

BARINGO COUNTY GOVERNMENT



ACHIEVING GRADUATION- BARINGO COUNTY SCENARIO



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Mandate: Baringo County is one of the 47 Counties of Kenya Situated in the Rift valley region. The County has a transformational agenda for the People of Baringo County through focused investment in all sectors of the Economy and has different sectors to achieve the agenda through its different departments and also through working closely with other development partners.

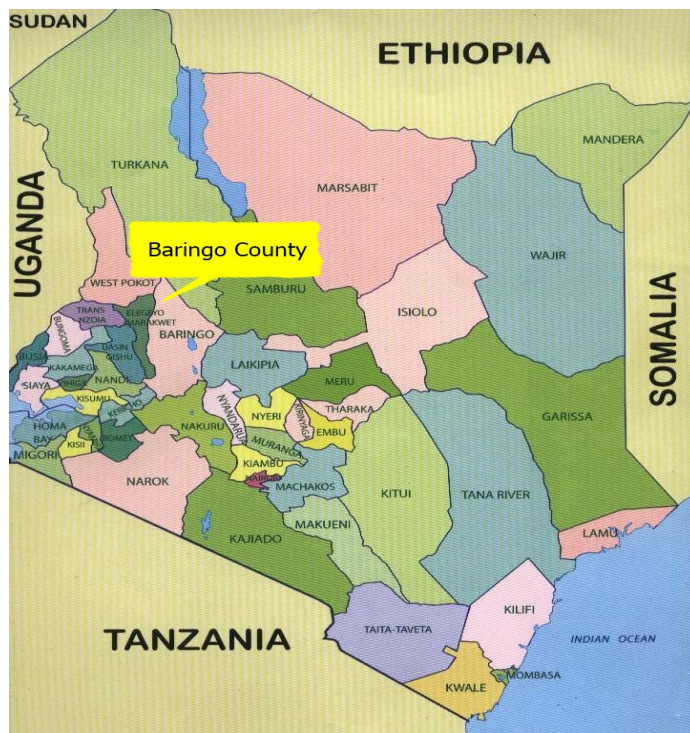
The County's vision is to be 'the most attractive, competitive and resilient county that affords the highest standard of living and security for all its residents' which is to be achieved by *transforming the livelihoods of Baringo residents by creating a conducive framework that offers quality services to all citizens in a fair, equitable and transparent manner by embracing community managed development initiatives for environmental sustainability, adaptable technologies, innovation and entrepreneurship in all spheres of life.*

To achieve its mission and implementation of activities the County through the food sector departments and development partners like World Food Programme have been sphere heading livelihood support programmes help alleviate poverty among its citizens. The programmes have been designed to help move the residents from one level to another with specific parameters being considered.

Graduation Lessons Learned:

- Community engagement during inception of any programme is key for successful graduation of communities/households to be realized.
- Strengthening of community capacity and empowerment of rural communities is key for success as it stimulates self-awareness and collective learning and analysis of livelihood assets, opportunities, strategies and outcomes;
- Graduation from community point of view helps to develop of realistic community action plans
- Partnerships and linkages among different players with the County Government taking lead builds on synergies

Location of Baringo County in Kenyan Map



GRADUATION WORK

- The County through its departments (especially those involved in food security) and WFP have been implementing various programmes geared towards resilience building and poverty alleviation; the programmes included the General food distribution (GFD), Food for Assets and latest was the Cash for Assets programme..
- All the programmes targeted the vulnerable in the community.
- The above programmes were solely funded by WFP but due to change of mandate there were agreements to transition the programmes from being led by WFP to being County led.
- The County intends to implement more sustainable livelihood strategies targeting the households as the level for change. This will graduate households from being vulnerable to being resilient

FUTURE PLANS AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION

- The County Government of Baringo and its partners have been in the fore front to achieve building resilience to its Households and have developed programmes aimed at creating sustainability in all livelihood systems.
- Most of the livelihoods are affected by The County Government of Baringo through its CIDP and sector strategic plans have developed ambitious programmes targeting resilience building across the County.

- The intention is to graduate households and make them have sustainable livelihoods despite occurrences of hazards (Baringo is prone to hazards with drought being the major hazard)
- The County is in the process of developing a ***Sustainable Food Systems Programme*** which is five year programme geared to graduate targeted households who benefited from earlier support programmes to become resilient in all aspects (Economically and socially).
- The programme targets on the household and works in the most vulnerable areas of the County, administratively the Sub locations. The interventions are categorised in outcomes which cut across different sectors. The interventions are for both software and hardware depending on the vulnerability of each targeted household
- The County is working closely with development partners especially WFP on capacity needs assessments, institutional support and capacity Building. The County departments have been supported to develop policies and strategies geared which gives a pathway of resilience building and graduating and linking households with relevant stakeholders for continuing social and economic support.
- The plans are to upscale the programmes intervention areas to cover other areas of the County not being targeted currently. The County Government through its CIDP will target the whole County
- The County Government and partners have changed methodology in targeting of beneficiaries and are currently using participatory methodologies (PDRA) and Community Action planning to understand the socio-economic status in the community by analysing community situations for community attitudinal change for based participatory planning to target beneficiaries.