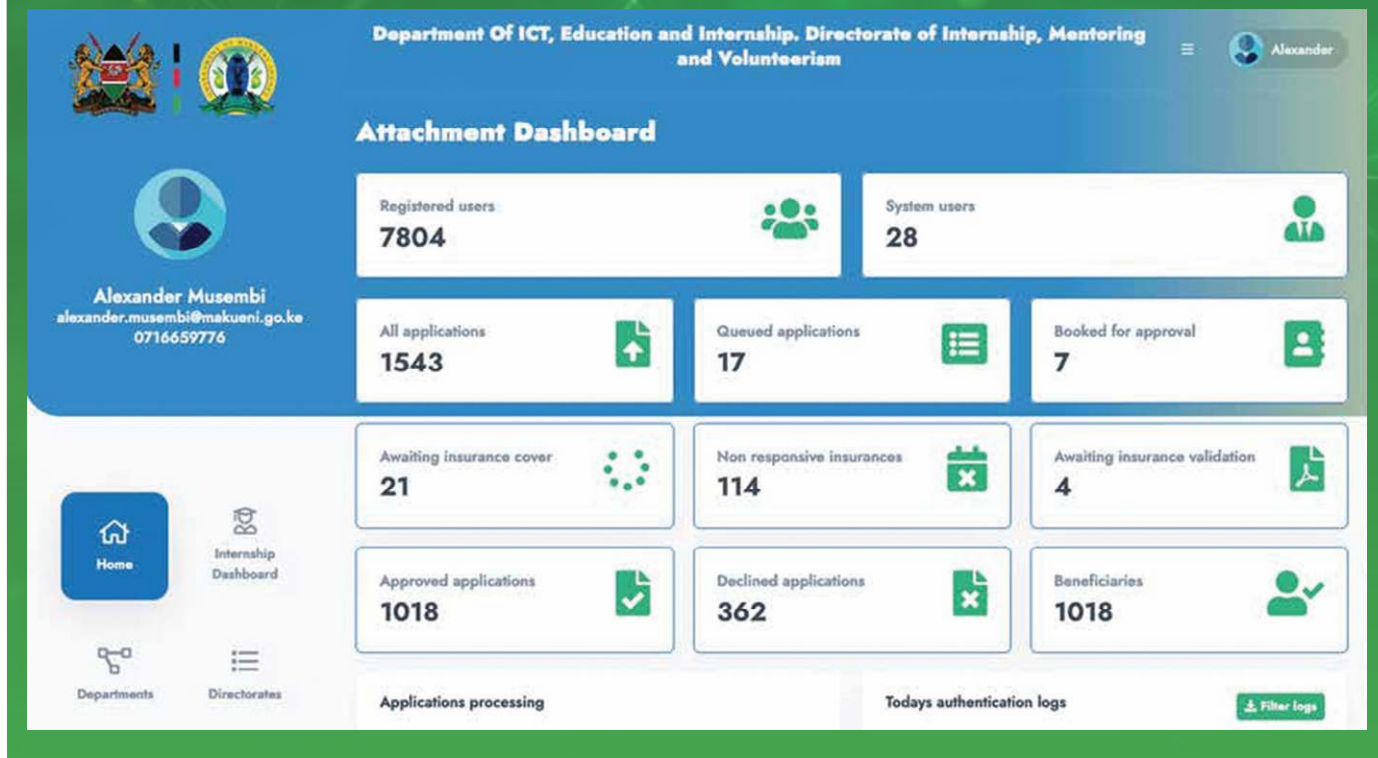
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Explore

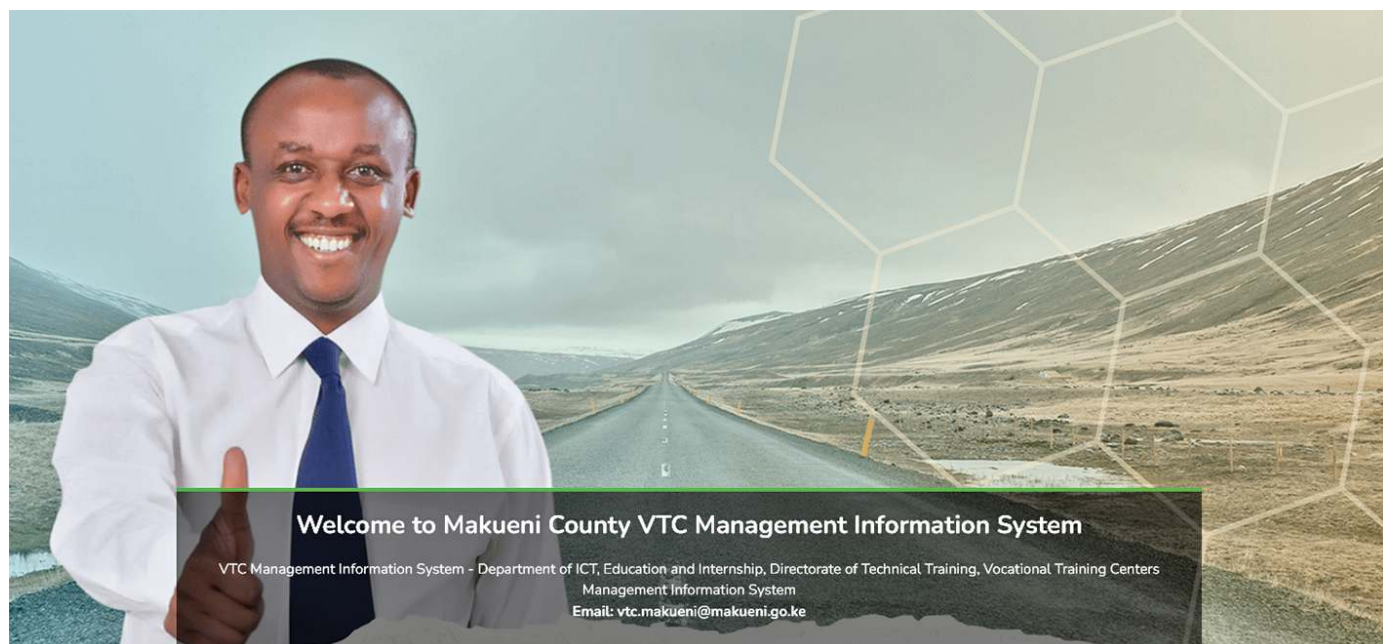


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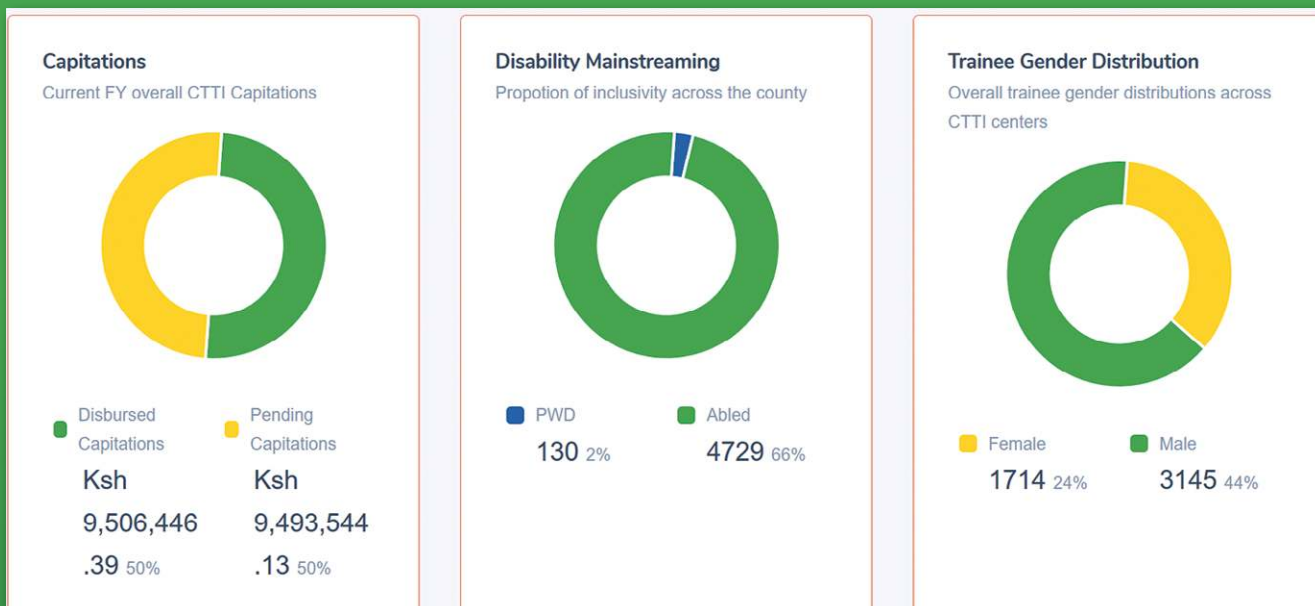
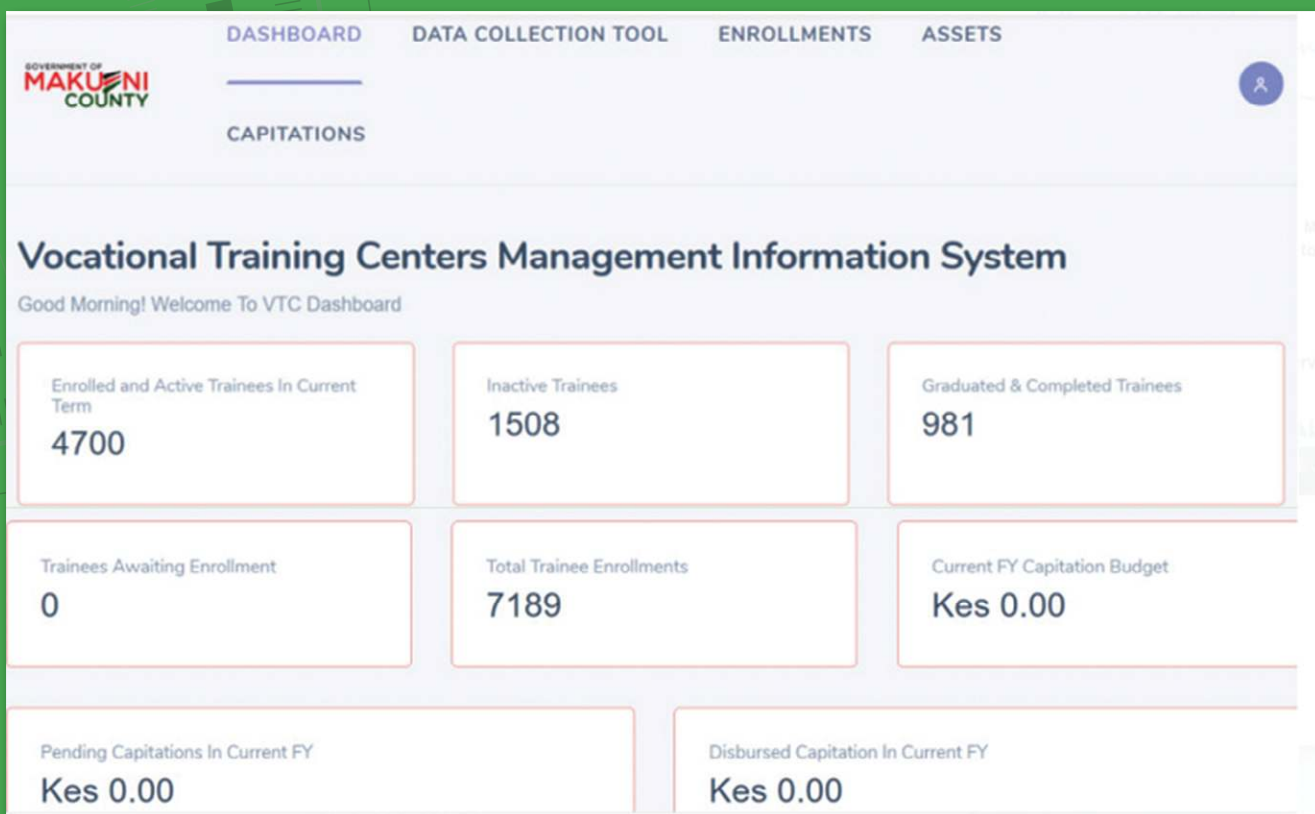
## 6. VTC Management Information System

An e-portal for management of Vocational Training Centers operations. The platform has led to improved operational efficiency, accountability and transparency in management of vocational training centers resources such as Capitation, Assets, HR, Trainees among others.



<https://vtc.makueni.go.ke>





## 7. Soko Makueni:

It's an e-commerce platform created to promote Makueni County's products, produce and services significantly boosting their visibility. The online marketing portal developed by the Government of Makueni County, aims to enhance agricultural productivity, reduce post-harvest losses and attract youth to agribusiness. It is a reliable and efficient platform for citizens to access markets, obtain real-time market information, compare prices and conduct direct transactions for high-quality products.



<https://soko.makueni.go.ke>

## 8. MyCounty App:

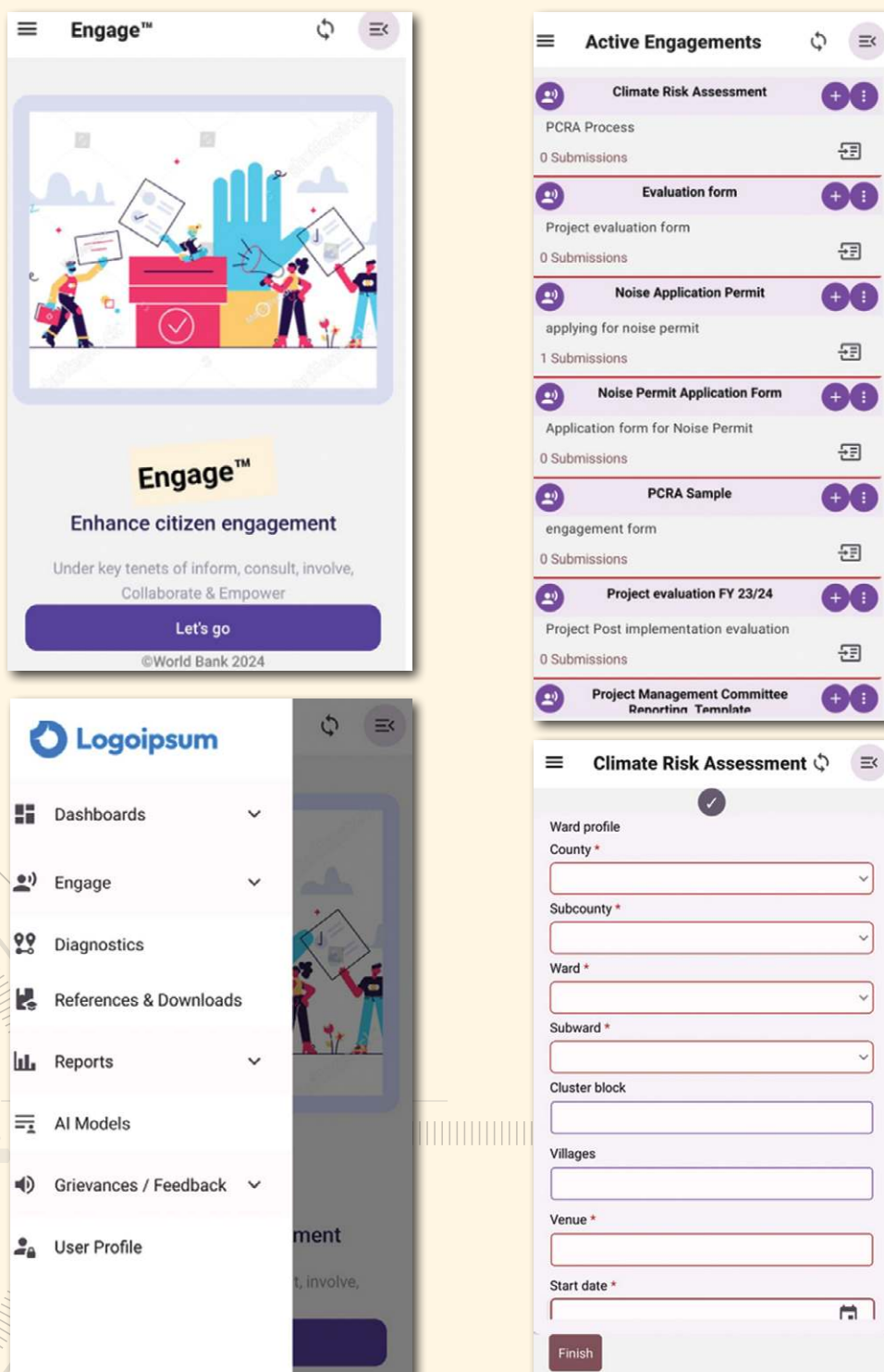
This all-in-one App offers a seamless experience for accessing county services, empowering citizens to make payments, utilize digital financial service and conveniently engage with county leadership. The App, available on Google Playstore and the App Store as "myCounty," has been co-created by Safaricom and the ICT Directorate, with continuous updates even after its launch to include new features such as tourism circuits, licenses and permits and the Tetheka Fund.





## 9. Participatory Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA) tool:

The Government of Makueni County is focused on enhancing the capacity of County and National Government to manage climate risks by digitizing the Participatory Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA) process. In partnership with the World Bank, the PCRA tool was developed and piloted in two wards, Kathonzweni and Makindu with plans to roll out to the other 28 wards. The tool has additional features, Participatory Budgeting and Grievance Redress Mechanism.

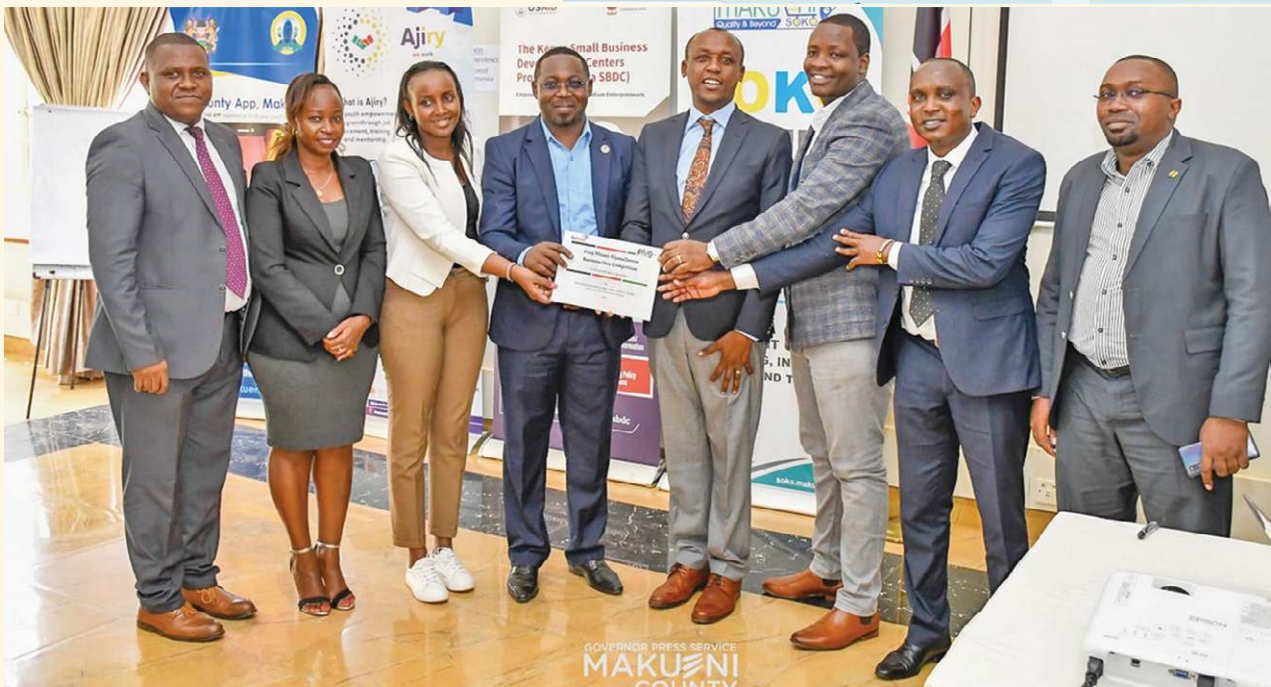


## 10. Makueni Tech & Innovation Hub

September, 2023 the Hub hosted the Plug Mtaani Innovation for Business Idea Competition, dubbed Vijana2Invest. This national innovation challenge scouted youthful innovators (aged 18-35) across all sectors throughout the country. Makueni County had a total of 45 innovations advance to the final stage from a pool of 81 submissions.

The top three innovations from the county level were:

1. Iviani Farm (Agriculture Value Chain Addition) - First Place
2. Residence Technologies (ICT) - First Runners-Up
3. Ustawi Foods (Agriculture/Health) - Second Runners-Up





## 11. Ajiry Centre

has made remarkable strides in the financial year 2023/24, emerging as a beacon of talent development in Makueni County. Strategically housed at Wote Green Public's Park, the Centre has seamlessly transitioned youth from the Makueni Innovation Hub into a dynamic environment where they can hone their skills. With over 800 training room visits and 250+ studio sessions, the Centre has significantly contributed to the growth of 200 artists, offering them a platform to record music and gain essential life skills. Additionally, 20 DJs, including 5 ladies, were trained alongside 3 youths in keyboard skills. The Centre's collaborations with major media outlets and the production of two drama series have not only showcased local talent but have also solidified Ajiry's role in fostering creative excellence.



## 12. January, 2024 Makueni and Kitui counties engaged in peer-to-peer learning on government service automation.

Kitui explored Makueni's web-based drug inventory system, Ajiry Center, Makueni Tech and Innovation Hub, IVAS, Land Management Information System and myCounty App. They also explored youth programs like Ujuzi Teketeke, which provides business training and equipment.



Other achievements under the directorate of ICT

- Establishment of Local Area Network(LAN) at mbooni sub county hospital and Makueni county referral hospital (MCRH)
- Deployment of internet connectivity at MCRH & 5 sub county hospitals (Mbooni, Kibwezi, Tawa, Sultan Hamud and Kilungu)
- During the year, 497 youths across the county were trained on digital skills through Community ICT Centres (CICs).



## ECDE, SUPPORT TO EDUCATION (STE) & LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

i. ECDE: Our strategic aim is to Increase access and retention to quality early childhood development education for all through provision of adequate and conducive infrastructure that meets basic norms and standards upskilling and reskilling of ECDE teachers and as well as engaging additional teachers to bridge the teacher/learner ratio gap. Additionally, the directorate is fully committed to delivering on the 3 pillars of ECDE namely:

- a) Growth and development of ECDE learners
- b) Human Resource Development
- c) ECDE Infrastructure Development

**a) Growth and development of ECDE learners:**

In January 2024, 1,197 centres across the county received learning and instructional materials worth Sh 9.8 million, a vital step toward ensuring no ECDE learner is left behind due to inadequate resources.





The Government of Makueni County fully funded ECDE learners to participate in the 2024 Kenya Music Festival, themed “Talent Development for Growth of the Creative Economy. The festival journey started at the cluster level with 19,478 participants and progressed to ward level, sub county level, county level and regionals before culminating in remarkable performances at the national level with four items on stage as per the table

| Level      | Number of pupils | Number of teachers |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Cluster    | 19, 478          | 1,480              |
| Ward       | 6,600            | 1,167              |
| Sub-County | 2,813            | 365                |
| County     | 705              | 91                 |
| Regional   | 152              | 20                 |
| National   | 49               | 5                  |

Makueni County performed exemplary with 4-year old Blessing Maluki scoping position one nationally in the solo verse category. Kathonzweni AIC ECDE learners secured second position in set piece item “If you are happy you know it” while Kitikyumu secured third position in own composition category. The National competion took place at Moi Girls - Eldoret.







Pupils perform at the 96th Kenya National Music festival held at Eldoret



At the Regional Level



At the county level



## b) Human Resource Development

January 2024, 497 ECDE teachers were confirmed to Permanent and Pensionable terms, with the additional 453 teachers being confirmed for the final phase in July. These milestones not only secured job stability and career growth for the teachers but also boosted morale and set new standards for educational excellence in Makueni.

### Photos during Phase I



H.E. the Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr, CBS during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the confirmation ceremony



H.E. the Deputy Governor Lucy Mulili during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the confirmation ceremony







*H.E. the Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jnr, CBS during the 2nd phase of the confirmation ceremony*



*H.E. the Deputy Governor during the 2nd phase of the confirmation ceremony*



### c) ECDE Infrastructure Development

The department completed construction of 32 ECDE projects in the FY2023/24 across the county as tabulated in the table below:

| S/ No | Project Name        | Ward                  | Current status | Remarks   |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| 1     | Nguluni ECDE        | Kee                   | Complete       | Construction of 2 No. classrooms with an office ,store , 3 door pit latrine and installation of a water tank of 5,000L done ,                           |
| 2     | Kalamba ECDE        | Nzaui/Kilili/ Kalamba | Complete       | Construction of 1 No. classroom with installation of a water tank done.   |
| 3     | Kambi Mawe ECDE     | Muvau/Kikumini        | Complete       | Construction of 1 No. classroom with installation of a water tank done.   |
| 4     | Kavungwa ECDE       | Mtito Andei           | Complete       | Construction of 1 No. classroom with installation of a water tank done.   |
| 5     | Mavindini ECDE      | Mtito Andei           | Complete       | Construction of 1 No. classroom with installation of a water tank done.   |
| 6     | Mwasa Ng'ombe ECDE  | Emali/Mulala          | Complete       | 2 No. classrooms constructed to completion and inspected.   |
| 7     | Ndukuma ECDE        | Muvau/Kikumini        | Complete       | Construction of one classroom, installation of water tank and supply of kiddy chairs and tables done and inspected.                                     |
| 8     | Emali township ECDE | Emali/Mulala          | Complete       | 2 No classrooms ,office , store and 3 door pit latrine done to completion and inspected.  |
| 9     | Katilamuni ECDE     | Kikumbulyu North      | Complete       | 2 No Classrooms with an office, store, installation of a water tanks, 3 door pit latrine done to completion and inspected.                              |
| 10    | Kwa Kea ECDE        | Kiima Kiu/ Kalanzoni  | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store ,tank installation and a 3-door pit latrine done to completion and inspected.                                     |
| 11    | Kwa kyai ECDE       | Kikumbulyu South      | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store ,tank installation and a 3-door pit latrine done to completion and inspected.                                     |
| 12    | Kyaani ECDE         | Kikumbulyu North      | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store ,tank installation and a 3-door pit latrine done to completion and inspected.                                     |
| 13    | Kyumbuni ECDE       | Mbitini               | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store ,tank installation and a 3-door pit latrine done to completion and inspected.                                     |
| 14    | Makusu ECDE         | Nguumo                | Complete       | Construction of one classroom, electrical works, installation of water tank and delivery of one cabinet, wooden table and arm chair done and inspected. |
| 15    | Mutongu ECDE        | Kilungu               | Complete       | 2 classrooms, office and store and done and inspected.  |
| 16    | Mutungu ECDE        | Kilungu               | Complete       | 2 classrooms, office and store and done and inspected.  |
| 17    | Ndivu ECDE          | Kasikeu               | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store ,tank installation and a 3-door pit latrine done to completion and inspected.                                     |



| S/ No | Project Name   | Ward                 | Current status | Remarks   |
|-------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| 18    | Ngaa ECDE      | Kisau/ Kiteta        | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store and tank installation done to completion and inspected.                       |
| 19    | Ngokolani ECDE | Thange               | Complete       | Construction of one classroom, delivery of kiddy chairs, tables, teachers arm chair and a table with drawers done.  |
| 20    | Ngongweni ECDE | Nguu/Masumba         | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store ,tank installation and a 3-door pit latrine done to completion and inspected. |
| 21    | Ngunguuni ECDE | Kitise/ Kithuki      | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store ,tank installation and a 3-door pit latrine done to completion and inspected. |
| 22    | Nzouni ECDE    | Thange               | Complete       | Construction of one classroom with an office and store done to completion   |
| 23    | Mulooni ECDE   | Tulimani             | Complete       | 2 door pit latrine done to completion   |
| 24    | Songeni ECDE   | Kisau/ Kiteta        | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store and tank installation done to completion and inspected.                       |
| 25    | Syongungi ECDE | Kalawa               | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store and tank installation done to completion and inspected.                       |
| 26    | Ulilinzi ECDE  | Masongaleni          | Complete       | Construction of 1 No. classroom with installation of a 5,000Litre water done to completion and inspected            |
| 27    | Yikita ECDE    | Masongaleni          | Complete       | 2 No classrooms with an office, store and tank installation done to completion and inspected.                       |
| 28    | Mweleli ECDE   | Kalawa               | Complete       | Construction of one classroom done to complete and is in use  |
| 29    | Kwa Mbumbu     | Kasekeu              | Complete       | Construction of one classroom done to completion and is in use  |
| 30    | Kisse          | Kiima Kiu/ Kalanzoni | Complete       | Construction of two classrooms and 3 door pit latrine done to completion and is in use                              |
| 31    | Muambwani      | Mbitini              | Complete       | Construction of two classrooms and three door pit latrine. Done to completion and in use                            |
| 32    | Muangueni      | Nguu/Masumba         | Complete       | Construction of two classrooms and 3 door pit latrine. Done to completion and is in use.                            |

Sample projects in pictures:

### KWA KYAI ECDE CENTRE



### KYAANI ECDE CENTRE



### KATILAMUNI ECDE CENTRE





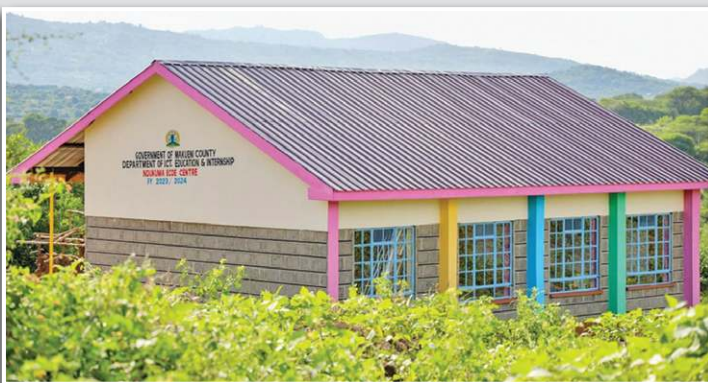
## MAKUSU ECDE CENTRE



## KYUMBUNI ECDE CENTRE



## NDUKUMA ECDE CENTRE





## MATHEANI ECDE CENTRE



## NZOUNI ECDE CENTRE



### ii. Support to Education (STE):

our commitment is to support achieving 100% transition from primary to secondary school and admission of bright and needy students to tertiary institutions up to completion of their education.

In January 2024, 100 bright students from needy backgrounds who excelled exemplarily in their 2023 KCPE exams were awarded full scholarships, allowing them to join their secondary schools of their choice. This initiative, alongside support to the continuing students, reflects the directorate's continued commitment to fostering equal opportunities and building a brighter future for its next generation. An additional 14, 582 learners across the 30 wards in the county benefited from bursaries in the Financial Year 2023/24. Further support has been directed to mentorship programs aimed at nurturing their potential and guiding them towards academic and personal success.





H.E. the Governor awards scholarship to 100 students

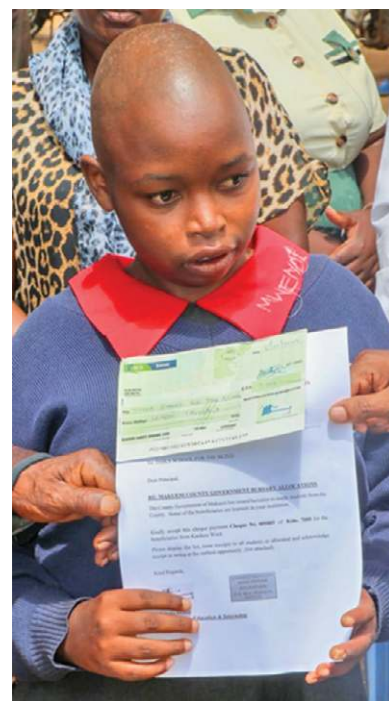


Photo of CECM Elizabeth addressing the students



H.E the Governor leads the executive in awarding bursary cheques to students





### iii. Library:

committed to upgrade and enhance Library services towards promoting a reading and knowledge development culture.

During the year, Kithasyu introduced an adult reading club that meets twice a month, with all members being fully registered library users. This group has led to increased utilization of books on catering and inspiration, fostering a positive reading culture that is spreading throughout the community. Members have so far expressed interest on the variety of books available, noting that the library has changed their perception and enhanced their discussions, with some even planning to bring their children to the library during holidays.





The library section also partnered with Ajira to further the government's agenda of promoting ICT and digital economy. So far, the Ajira program has enrolled and fully trained 55 young members at Kithasyu and Mutyambua Libraries.

## COUNTY TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE DIRECTORATE

The Directorate is committed to transforming the vocational training sector to produce competitively employable graduates and entrepreneurs through ensuring good governance, quality and relevant skills training, and infrastructural development.

In the financial year 2023/24, the directorate made the following strides in delivering on its mandate.

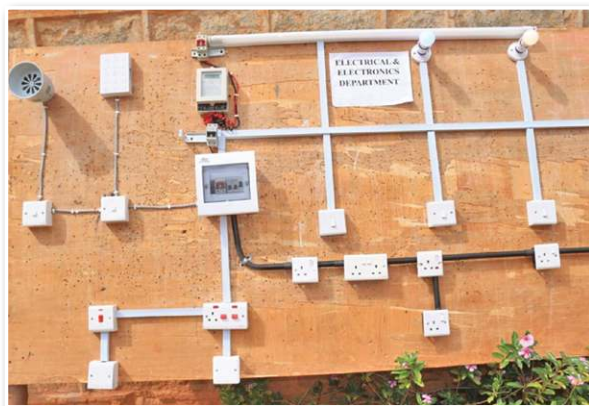
- a) On Governance and financing, The directorate appointed and oriented 60 visionary leaders to take up the position of chairpersons in the 60 Vocational Training Centres (CTTI's) across the county. In addition, the centres received financial support for the trainees worth Ksh. 20 Million.

**The CTTI trainees benefitted from the county bursary program for the first time since devolution.**

- b) Over 900 students graduated from various institutions, equipped with different skills and trades spanning from Masonry, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, solar installation technology, hairdressing and beauty, fashion design and garment making technology among others

- c) Infrastructure development







During the same period, seven projects were completed and in use as tabulated below:

| S/No | Project Name           | Ward         | Current status | Remarks   |
|------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1.   | Isovyu                 | Ilima        | Complete       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a dormitory block</li> <li>Complete electrical works</li> <li>Complete Mechanical Works (Water Reticulation)</li> <li>Rain water goods (Gutters and downpipe)</li> <li>Tank base and 10,000Ltrs water tank</li> <li>Branding, publicity and signwriting,</li> </ul>            |
| 2.   | Kauti                  | Kilungu      | Complete       | Equipping (Tools and equipment for ICT Lab, Garment Making and Masonry, furniture for the Office)   |
| 3.   | Kiumoni                | Thange       | Complete       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricity connection by KPLC at Ksh. 74,946 (Ref. No. E21642023070024), and</li> <li>Equipping (Tools and equipment for Garment Making, Hairdressing and Beauty and Arc Welding)</li> </ul>  |
| 4.   | Ng'etha                | Emali/Mulala | Complete       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of twin workshop (MVM and Masonry)</li> <li>Inspection Pit/Chamber</li> <li>Electrical installation works</li> <li>Rain water goods (Gutters and downpipe)</li> <li>Tank base and 5,000Ltrs water tank</li> <li>Branding, publicity and signwriting</li> <li>Equipping</li> </ul> |
| 5.   | Uvileni                | Nguumo       | Complete       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of 2-door pit latrine for female trainees</li> <li>Construction of 2-door pit latrine with urinal for staff</li> <li>Ceramic floor and wall tiles for the urinal</li> </ul>   |
| 6.   | Kithumani and Masokani | Mbitini      | Complete       | Installation of complete water goods and repairs  |
| 7.   | Kathonzweni            | Kathonzweni  | Complete       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of 3-door pit latrine for female trainees</li> <li>Construction of 2-door pit latrine with urinal for male trainees</li> <li>Electrical conduiting works</li> <li>Branding and Signage</li> </ul>   |

## INTERNSHIP, MENTORSHIP & VOLUNTEERISM DIRECTORATE

The directorate undertakes to continue furnishing the youth with requisite skills, knowledge and attitudes for the job market and offer opportunities for active citizenship and patriotism.

March 2024, the Directorate released 100 interns to the job market after completion of a year-long hands-on internship program across various departments within the county. This program provided the interns with invaluable practical experience, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their respective fields.







June 2024, the Directorate successfully recruited and on-boarded 125 interns with the goal of equipping them with specialized skills in their respective fields, as has been the established practice. The interns were immediately placed across various county departments, where they are expected to sharpen their skills and prepare for future career opportunities over the course of the one-year program.







## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

### i. Partnership with Faith Mission Kenya:

In August 2023, the County Government, in collaboration with Faith Mission Kenya, launched a transformative resource centre at Mtito Andei. The center, which combines an ICT Centre, a garment-making section and a library has significantly impacted the community by providing them with access to essential information, skills development opportunities and educational resources. Through the partnership, they donated 20,200 books of assorted subjects catering for both adult and junior users, hence enhancing the library's role.





## ii) Enhancing ECDE through strategic partnership:

March 2024, H.E. First Lady Anita Mutula commissioned Makueni's 308th ECDE class at Kwa Kyai Primary School. During the event, the Anita Mbinya Foundation (AMF) in partnership with Lapfund donated 1,000 kiddie chairs and 125 tables to 30 ECDE centers, significantly enhancing classroom comfort and improving learning conditions for the young learners.





### iii) Partnership with Text Book Centre:

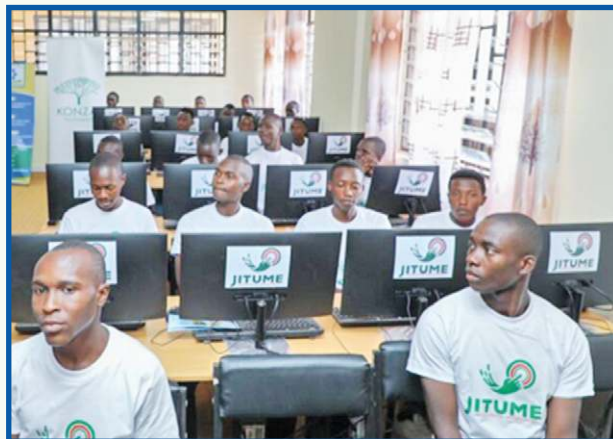
In April 2024, a partnership was established with Text Book Centre to provide essential books and stationery to 1,191 ECDE centres. The agreement, signed by H.E. the Governor and Text Book Centre's COO, Cheran Rughani, is set to benefit 40,000 learners across the county.



### iv) The Ministry of ICT partnership with the Makueni County Government to advance the ICT agenda of digitizing services.

October 2023, Hon. Eliud Owalo, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Information Communication Technology (ICT) launched a digital lab with 100 computers at David Wambuli TTI in Mbooni Sub-county. This strategic collaboration is part of a nationwide initiative to establish similar labs across the country. The lab, which is accessible to students and youth supports the government's digital economy goals and enhancements in service delivery. Additionally, in September 2023, Hon. Owalo launched free Wi-Fi hotspots in Wote Town, further supporting digital connectivity and access to government e-services.





#### vi) Partnership with Safaricom Foundation

March 2024, Ndoto Zetu program under Safaricom Foundation donated hair dressing and beauty therapy tools, equipment worth ksh. 150,000 to Matindini CTTI in Ukia ward.



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

### i. H.E. the Governor was honored with the Huduma Ombudsman Award

in the UGATUZI Category during the 4th Edition of the awards ceremony in November 2023. He was recognized for his exceptional efforts in leveraging technology and innovation to enhance transparency and social accountability, underscoring his commitment to integrating ICT across all county services.





## ii. CIO 100 Gold Mark Award for excellence in ICT leadership

Makueni County stood out at the November 2023 CIO100 Symposium & Awards, where she earned acclaim for its outstanding enterprise IT adoption. This high-profile event renowned for celebrating ICT excellence, recognized Makueni's exceptional commitment to innovation and Information Communication Technology leadership.



## iii. In December 2023, Makueni County received recognition at the 4th Circle of Excellence HR Awards

for her innovative use of technology in enhancing county processes and governance.





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