



About us

Kenya Coastal Development Project (KCDP) is a multi-sectoral development initiative financed by the World Bank and Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and hosted by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI).

KCDP seeks to promote environmentally sustainable management of Kenya's coastal and marine resources by strengthening the capacity of existing relevant government agencies and by enhancing the capacity of rural micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in coastal communities.

Beneficiaries

Target beneficiaries are the coastal communities living within the six coastal counties, namely: Kilifi, Kwale, Lamu, Mombasa, Taita Taveta, and Tana River.

Implementing agencies

The seven government agencies implementing KCDP are the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), State Department of Fisheries (SDF), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), Coast Development Authority (CDA), National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and the State Department of Physical Planning (DPP).

Problem

Communities living in the coastal area are among the poorest in the country. Migration from inland areas to the Coast and from across the international border between Somalia and Tanzania; growing populations and a weak policy and regulatory environment, lead to

unsustainable use of natural resources with important impacts on the broader coastal environment. The resulting deterioration of the natural resource base further aggravates the vicious cycle of poverty and decline in environmental quality.

Interventions

KCDP has addressed these challenges through the provision of investments, capacity building interventions and community driven development broadly clustered around three components:

- **Component 1: Sustainable Management of Fisheries Resources**, implemented by SDF and KMFRI
- **Component 2: Sound Management of Natural Resources**, implemented by the KWS, KEFRI and KMFRI
- **Component 3: Building Coastal Capacity for Sustainable Natural Resource Use and Management**, implemented by KMFRI, CDA, NEMA and DPP

One of the key activities of KCDP is the establishment and operations of Coastal Village Fund (Hazina ya Maendeleo ya Pwani - HMP) which is implemented by KMFRI. HMP provides grant support to community-led projects.



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