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UK selects 10 Municipalities to benefit from its Sustainable Urban Economic Development Programme (SUED) in Kenya

The British government has competitively selected 10 municipalities to benefit from its £60 million Sustainable Urban Economic Development Programme (SUED). The 10 were selected after 53 municipalities responded to SUED's Call for [Proposals](#) (CfP) that was launched on 7th November 2018. The successful municipalities are;

- Kerugoya Municipality, Kirinyaga County
- Malindi Municipality, Kilifi County
- Kisii Municipality, Kisii County
- Mandera Municipality, Mandera County
- Kitui Municipality, Kitui County
- Iten Municipality, Elgeyo Marakwet County
- Kathwana Municipality, Tharaka Nithi County
- Eldoret Municipality, Uasin Gishu County
- Lamu Municipality, Lamu County
- Isiolo Municipality, Isiolo County

The Municipalities will receive:

- **Urban Economic Planners** to help develop integrated and sustainable plans to spur inclusive growth hubs of the future;
- **Investment Climate Advisers** to help remove policy and regulatory constraints to private sector led urban growth;
- **Investment Experts** to help develop and implement investment promotion strategies to draw in investment (including PPPs) to fund commercially bankable climate-resilient infrastructure and value chain projects identified in their urban economic plans;
- **Capacity Building Specialists** to support priorities identified in the urban economic plans and, enhance their capacity to continue managing increased activity even after the project ends; and
- **Seed grant funding** for infrastructure development.

Speaking about the selection of the municipalities, the British High Commissioner, His Excellency Nic Hailey said:

“After an intense competition, we’re delighted to confirm the 10 municipalities selected to participate in the SUED programme. Congratulations to all the applicants. The quality of proposals was extremely high, and our only regret is that we could not select more proposals.



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We look forward to working with municipalities across the country on urban economic development for the benefit of all Kenyans.”

SUED will support thriving and inclusive economic development that is resilient to climate change for the successful municipalities. The programme will additionally work with municipalities to promote market driven development through the creation of economic growth corridors and trade networks.

Note to Editors

SUED is a Ksh. 8 billion (£60 million), five-year programme supported by the British Government through the Department for International Development (DFID). The programme aims to support up to 10 fast growing municipalities to develop sustainable urban economic plans and attract investment for critical infrastructure and value chain projects.

The main programme objectives are to:

- Strengthen capacity at municipality level to plan better for urbanization.
- Support policy and legislative changes to enable greater private sector led growth.
- Raise investment for critical bankable, climate-resilient infrastructure and value chain projects.
- Develop and test capacity at municipality level to maintain key activities after the programme ends.
- Create climate-resilient jobs.
- Improve rural links with larger markets that were previously difficult to access.
- Poise municipalities for climate-resilient and sustainable growth.

To find out more about UK's Sustainable Urban Economic Development Programme (SUED) visit www.suedkenya.org

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