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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYANDARUA
CLIMATE CHANGE
MONITORING AND EVALUATION REPORT AS AT
30TH JUNE, 2024

JULY, 2024

Introduction/ Overview

The Climate Change Act, of 2016 provides a regulatory framework for an enhanced response to climate change, mechanisms, and measures to improve resilience to climate change and promote low-carbon development. The Climate Change Act adopts a mainstreaming approach, providing a legal basis for climate change activities through the National Climate Change Action Plan including the establishment of the National Climate Change Council and the Climate Change Fund.

It is a requirement that each county domesticates and creates a County Climate Change Act as well as a County Climate Change Unit dealing with Climate actions and improving community resilience and adaptive capacity to impacts of climate change at the local level. This is aimed at ensuring locally-led climate actions to curb climate change impacts.

Nyandarua County Government adhered to this call and has enacted the Nyandarua County Climate Change Act, 2021 that provides for the formulation of County Climate Change Action Plan (2023-2027), establishment of County Climate Change Unit (which was done in 2021), County Climate Change Fund and the Public Finance Management (Nyandarua County Climate Change) Funds Regulations, 2021 which guide on the management and utilization of the County Climate Change Fund.

Key Achievements

1. Training of County Assembly Sectoral Committee on Climate Change

The training was conducted on the 10th and 11th of August 2023 involving 15 committee members, Clerks to the committees, and legal teams. The training was aimed at building the capacity of the committees through training and awareness raising to ensure an effective response to the impacts of climate change within the county.

The training informed the committee members further of the FLLoCA program and its operations, FLLoCA Program Annual Performance Assessment and Minimum Access Conditions (MACs) as well as Minimum Performance Conditions (MPCs), FLLoCA Annual Work Plans for the County Climate Institutional Support (CCIS) and County Climate Resilience Investment (CCRI) Grants. This was to ensure that there are good working relations between the County Assembly and the Executive on matters of climate finance, budgeting, and implementation to ensure effective county climate change responses.

2. Training of the County Climate Change Steering and Planning Committees

To effectively promote coordination and oversee county climate actions, the County Climate Change Unit embarked on a training of both the Planning and Steering Committee. This training held at Astorian Grand Hotel, Naivasha was conducted on 9th and 10th November, 2023 involving 16 Planning Committee Members and 13 Steering Committee Members.

The committee members were trained on:

- Climate science and evidence of climate change from a local perspective
- A highlight of Climate change committees' functions and mandates
- Overview of the FLLoCA program
- Nyandarua County Climate Change Act amendments
- Finalized Public Finance Management (Nyandarua County Climate Change Fund) Regulations 2023

3. Training of Ward Climate Change Committees:

Nyandarua County was among the first counties to establish Ward Climate Change Committees. Having established and commissioned 9-member committees in all the twenty-five (25) wards within the county, continuous capacity building and training of the 225 members is needed to ensure they deliver effectively on their mandates.

The initial training conducted in September 2022 was conducted focusing on ward committees and local CBOs working in the field of conservation. The training involved topics such as climate science and the definition of terms, climate change mitigation and adaptation, understanding global, national, and local policies, climate risks, hazards, and vulnerability as well as proposal development.

A second intensive training involving all the 225 ward committee members was conducted between 22nd and 30th November 2023 as follows:

- North and South Kinangop sub-county: 22nd and 23rd November, 2023 at Musan Hotel, Engineer Town
- Ndaragwa and Ol Joro Orok Sub-Counties: 27th and 28th November, 2023 at Lake Ol Bolossat Resort, Ol Joro Orok

- Kipipiri and OI Kalou Sub-Counties: 29th and 30th November, 2023 at Royal Gardens OI Kalou.

The training covered the following areas; weather forecasting, overview of the FLLoCA Program, environmental impact assessment of development projects, Monitoring and evaluation of development projects, Grievance Redress Mechanism and Conflict Resolution on complaints arising from project implementation, Digital and Mobile-Enabled Solutions in addressing climate change among others.

Lake Naivasha Basin Wards - Sustainable Energy Access Forum Kenya (SEAF-Kenya) Training

An intensive training involving all the 225 ward committee members was conducted between 22nd and 30th November 2023, and another training was conducted in collaboration with SEAF-Kenya targeting wards in Lake Naivasha Basin.

To start with, three wards were selected including Kipipiri, Githioro, and Wanjohi Wards in Kipipiri Sub-County. The training took place on 31st January and 1st February 2024.

The training covered the following areas; introduction to climate change and national and county policies/legislations, An Overview of the County Climate Change Fund Mechanism and FLLoCA, Leadership and Governance, an Overview of the PCRA findings (For the three wards), Ward climate change project cycle, Climate Change Advocacy and Communication, resource mobilization, proposal development project prioritization and action planning.

FLLoCA CCRIG Template - Sustainable Energy Access Forum Kenya (SEAF-Kenya) Training

The County Government of Nyandarua in collaboration with SEAF-Kenya conducted a two (2) day training on the Planning Committee in the County. The training took place between the 3rd to 4th of June 2024 at Holiday Premier Hotel, OI Kalou town. The key topics covered included:

- An overview of climate change
- Climate Change funding mechanisms

- Functions of the planning committee
- Environmental and social safeguards.
- Introduction to National and County frameworks on Climate Change.
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Human rights approach
- Leadership and governance

The training aimed at equipping the Planning committee members with valuable skills and a positive mindset in carrying out their assigned mandates.

SEAF-Kenya also conducted a three (3) day training targeting 15 wards in the County. The training took place from 10th to 12th June 2024 at Holiday Premier Hotel, OI Kalou town.

The three-day training program organized by SEAF Kenya in partnership with the County Government of Nyandarua proved to be highly informative and productive for the Ward Climate Change Committees. Participants gained valuable skills in project funding proposal development, equipping them with the knowledge and tools necessary to initiate and sustain climate change adaptation and mitigation projects within their communities.

Key topics covered included:

- Understanding the components of a project funding proposal.
 - Identifying funding sources and opportunities relevant to climate change initiatives.
 - Techniques for conducting needs assessments and stakeholder analysis.
 - Practical exercises on defining project goals, objectives, and outcomes.
- 4. Review and amendment of Participatory County Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA) Report and County Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)2023-2027**

After the completion and submission of the PCRA Report and CCAP documents to the Project Implementation Unit by all the Counties, a review of the Policy Documents was done by a Multidisciplinary Technical Team. The policy documents were then reviewed in accordance with the provided review comments and guidelines from the PIU.

The reviewed PCRA Report and CCAP document were then published including *brail* copies of the same documents awaiting official launch by H.E. the Governor.

5. Nyandarua County Climate Change Act and The Public Finance Management (Nyandarua County Climate Change Fund) Regulations Amendment

Nyandarua County was among the First counties to enact the County Climate Change Act. After two years of implementing the Nyandarua County Climate Change Act, 2021 some sections required amendment to align with the Public Finance Management Act, (PMFA), 2012, particularly on the administration of the CCCF. Amendments to the Act required amendment of the Fund Regulations for alignment and harmonization.

Draft amendments were developed and various sitting were conducted with the Office of the County Attorney, County Assembly Sectoral Committee on Climate Change, and Committee on Delegated County Legislations.

Public Participation was then conducted involving residents and ward committee members from all 25 wards at the sub-county level where the members were taken through the draft amendments and gave their views on the same for incorporation.

After the finalization of both drafts, the policy documents were then tabled to the County Executive Committee for approval. The policy documents were approved by the Cabinet and forwarded to the County Assembly for adoption.

6. Multi-stakeholder collaborations

The CCU continued seeking further collaborations to ensure an effective response to climate change. Among them was The Nature Conservancy who were involved in community sensitization, awareness raising, and catchment restoration in efforts to rehabilitate Lake Ol Bolossat. Other stakeholders involved included CO₂ CAPITAL through Molus Sustainable Solutions in matters of carbon markets, Covenant of Mayors Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA), Upper Tana – Nairobi Water Fund, and Sustainable Energy Access Kenya (SEAF-K) Forum in the training of Ward Committees.

7. Active participation in the PIU Assessments, Fiduciary Reviews, and audits

The CCU actively participated in the recent financial fiduciary Review conducted by internal Auditors from the National Treasury and provided the required information as requested by the auditors on the utilization of the CCIS Grants. This involved the

development of the PCRA and CCAP documents among other county climate change response actions. The CCU has been reporting quarterly to the PIU on the FLLoCA Program including reporting on the Kobo Toolbox. This includes monitoring and evaluation Reports, Financial Reports, capacity building, and training registers.

Participation in the PIU Assessments (Annual Performance Assessment and Mid – Term Review)

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8. Staff Training

Various trainings involving members of the staff have been conducted including Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) which was conducted in March 2023. Financial management, Environment, and Social Safeguards training were also done. The GRM training aided in the formation of the County level and the 25 Ward GRM Committees to handle complaints arising from FLLoCA Project implementation in the County.

9. Screening of FLLoCA priority projects

The CCU Team undertook the screening exercise for all the identified priority projects under the FLLoCA in each ward. Screening is a critical initial step in the Environmental Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process, determining whether a proposed project requires SPR, CPR, or a full EIA. It helps prioritize projects based on their potential environmental impacts, ensures regulatory compliance, facilitates early identification and management of key issues, and promotes sustainable development. This step is essential for several reasons:

- Screening helps identify projects with potentially significant environmental impacts.

- Projects with minimal or no significant environmental impacts can be excluded from the detailed EIA process, saving time and resources for both the project proponents and the regulatory authorities.
- Screening ensures compliance with these legal requirements, helping to avoid legal challenges and delays in project implementation.
- Screening allows for the early identification of potential environmental impacts and key issues that need to be addressed.
- By ensuring that only projects with manageable environmental impacts proceed, screening contributes to sustainable development goals, balancing economic growth with environmental preservation.

10. Formation, training, and operationalization of Civil Society Organizations

Umbrella body on Locally-Led Climate Actions in Nyandarua County

The County Government of Nyandarua in collaboration with Volunteer Service Oversees (VSO) brought all the CSOs in Nyandarua together to form an umbrella body for easy and effective coordination. A meeting was organized on 21st May 2024 in OI Kalou town, bringing together all the major stakeholders where County CSO representatives were selected. This County CSO leadership will work with the County Government to help register and actualize the County Umbrella CSO.

The County Government of Nyandarua in collaboration with Volunteer Service Oversees (VSO) held a training on the Framework for the Implementation of the locally-led climate actions and the pertinent role of the CSOs in the implementation of the same. The training brought together CSOs, CBOs, and Self-Help groups working in the environmental conservation field from all 25 wards within Nyandarua County. The training took place on 21st June 2024 in OI Kalou.

A. PRELIMINARIES

Name of County	COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYANDARUA
Period (FY)	1 ST JULY, 2023 TO 30 TH JUNE, 2024

B. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE FOR FY 2023/2024

The report indicates the activities undertaken between 1st July to 30th June 2024

Activity Area	Sub-Activities	Responsibility	Output Indicator	Targets	Timeframe				Actual cost	Annual achievement	
					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Cumulative Annual Achievement	Variance (Target-Achievement)
Training and Capacity development of County Climate Change Unit Staff, County Climate Change Committees and the Assembly committee on Water, Environment and Climate Change	Sourcing of training institutions for the staff	County Government	Number of Staff trained on Senior Management and County Climate Change Planning, Budgeting and Reporting courses	15 County Officers trained	X	X	X		2,101,897	10 officers trained on climate finance and environment & Social safeguards	nil
	Sourcing of Workshop Venues for the Committees		Number of Committee members trained	13 County Climate Change Steering Committee members trained		X	X		1,539,000	13 members trained on climate science and evidence change on local perspective	nil

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					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Cumulative Annual Achievement	Variance (Target-Achievement)
	Actual Training and induction			16 County Climate Change Planning Committee members trained	X	X			1,146,600	16 members trained on climate science, weather forecasting and evidence change on local perspective	nil
				16 County Assembly committee on water, Environment and Climate Change		X	X		1,153,600	3 committees trained i.e. committee on delegated county legislations, budget committee and water, environment, climate change, and natural resources committee on the FLLOCA	nil

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					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Cumulative Annual Achievement	Variance (Target-Achievement)
									program. APA. and policies		
				250 Ward climate Change committee members trained	X	X			3.095.700	250 members on FLLoCA programme. GRM. environmental & social safeguards and their roles in climate change mitigation and adaptation	nil
Drafting, Review, and Finalization of Nyandarua County	Stakeholder Engagement and validation forums		Ready Nyandarua County Climate Change	Ready Nyandarua County Climate Change	X	X			1,876.398	Developed various policies that await approval by	Nil

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					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Cumulative Annual Achievement	Variance (Target-Achievement)
Climate Change Act 2021 and Nyandarua County Climate Change Fund Regulations	Finalization of the Nyandarua County Climate Change Amendment bill, 2024 and Fund Regulations, 2024		Amendment Bill, 2024 and the Fund Regulations, 2024	Amendment Bill, 2024 and the Fund Regulations, 2024						the county assembly. They include: -Nyandarua County climate change Act amendment - Nyandarua county climate change Fund regulations - Environment policy and bill - Natural resource policy and bill	
Environmental Impact Assessment for CCRIG projects	Tendering, Contract, Awarding		Well-done Reports	CCRIG projects EIA reports			X		0	Preliminary activities complete	CCRIG projects EIA reports

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					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Cumulative Annual Achievement	Variance (Target-Achievement)
Balance from FY 2022/2023 (Review of Fund Regulations and Climate Change Amendment Bill with County Assembly	Review and finalization of Nyandarua County Climate Change Act amendment bill and Fund Regulations with the County Assembly sectoral Committee on Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural resources and Committee on Delegated legislation		Nyandarua County climate Change amendment bill and Nyandarua County climate Change fund regulations ready to deliberation by the Assembly	Ready Nyandarua County Climate Change amendment act and Nyandarua County climate Change fund regulations			X		934.875	Amendments done awaiting county assembly approval	Approval of climate change amendment act and regulations
TOTAL									11,848.070		

C: CCRI REPORTING TEMPLATE

County: _____ Financial year: _____ Date of Reporting.....

S/r	Project Name	Ward	Name/cellphone of Contractor	Project Start date	Expected completion date	Budget allocation	Project Cost	Actual Expenditure	No. of Beneficiaries	Project Status (on track, off track, stalled, completed, terminated)	Remarks

D. Major Challenges

Major Challenges in implementing the CCIS have been:

- Continuous change of things and/or addition of new information within a very short period. Communication needs to be improved to enhance productivity, especially geared toward CCRI grants.
- Late disbursements which have improved from the National Treasury.

E. Lessons learned

- Adherence to the set program manual, guidelines, and conditions is essential for effective program implementation.
- There is a need for consistency in program communication and assessment.

F. Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

The Ward GRM committees are in place drawn from respective Ward Climate Change Committees in all the 25 wards within the County. The program GRM focal persons have been trained in effective conflict resolution arising from the implementation of the program. The County website is also in place to help in solving any grievances that come around. The Social Risk and Impacts management committee has been appointed by the County Secretary.

G. Environmental and social safeguards actions by the County

The County is prepared for the CCRI grants with the environmental and social safeguards focal persons appointed and ready for the task ahead. The focal persons have been trained by the PIU of the National Treasury.

H. Recommendations

1. Continuous training from PIU to Climate Change Unit is very important.
2. Timely communication from PIU to the Counties
3. Recap of the KOBO training for Climate Change and M&E officers
4. Quarterly physical meetings to evaluate County progress and harmonize what Counties are doing.

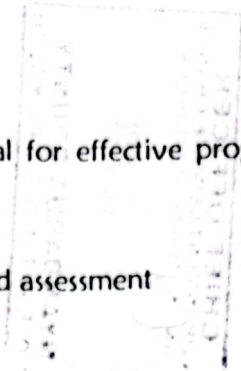
I. Lessons learned

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J. Conclusion


Nyandarua County is committed to ensuring that both the CCIS and CCRI grants are well utilized to achieve the overall goal of the FLLoCA program.



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