

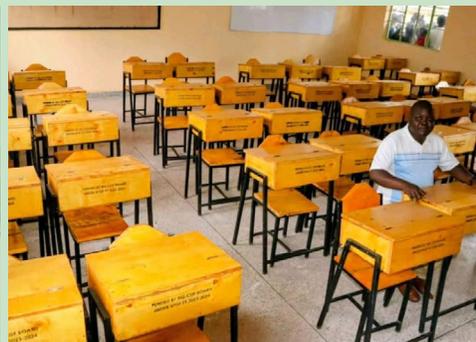


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The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) is a decentralised fund established by the Government to promote socio-economic development at the grassroots level and address regional inequality throughout the country.

EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Readers,

It is with great pride and anticipation that we present to you the inaugural edition of the **NGCDF Board Newsletter** — a platform dedicated to informing, engaging, and connecting all stakeholders in the journey of community-driven development.

This newsletter marks a significant milestone in our commitment to transparency, accountability, and inclusive communication. Through these pages, we aim to highlight the impactful work being done across constituencies, share success stories, provide updates on ongoing projects, and offer insights into the strategic direction of the NGCDF Board.

As we embark on this new chapter, we recognize the vital role that every citizen, leader, and partner plays in shaping the future of our communities. Your voices, feedback, and participation are not only welcome — they are essential.

We hope this publication becomes a trusted source of information and inspiration, and we look forward to growing it together with you.

Warm regards,

Brenda

Editor



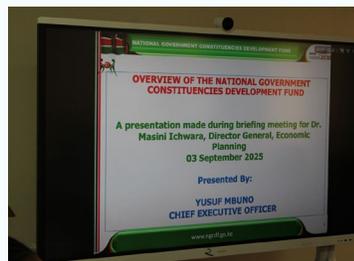
STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACTFUL DEVELOPMENT

The NG-CDF management team recently held a strategic and forward-looking meeting with the newly appointed **Director General of the State Department for Economic Planning, Dr. Masini Ichwara**.

This collaborative engagement marks a renewed effort to build a **transparent, accountable, and people-centered NG-CDF**, one that delivers tangible results and drives lasting change at the grassroots level.

The discussions focused on enhancing the impact of the **National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF)** in communities across Kenya. Both parties reaffirmed their shared commitment to ensuring that the Fund remains firmly rooted in **development priorities**, steering clear of political influence.

Together, the NG-CDF and the State Department for Economic Planning are paving the way for a future where public resources are effectively utilized to uplift lives and strengthen local development.





Funyula Constituency

Celebrated Major Education and Water Infrastructure Milestones



Funyula Constituency **marked** a significant step forward in its commitment to quality education and sustainable development with the **official launch** of 16 new classrooms at Moody Awuori Primary School.

The project, **funded** by the NG-CDF Funyula Constituency, **aimed** to ease congestion for the school's growing population of over 2,000 students, creating a more conducive and productive learning environment.

In addition to the education

infrastructure, the constituency **unveiled** a transformative water project **designed** to enhance access to clean water for students and the surrounding community. The initiative **included**:

- **Solarization of the water system**
- **Equipping of a borehole**
- **Installation of a hybrid solar pumping system**
- **Construction of a 9-meter high water tower**

These developments **were expected** to significantly improve

hygiene, health, and overall learning conditions within the school.

The event **was graced** by Prime Cabinet Secretary Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, who served as the Guest of Honour.

Other distinguished guests **included** Hon. Olago Aluoch CBS, Dr. Boniface Makokha, Mr. Yusuf Mbuno, Hon. Wilberforce Oundo Mudenyo, and the legendary Moody Awori, former Vice President of Kenya.

NG-CDF BOARD LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE VERIFICATION OF CONSTITUENCY DIGITAL HUBS

The NG-CDF Board has officially commenced **project verification visits** across the country for the ambitious **Constituency Digital Hubs initiative**, which aims to establish **1,450 digital hubs nationwide**.

Implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy (MoIC&DE), the project is a cornerstone of Kenya's digital transformation agenda. Under this collaboration:

- The **NG-CDF Board** is responsible for **construction and recurrent costs**.
- The **Ministry** provides **digital devices, internet connectivity, and technical support**.

To date, **404 sites** are actively under development, with more constituencies expected to allocate

funds following the NG-CDF Board's call for project proposals.

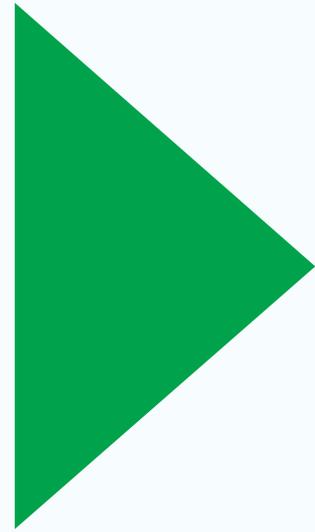
The ongoing verification visits are designed to:

- Assess the **status of construction** and **site suitability**.
- Ensure alignment with **MoIC&DE guidelines**.
- Review **staffing, community access and usage**, and **stakeholder involvement**.
- Evaluate the **conversion status** of existing **Constituency Innovation Hubs (CIHs)**.
- Confirm the effective application of the **3% allocation** for **maintenance and utilities**.

This initiative is a bold step toward bridging the digital divide and empowering communities with access to technology, skills, and opportunities.



NG-CDF: RETAIN OR SCRAP



The long-standing legal battle over the constitutionality of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) has reached a critical juncture, with the matter currently before the Court of Appeal and a potential escalation to the Supreme Court.

Since its inception in 2013, the Fund has faced persistent legal challenges, with critics arguing that it undermines the principles of devolution enshrined in Kenya’s Constitution. The original CDF Act of 2013 was declared unconstitutional in 2015, followed by a similar ruling against the revised NG-CDF Act of 2015 in September 2024.

The High Court rulings consistently held that the Fund infringes on county governments’ powers and functions, violating the separation of powers and bypassing Senate involvement in financial legislation. However, in a significant turn of events, the Supreme Court has since overturned these declarations, ruling that the Fund does not necessarily encroach on county mandates. This decision has revived hopes for the Fund’s continuity.

Meanwhile, a new legislative effort is underway to entrench the Fund into the Constitution. The Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025—seeking to formally establish the NG-CDF, the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF), and the Senate Oversight Fund (SOF)—has already been passed by the National Assembly. The Bill now awaits Senate

approval, where it must secure a two-thirds majority to proceed.

If successful, the constitutional entrenchment would shield the Fund from future legal challenges, marking a pivotal moment in Kenya’s fiscal and governance landscape.

NG-CDF: Retain or Scrap?



LEGAL CHALLENGES CHRONOLOGY (2013-2024)	KEY ARGUMENTS AGAINST	SUPREME COURT DECISION	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL ENTRENCHMENT
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MONITORING PROGRESS IN Lurambi CONSTITUENCY

The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Economic Planning, **Dr. Boniface Makoha**, recently led a high-level delegation to Lurambi Constituency in Kakamega County for a monitoring and evaluation exercise of NG-CDF-funded projects.

Accompanying him were **Hon. John Alago Alouch**, Chairperson of the NG-CDF Board, **Mr. Festus Wangwe**, Alternate Director to the Principal Secretary, and **Mr. Yusuf Mbuno**, Chief Executive Officer of the NG-CDF Board.

The team visited **Ibinzo Primary School**, where they inspected two newly constructed and fully equipped classrooms that are already in use. They also toured **Matende Boys Secondary School**,

where construction is underway on a one-storey building that will house an administration block, three classrooms, a computer laboratory, and six offices.

These transformative projects were financed under the **NG-CDF Board** Best Practice Demonstration Programme (BPDP) during the **2022/2023** and **2023/2024** financial years, respectively. The visit underscored the government's commitment to transparency, accountability, and the delivery of quality infrastructure in education through NG-CDF initiatives.

The area Member of Parliament, Hon. Titus Khamala Mukhwana, was also in attendance.



NG-CDF's Transformative Impact on Education and Public Sector Innovation

The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) continues to set new benchmarks in public sector efficiency and grassroots development, with a series of remarkable achievements that are reshaping Kenya's education landscape.

Revolutionizing Education Infrastructure

Through strategic investments and community-driven planning, the NG-CDF has facilitated the establishment of 3,087 new and fully equipped schools across the country. Of these:

- **1,369 are Primary Schools**
- **1,718 are Secondary Schools**

This expansion has significantly increased access to education, especially in underserved regions.

Classroom Construction Boosts Learning Capacity

Since the 2018/2019 financial year, the Fund has financed the construction of 27,983 new classrooms, creating space for an estimated 1,259,235 students. These classrooms have helped reduce overcrowding and improve the quality of learning environments

nationwide.

Supporting Learners Through Bursaries

Each year, the NG-CDF allocates an average of Ksh.15 billion towards bursaries, directly benefiting approximately 1.2 million students. This financial support ensures that learners from vulnerable backgrounds can stay in school and pursue their academic goals without interruption.

A Unique Model of Public Sector Efficiency

The NG-CDF Board has successfully implemented a first-of-its-kind project model in the public sector, characterized by minimal administrative costs and reduced bureaucratic inefficiencies. This lean and responsive approach has enabled faster delivery of projects and greater accountability to the communities served.

These milestones reflect the NG-CDF's unwavering commitment to inclusive development, transparency, and the empowerment of Kenya's youth through education.





Taveta Constituency Celebrates New Classrooms and Renovations

In a major boost to education infrastructure, Hon. Geoffrey Kiringa Ruku, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes, officially commissioned two newly constructed classrooms at Salaita Primary School and the renovation of eight classrooms at Kimala Primary School.

The projects, funded through the Taveta NG-CDF, are part of ongoing efforts to improve learning environments and expand access to quality education in the region.

The commissioning ceremony was attended by key leaders including Hon. John Bwire, MP for Taveta Constituency, Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi, MP for Buuri, and Hon. Lydia Mizighi Haika, Taita Taveta Woman Representative. Their presence underscored the importance of collaborative leadership in delivering impactful development at the grassroots level.

These investments reflect the NG-CDF's continued commitment to transforming education through targeted infrastructure projects that directly benefit learners and communities.





NATIONWIDE CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

Conclude with North Eastern Region Session



The NG-CDF Board, in collaboration with the **National Assembly Select Committee (NASC) on NG-CDF**, successfully, concluded nationwide series of **regional consultative forums**, wrapping up with a final session for **Fund Account Managers and Constituency Office Managers** from the **North Eastern Region**.

address emerging challenges in fund management. Discussions focused on enhancing **accountability, transparency, and stakeholder coordination**, while reaffirming the Fund's commitment to development-focused service delivery, free from political interference.



These forums were designed to strengthen collaboration between key constituency-level stakeholders, streamline the implementation of development projects, and

The engagements provided a valuable platform for participants to share experiences, propose practical solutions, and build stronger partnerships.



Burani Primary School Celebrates New Tuition Block in Matuga Constituency

Joy and celebration filled the air in Burani as the community witnessed the **official handover of a new storey tuition block at Burani Primary School**, a major milestone in the constituency's education development efforts.

The newly completed block consists of **six classrooms**, with the **ground floor**—housing three classrooms—funded through the **NG-CDF Best Practice Demonstration Programme (BPD)**. The first floor, also comprising three classrooms, was financed by Matuga Constituency.

With a combined student population of **380 learners in primary** and **230 in junior secondary**, the new facility is expected to significantly reduce congestion and enhance the learning environment

for students.

The handover ceremony was presided over by **Hon. Gabriel Mukuha**, NG-CDF Board Director, who commended Matuga Constituency for its exemplary commitment to education. He was joined by **Hon. Sawa Tandaza**, MP for Matuga and Vice Chairperson of the National Assembly Select Committee (NASC) on NG-CDF, **Mr. Yusuf Mbuno**, NG-CDF CEO and other dignitaries.

This project stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and strategic investment in education, ensuring that learners in Matuga have access to quality infrastructure and a brighter future.



NG-CDF Delivers New Classrooms and Accessibility Features at MaryCliff Girls School in Mvita



In a major boost to education infrastructure in Mvita Constituency, the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) commissioned **two fully equipped classrooms and an access ramp** at **MaryCliff Girls Comprehensive School**. The project was implemented under the Best Practice Demonstration Program (BPDP), which showcases model NG-CDF projects across the country.

The school had been grappling

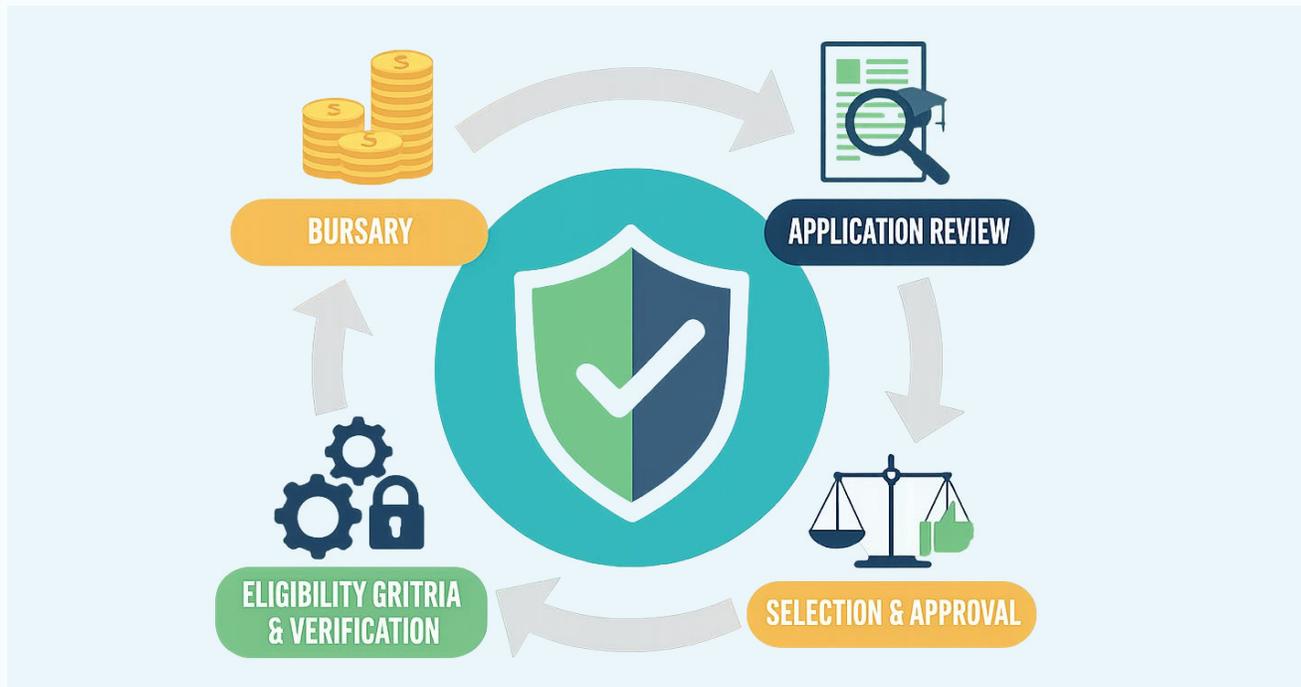
with overcrowding after its main block was declared unsafe, forcing learners into cramped classrooms and corridors. The new facilities now offer a safe, spacious, and inclusive learning environment, with the access ramp ensuring that all students, including those with mobility challenges, can attend school with dignity.

The commissioning ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including Hon. Kassim Tandaza, Vice

Chairperson of the National Assembly Select Committee on NG-CDF, **Hon. Clive Gisairo**, MP for Kitutu Masaba, **Mr. Yusuf Mbuno**, CEO of the NG-CDF Board, and **Hon. Soud Machele**, MP for Mvita Constituency.

Speaking at the event, stakeholders praised the NG-CDF's role in strengthening education and reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that every child has access to quality learning facilities.

NG-CDF Turkana West Concludes Successful Bursary Vetting Exercise



The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), Turkana West Constituency, has successfully wrapped up a two-day bursary vetting exercise aimed at supporting secondary and tertiary students in the region.

Held at the NG-CDF office in Kakuma Ward, the exercise brought together applicants from Nadapal, Morung'ole, and Tarach Sub-Locations. Students, accompanied by their parents and guardians, presented their documents for verification as part of the bursary application process.

The NG-CDF committee commended the community for their cooperation and orderly participation throughout the vetting. They reaffirmed their commitment to promoting equitable access to education by ensuring a fair and transparent allocation of bursary funds to all deserving beneficiaries.



Health CS Commissions KMTc Burnt Forest Campus in Uasin Gishu



The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, EGH, commissioned the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTc) Burnt Forest Campus, marking a significant advancement in healthcare education. Located in Ainabkoi Constituency, Uasin Gishu County, the new institution is poised to serve as a vital training ground for future medical professionals.

Hon. Duale was joined by NG-CDF Board Chairperson Hon. John Olago Aluoch, CBS, and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Yusuf Mbuno. The event also drew key leaders including His Excellency Dr. Jonathan Bii, EGH, Governor

of Uasin Gishu County, host MP Hon. Samuel Chepkonga, and Hon. CPA Julius Rutto, MP for Kesses Constituency.

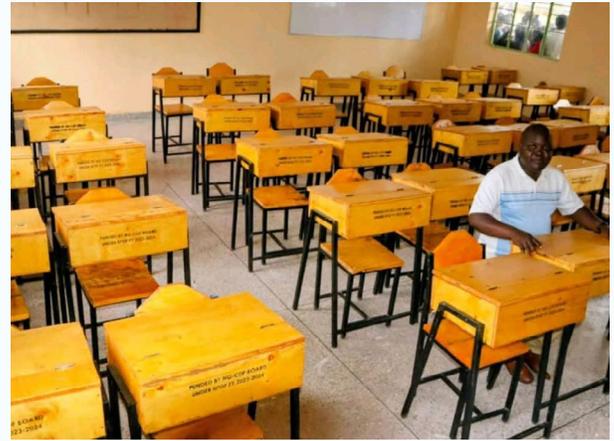
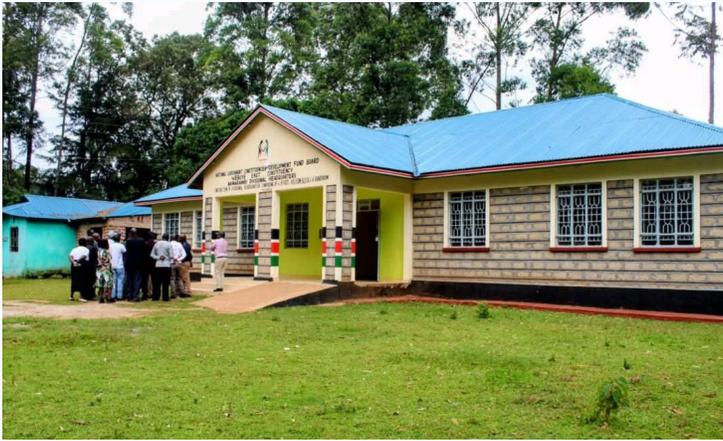
The KMTc Burnt Forest Campus is a flagship achievement of the Ainabkoi Constituency, reflecting a strong commitment to advancing healthcare training in the region. Among the notable infrastructural developments are:

- A two-storey academic block with 16 lecture rooms, 9 offices, 2 libraries, and modern ablution facilities.
- A ramp for improved

accessibility.

- A 45,000-litre septic tank.
- 1,500m² of cabro paving.
- Comprehensive landscaping to enhance the learning environment.
- A borehole for reliable water supply.
- Six non-storey classrooms and a six-door pit latrine.

This campus is set to play a transformative role in strengthening healthcare service delivery by equipping future professionals with the skills and resources needed to meet the evolving needs of the community.



NG-CDF Digital Hub in Webuye East Transforms Youth Lives Through Technology

The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) continues to make a significant impact at the grassroots level, with its latest success story emerging from Webuye East Constituency. A newly established Digital Hub, funded in the 2023/24 Financial Year and located at the NG-CDF Committee Office, is already operational and changing lives.

On a recent visit to the constituency, NG-CDF Board Directors Hon. Gabriel Kago, Mr. Festus Wangwe, and NG-CDF Board CEO Mr. Yusuf Mbuno inspected several NG-CDF-financed projects, including the Digital Hub.

The Hub is equipping local youth with vital digital

skills, opening doors to online employment, entrepreneurship, creative industries, and improved access to government services. Among the standout success stories:

- **Clifford Okoth** earned his first \$1,000 online, which enabled him to launch a poultry and agritech business and secure a part-time role with UNICEF.
- **Golder Nasimyu** now earns income from global digital platforms after acquiring skills at the Hub.
- **Frank Bulemi** uses the facility for freelancing, networking, and collaborative projects.
- **Isaiah Wanyama**, a JKUAT graduate and EdTech researcher, is currently developing an





educational platform and mentoring students.

In addition to the Digital Hub, the NG-CDF team inspected other transformative projects in the area, including:

- A solar high mast and lightning arrester at Nabuyole FYM Primary School.
- A fully funded tuition block at Bakisa Girls Secondary School.

- The Divisional Headquarters at Namarambi ACC Office, which has improved local security and brought government services closer to residents.

The NG-CDF Board is urging citizens to take full advantage of ICT Hubs in their constituencies to gain digital skills and remain competitive in today's rapidly evolving digital economy.



NG-CDF Committee Advocates for Increased Budgetary Allocation To Upgrade Junior Secondary Schools' Infrastructure

The National Assembly Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) is pushing for a significant boost in budgetary allocation to enhance the learning infrastructure in Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) across the country. Led by Eldama Ravine MP Hon. Musa Sirma, the Committee recently conducted an inspection visit to various JSS infrastructure projects in Nairobi, focusing on classroom blocks constructed through a Kshs. 1 billion allocation.

Key Findings and Recommendations;

- **Overcrowding:** The Committee observed that many schools, particularly in densely populated areas, require additional facilities to reduce congestion and promote efficient learning.
- **Infrastructure Needs:** Hon. Sirma emphasized

the need for improved infrastructure, citing a classroom with over 90 students as an example of the challenges faced by both learners and teachers.

The NG-CDF has been instrumental in supporting education development in Kenya, with a significant portion of its funding allocated to education infrastructure and bursaries.

By investing in education infrastructure, the NG-CDF seeks to improve learning outcomes and provide students with the necessary resources to succeed.

The Committee's efforts are expected to have a positive impact on the education sector, particularly in Nairobi County, where the inspection visits were conducted





NG-CDF Transition to Accrual Accounting



In a landmark move toward enhancing financial transparency and accountability, the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) has officially transitioned from cash-based accounting to accrual accounting. This milestone aligns with the broader public financial management reforms outlined in the Public Finance Management Act (2012) and is guided by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB), following directives from the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury.

To facilitate this shift, targeted training sessions were conducted

across the country for key financial personnel, including Fund Account Managers, Constituency Committee Chairpersons, Sub-County Accountants and Account Assistants from all 290 constituencies. These capacity-building sessions were designed to equip them with the knowledge and tools necessary to implement and maintain the accrual accounting system effectively.

Unlike cash-based accounting—which records transactions only when cash is received or paid—accrual accounting recognizes revenues and expenses when they are earned or incurred. This

approach offers a more accurate and comprehensive view of NG-CDF's financial position, allowing for better planning and decision-making.

Further, the adoption of accrual accounting provides a platform for NG-CDF to identify, value, and report all assets and liabilities, reinforcing fiscal discipline and long-term sustainability. This transition represents a bold step forward in strengthening public financial management in Kenya and demonstrates NG-CDF's commitment to international best practices in accounting and governance.



Over 3,000 NG-CDF Committee Members Trained Nationwide

The NG-CDF Board successfully trained 3,190 committee members across all 290 constituencies. The training sessions were held in Eldoret, Mombasa, Embu, and Garissa and targeted Fund Account Managers, NG-CDF committee members, and Sub-County Accountants. Participants were equipped with vital skills in finance, procurement, project planning, performance management, and more.

By investing in the professional development of committee members, the NG-CDF Board reaffirms its commitment to promoting effective fund management, transparency, and accountability in service delivery.

This nationwide effort strengthens fund management and boosts service delivery in all 290 constituencies, driving us closer to our goal of equitable socio-economic development.



Greening Bungoma:

A DAY OF TREES, TEAMWORK & COMMUNITY SPIRIT



In a vibrant show of environmental stewardship and community engagement, the NG-CDF Board partnered with **AFC Leopards U45 Unit Branch** for a tree planting drive across **Bungoma County**, supporting H.E. the President's ambitious goal to plant **1.5 billion trees**.

With strong backing from local community groups, trees were planted at:

- **Makutano Primary**
- **Wamalwa Kijana High**
- **Bungoma KMTC**
- **Bungoma DEB Primary**
- **Kanduyi DEB Primary**

These institutions are now on a path to becoming greener, healthier learning environments for students and the surrounding communities. The day didn't end with planting—teams swapped spades for boots in a friendly football match between the NG-CDF team and Bungoma fans, celebrating unity and grassroots connection.

The event concluded with cheers for **AFC Leopards vs. Trans Nzoia**, reinforcing the link between **community action and national development**.

NG-CDF Board Supports Uzalendo Half Marathon 2025



The NG-CDF Board proudly sponsored and participated in the **Uzalendo Half Marathon 2025**, held along the scenic Muserech–Chemilil route to Koibatek ATC Grounds in **Eldama Ravine, Baringo County**.

This impactful event raised funds for scholarships benefiting bright, financially challenged students at **Uzalendo School**, while promoting **talent, patriotism, and community engagement**.

As a committed partner in social impact, we continue to champion **education as a driver of sustainable change**.





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