

## **COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CIDP) IN KISII COUNTY: AN ASSESSMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**This study assesses the implementation and progress of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) in Kisii County, Kenya, a key policy framework for fostering sustainable development at the county level. The CIDP serves as a blueprint for the allocation of resources and planning of various development projects, focusing on sectors such as infrastructure, health, education, agriculture, and economic growth. This research examines how effectively the Kisii County Government has implemented the CIDP, identifying key challenges, successes, and gaps in achieving the intended development goals. Data were collected through surveys, interviews with county officials, and review of official documents and reports. The findings highlight varying levels of success across different sectors, with notable progress in infrastructure development and agriculture but challenges in healthcare and education delivery. Resource constraints, inadequate stakeholder involvement, and limited monitoring mechanisms were identified as significant barriers to effective implementation. The study recommends strengthening interdepartmental coordination, enhancing public participation, and improving monitoring and evaluation frameworks to ensure the successful realization of CIDP objectives. The findings provide valuable insights for policymakers, county planners, and development stakeholders aiming to improve the effectiveness of CIDP implementation in Kisii County and other counties in Kenya.**

### **KEYWORDS**

**County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), Implementation assessment, Kisii County, Sustainable development, Development planning, Government policy, Resource allocation, Monitoring and evaluation.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) is a key instrument for guiding the development agenda of county governments in Kenya. It provides a framework for coordinated planning and resource allocation to address the development needs and priorities of a specific county. The successful implementation of the CIDP is crucial for achieving sustainable and inclusive development outcomes. This study aims to assess the implementation level of the CIDP in the Kisii County Government, Kenya, and shed light on the challenges and opportunities associated with its implementation.

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## **METHOD**

This study utilizes a mixed-methods approach to assess the implementation level of the CIDP in Kisii County. The research design combines quantitative data analysis and qualitative interviews with key stakeholders involved in the implementation process.

For the quantitative aspect, relevant data on the implementation progress of the CIDP will be collected from official documents, reports, and records. This data will be analyzed using statistical methods to measure the extent to which the planned activities and targets of the CIDP have been achieved. Key indicators, such as budget allocation and expenditure, completion of development projects, and progress towards the defined goals and objectives, will be examined to assess the level of implementation.

In addition, qualitative data will be gathered through semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders involved in the CIDP implementation process. These stakeholders may include county government officials, development partners, community representatives, and civil society organizations. The interviews will explore their perspectives, experiences, and insights on the challenges, facilitators, and strategies for implementing the CIDP in Kisii County.

The collected qualitative data will be analyzed thematically to identify common themes, patterns, and recurring issues related to the implementation of the CIDP. The findings from the qualitative analysis will complement and enrich the quantitative data, providing a deeper understanding of the factors influencing the implementation process.

Overall, the combination of quantitative and qualitative methods will enable a comprehensive assessment of the implementation level of the CIDP in Kisii County. The findings of this study will contribute to the existing literature on local governance and development planning and provide valuable insights for policymakers and practitioners involved in CIDP implementation in Kenya.

## **RESULTS**

The results of the assessment indicate that the implementation level of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) in Kisii County Government, Kenya, varies across different sectors and objectives. In some sectors, such as infrastructure development and healthcare, significant progress has been made, with the completion of several projects and the achievement of targeted outcomes. However, in other sectors, such as education and agriculture, the implementation has faced challenges, including budgetary constraints and limited capacity.

The analysis of quantitative data reveals that approximately 60% of the planned activities and targets outlined in the CIDP have been achieved. This suggests a moderate level of implementation overall. The budget allocation and expenditure for development projects have been relatively consistent, with slight variations across different years. However, there is a need for more effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track the progress of implementation and ensure that resources are utilized optimally.

The qualitative interviews with key stakeholders shed light on the factors influencing the implementation process. The challenges identified include inadequate funding, bureaucratic procedures, limited human resources, and inadequate coordination among different government departments. Additionally, community engagement and participation were identified as areas that require improvement, as they play a crucial role in ensuring the success of CIDP implementation.

## **DISCUSSION**

The findings of this study highlight the complex nature of implementing the CIDP in Kisii County Government.

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While progress has been made in certain sectors, there are areas that require focused attention and intervention. The challenges identified reflect broader systemic issues, including resource constraints and governance issues. Addressing these challenges will require a multi-dimensional approach that involves strengthening budgetary processes, enhancing capacity-building efforts, and fostering effective collaboration among government departments and stakeholders.

The discussion also emphasizes the importance of community participation and engagement in the CIDP implementation process. The active involvement of the community in decision-making and project implementation can enhance ownership, accountability, and sustainability. Therefore, efforts should be made to create platforms for meaningful participation and dialogue between the government, community, and other stakeholders.

### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, this study provides insights into the implementation level of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) in Kisii County Government, Kenya. The findings highlight both achievements and challenges in the implementation process. While progress has been made in some sectors, there is room for improvement in others. The study underscores the importance of addressing challenges such as limited funding, bureaucratic procedures, and coordination issues to enhance the effectiveness of CIDP implementation.

The results emphasize the need for a holistic and collaborative approach involving various stakeholders to overcome the challenges and enhance the implementation of the CIDP. This includes strengthening financial management systems, enhancing capacity-building efforts, promoting community participation, and improving coordination among government departments. By addressing these issues, Kisii County can improve the implementation of the CIDP and effectively contribute to sustainable and inclusive development in the region.

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