

# **Samburu – County Government**

**Mandate:** To provide quality and sustainable services to the residents of Samburu County equitably, efficiently and effectively, in a secure and productive environment for improved living standards. The county functions listed in Fourth Schedule **include** agriculture; education; health; **transport** and infrastructure; trade and development; public works; culture and public entertainment; pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centres and childcare facilities; county **transport'** animal.

## **Graduation Lessons Learned:**

1. Cash transfer is more dignified and cheaper to deliver.
2. It opens other options for households i.e. access to health services through NHIF.
3. Through savings beneficiaries can access credit.
4. Cash transfer boosted local markets.

**Scale:** Local- County level but with collaborations that cut across national, region, global levels. The County has over 2000 staff, annual budget of 4 billion and 223,000 beneficiaries

**HQs:** Samburu County, Maralal.

**Initiation:** 6 Years, since 2013

**Graduation work:** H.E. the Governor in his manifesto 2018-2022 identified three key pillars of poverty graduation as Food and nutrition security, Health and Education. Samburu County Government supported graduation programs implemented by development partners targeting about 22, HHs in 2017. Chakula kwa jamii, cash transfer for elderly and orphans.

### *Methods used to deliver productive assets*

- Restocking with drought resilient animals-Camels, goats, improved cattle breeds
- Support Agriculture through mechanization (29 Tractors) and supply of certified seeds
- Grants/loans for women and youth
- Specific projects for sustainable livelihoods aimed at building resilience of vulnerable households- irrigation schemes
- Grants and loans for youth and women
- Increasing access to health services-99 health facilities
- Capacity building-400 ECD centres/TVET as the route to increase literacy and skills development
- Social protection- safety nets through food support and cash provided by the National Government and partners

**Future plans:** Increase investment for the support of resilience and sustainable livelihoods, Shifting from emergency relief food to social protection/ cash transfer/ asset creation/protection of livelihoods, Infrastructure development for the support of

market systems and service delivery and support human resource development/ECD/TVET.

**Strategic Direction:**

- Promotion of governance systems that value and promote citizens aspirations
- Strategic partnership for poverty reduction, food and nutrition security and promotion of sustainable agriculture
- Universal health care
- Ensure access to quality education.

**Where, as an organisation, would you like to be in 5 or 10 years?**

- Food secure county
- Healthy population with a high quality of life
- The short term include availability of enterprise development funds for women and youth
- Support to boost pastoral livelihoods to restore pastoralist back to pastoralism through restocking with camels and shoats
- Provision of seeds to small holder farmers and provision of food to safe investment in productive assets
- Camels and goats are one way to escape poverty, they create self-employment
- Food, cash and seeds help to stabilize households and allow productive assets to grow.



**County poverty graduation**

**Healthy population**



**Sustainable livelihoods**