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## **State Department for Public Works**

# **THE OPPORTUNITIES IN SYNERGY IN NATIONAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN IMPLEMENTING THE BIG 4 AGENDA**

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# Introduction

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Constitution of Kenya, 2010

## Chapter 1 Article 1

Sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya and shall be exercised only in accordance with this Constitution.

# Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (*Cont'd*)

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Sovereign power under this Constitution is delegated to the following State organs;

1. Parliament and the legislative assemblies in the County governments;
2. The national executive and the executive structures in the county governments;
3. the Judiciary and independent tribunals.

The sovereign power of the people is exercised at national and county level.

# Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (*Cont'd*)

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- ❑ The responsibilities of the two levels of government are spelt in the Fourth Schedule, with policies and standards domiciled in the national government.
- ❑ Article 186(2) provides that a function conferred on more than one level of government is a function within the concurrent jurisdiction of each of those levels of government.
- ❑ A function thus may be shared between the two levels of government

# Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (*Cont'd*)

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Article 43 (1) provides that every person has the right to:-

- (i) highest attainable standard of health
- (ii) accessible and adequate housing, and to reasonable standards of sanitation
- (iii) be free from hunger, and to have adequate food of acceptable quality;

# Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (*Cont'd*)

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- (iv) clean and safe water in adequate quantities
- (v) to social security; and
- (vi) To education.

The Big Four Agenda is the President's strategy to fulfil his constitutional mandate under Article 43.

# The Big 4 Agenda

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1. Manufacturing
2. Universal Healthcare
3. Affordable Housing
4. Food Security

Big 4 Strategy aim to provide 500,000 affordable homes to Kenyans by 2022

# Affordable Housing

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Will be achieved through:

1. Reduction of cost of mortgages,
2. Availability of low cost funds in both private and public for investment in large scale house construction
3. Cutting cost of construction through the use of innovative building materials and technologies
4. Increased issuance of Title Deeds



# Synergy in National and County Governments

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The Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works has been spearheading development agenda with counties through:

- a) Technical Assistance
- b) Capacity Building
- c) Consultancy Services
- d) Land identification in county regions

# (a) Technical Assistance

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The State Department of Public Works partner with county governments in the following areas:

- ❑ Carrying out training needs assessment for the technical county staff comprising architects, engineers, etc.
- ❑ Drawing up organizational structures for the county government in line with their strategic and operational objectives
- ❑ Advise on recruitment and selection of technical personnel

## Technical Assistance (Cont'd)

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- ❑ Induction of newly employed personnel including drawing up the curriculum;
- ❑ Training of officers in the county for professional qualifications and subsequent registration with the relevant professional bodies; and
- ❑ Draw the placement of newly employed technical staff responsible for the various individual disciplines of Architecture, Landscape Architect, Quantity Surveying, Structural/Civil, Electrical/Electronic and Mechanical Engineering.

## (b) Capacity Building

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Kenya Vision 2030 outlines need for capacity building which provides:

- ❑ adequate intellectual capacity, enhanced through work experience and in-service training
- ❑ physical facilities and
- ❑ supportive work environment.

## Capacity Building (Cont'd)

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Capacity building can be achieved through:

- ❑ secondment of senior officers to the county to mentor the young county employees;
- ❑ exchange programmes and attachment for county staff
- ❑ continuous professional development programme

## Capacity Building (Cont'd)

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- research and dissemination of building materials and technologies
- management of Performance Appraisal and Performance Contracts.

## (c) Consultancy

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State Department of Public Works is the technical arm of government in the built environment with a big complement of professionals in :-

- ❑ Architecture
- ❑ Quantity Surveying,
- ❑ Structural/Civil Engineering,
- ❑ Electrical and Mechanical engineering, and
- ❑ Interior designing

The Ministry offers consultancy services to all MDACs in project design, development and management. Including maintenance of public buildings

## Consultancy (Cont'd)

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The scope of the consultancy services to counties include but not limited to:-

- ❑ Project feasibility studies and site analysis. Already done for Homa Bay and Nyandarua Counties
- ❑ Guiding Project development and management
- ❑ Project planning
- ❑ Advising on appropriate construction material and technology to use for county infrastructure
- ❑ Developing Building Master plan for County;



## Consultancy (Cont'd)

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- Procurement of goods and services
- Supervision of consultants employed by the County Government
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Advising on Professional fees payable to consultants;
- Procurement of common user items;

# (d) Research and Development

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- ❑ Undertaking research on sustainable building materials, processes and technologies.
- ❑ Collect, document and classify all available information on building materials and elements.
- ❑ Initiate and coordinate research and standardization in the building and construction industry in the country
- ❑ Formulate building research policy

# Research and Development (Cont'd)

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- ❑ Create collaborations and partnerships
- ❑ Establish countrywide field stations for coordination of research, collection and dissemination information on building and construction
- ❑ Coordinate and promote green building principals in the building and construction industry
- ❑ Establish digital information management and dissemination systems that will benefit general public in the construction

# Opportunities in Synergies

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## **National and County Government Synergy in Implementation of the Big 4 Agenda**

- Efficient Management and Utilisation of Financial and Human Resource
- Enhanced Technology Transfers
- Creation of Employment

# Opportunities in Synergies (Cont'd)

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- ❑ Integrated Research and Innovation programmes
- ❑ Efficient utilisation of Land and other Natural Resources in the construction industry
- ❑ Adequate utilization of Regional Diversity

# Conclusion

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## CONSTITUTION OF KENYA , 2010 ENVISAGES COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Government at either level shall:

- a. perform its functions, and exercise its powers, in a manner that respects the functional and institutional integrity of government at the other level,
- b. assist, support, consult, and as appropriate, implement the legislation of the other level of government; and
- c. liaise with government at the other level for the purpose of exchanging information, coordinating policies and administration and enhancing capacity.
- d. Government at each level may set up joint committees and joint authorities.

Thank You

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