

THE COMMITMENT

WEST POKOT COUNTY

2022 -2027



H.E SIMON KITALEI KACHAPIN, CBS

VISION

A peaceful and prosperous County where all citizens enjoy high quality life.

MISSION

To guide the county to realize the full potential of devolution and meet the development aspirations of the people of West Pokot County.



HON. ROBERT KOMOLE
Deputy Governor



H.E
SIMON KITALEI KACHAPIN,
CBS Governor 2022

*We promise to serve you with humility, transparency and accountability;
and to lead a citizen centred and just government of the people*

Transformational Leadership



PREAMBLE

When we handed over power in August 2017 after 5 years of serving the People of West Pokot, we left a remarkably developed county. We laid the necessary institutional and infrastructural foundation for the development of West Pokot.

We the People of West Pokot need to negotiate an election outcome that put our livelihoods and living standards first. In this manifesto, we present to you a deal that guarantees everyone of us a desired livelihood and high quality of life.

We have the vision, experience, skills and development track record from our previous work within this County. We delivered an expanded access to quality and affordable healthcare, increased access to water and education. We also developed an effective, efficient and secure road network. To build the foundation of success, we must redouble our efforts.

We commit to the people of West Pokot to build our economy from the bottom to the top. We hope to create more jobs, raise living standards of residents; end inequality and reduce poverty levels.

Together, we will ensure an equitable and a sustainably developed county.



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Governor, West Pokot

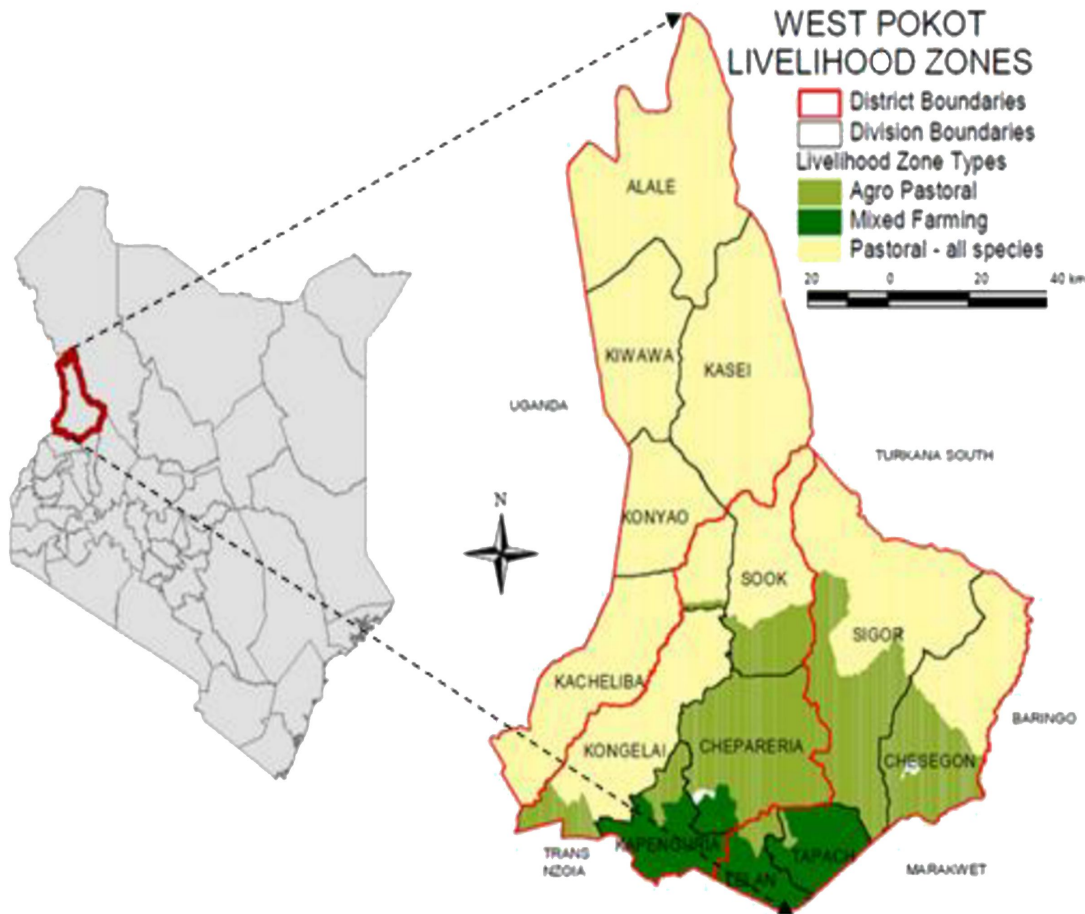
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COUNTY PROFILE



West Pokot County has a total land area of 9,123 Square Kilometers. The County has a population of 621,241 with a 1.9% change in population per year. The County's population is distributed as follows:-

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| (a) West Pokot | -184,446 |
| (b) Pokot South | -183,294 |
| (c) Pokot North | -134,485 |
| (d) Pokot Central | -119,016 |

The population is dominated by the young at 51.1%. Literacy level is as low as 33% while 94.9% of residents live in rural areas. The County has a poverty rate of 57.3%.

It is strategically located to reach international markets such as Uganda and South Sudan. It also enjoys markets within NOREB counties and beyond.

SOURCE: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS 2019)

THE PILLARS

This manifesto presents our detailed agenda for West Pokot County founded on five pillars targeting investment in the People, economic Prosperity, collaboration and Partnerships, green Planet and Peace as explained below:-



People: Our agenda targets to secure a happy life for each resident in West Pokot by providing better healthcare, eradicating hunger, reducing poverty, supplying adequate clean water and improving quality of education for our people.

Prosperity: We will ensure that the people enjoy fulfilling lives through economic, social and cultural development, talent nurturing, trade and industrialization, roads and infrastructural connectivity and technological advancement.

Partnerships: Our government will bring everyone on board for consultation through robust public participation and resource mobilization.

Planet: Our government will focus on green climate, environmental conservation and put in place measures to tackle disasters and unforeseen emergencies.

Peace: Our government will invest in peace building initiatives in order to give our people and neighbouring communities an environment where they can work and live in peace. We will work to ensure we protect lives and wealth of our people because without peace, there can never be any meaningful development.

OUR PROMISES

EDUCATION AND ICT

- Increasing Bursary fund from 400 million to 1 billion shillings.
- Construction and equipping 300 ECDE centres
- Provision of food stuff to ECDE children
- Revival of Aramaget ECDE College
- Recruitment of 1000 ECDE Teachers and implementation of Scheme of Service for ECDE Teachers
- Construction and modernization of existing Polytechnics and Vocational Training Centres
- Revival and operationalization of Keringet University in collaboration with National Government and other stakeholders
- Creation of digital village centres in each Ward
- Lobbying for national broadband connectivity and telecommunication boosters in all Sub-counties
- Collaboration with National Government to improve standards of Primary and Secondary schools infrastructure
- Improvement of retention in both primary and secondary schools by supporting construction of 10 low cost boarding primary schools and 15 secondary schools
- Provision of incentives for motivation of teachers such as tours and benchmarking



OUR PROMISES

HEALTH

- Rehabilitation and upgrading of KCRH to a Level 6 hospital with sufficient modern diagnostic and treatment equipment to minimize referrals to other facilities which is expensive especially to private hospitals
- Establishment of Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Centre
- Ensuring adequate supply of drugs and medical supplies to all health facilities
- Equipping all other health facilities at the Ward level with necessary equipment for diagnosis and treatment
- Upgrading and equipping Sub-county hospitals with modern medical equipment
- Completion of all stalled health projects and paying all pending bills
- Construction of more dispensaries
- Construction of drug stores in all Sub-county hospitals
- Purchasing 20 additional ambulances
- Increasing allocation of funds to health sector
- Implementation of Universal Health Coverage
- Strengthening Preventive and Promotive health services through community strategy and facilitation of Community Health Volunteers



OUR PROMISES



- Construction of Makutano Health Centre
- Operationalization of the Kapenguria Satellite Bloodbank to avoid stock outs of blood in the county hospitals
- Setting up a TB Treatment Centre in Alale Health Centre to minimize congestion in Kacheliba Sub-County Hospital
- Establishment of doctors residences for Sub-County Hospitals
- Employing more health personnel
- Provision of scholarships and exchange programmes for medical practitioners
- Appointment of health adviser and partners' co-ordination in the office of the Governor
- Creation of a Directorate of Nursing to streamline all nursing services to enhance service delivery
- Recognition and accreditation of nursing specialties in the health field
- Deployment and appropriate job placement for specialist doctors and other health staff
- Elimination of corruption in our health facilities and in staff employment
- Assigning professionals to manage hospitals to enhance service delivery to mwananchi
- Confirmation of contracted health practitioners to permanent and pensionable terms



OUR PROMISES

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

- Provision of tractors at subsidized cost to assist farmers
- Revival of Nasukuta animal demonstration farm
- Provision of mentorship to farmers through benchmarking and training
- Provision of extension services to farmers and placement of veterinary doctor in every ward
- Establishment of strategic livestock feed reserve through pasture development in ASAL areas
- Construction of feed stores in all Wards
- Completion, equipping and operationalization of Milk Processing plant
- Provision of Artificial Insemination (AI) services and acquisition of a nitrogen plant for storage
- Completion, equipping and operationalization of Mango factory
- Supplying 400,000 improved mango seedlings to farmers
- Equipping and operationalization of Sun-Flower factory in Pser area
- Provision of seeds and fertilizer to farmers
- Provision of better/improved livestock breeds to farmers
- Vaccination of livestock and introduction of poultry vaccination in the county
- Revival of irrigation schemes across the county
- Purchasing two buses for benchmarking
- Value addition for Aloe vera and marketing of Aloe Vera products.
- Mapping, researching and establishment of markets for farmers' produce
- Supporting farmers of high value crops such as pyrethrum, coffee and tea to acquire cheap farm inputs
- Construction of storage facilities, coolers and silos
- Establishment of Potato Bulking Centre/Store to support potato production and value chain development
- Construction of sub-surface dams and water pans for collection of water for irrigation and livestock use
- Revival of Kishaunet ASK Show and exhibition
- Construction of 5 honey stores and a Honey Processing plant
- Distribution of 10,000 beehives to bee farmers
- Provision of hatcheries in every location
- Establishment of Poultry Processing Plant

OUR PROMISES

TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CO-OPERATIVES

- Construction of markets such as Marich Pass market and revival of unused market stalls
- Construction and improvement of toilet and sanitation facilities in all markets
- Supply of adequate water in market places
- Improvement of garbage collection in markets
- Improvement of security by installation of High Mast Security lights and Street Lights
- Establishment of Biashara Mashinani Fund to provide capital to huslers' businesses such as Mama Mboga
- Provision of low interest loans to boda-boda operators through the Co-operative Fund
- Waiver of cess for one year for registered bodaboda operators
- Waiver of cess for small businesses during weekends for example Mama Mboga
- Operationalization of Nasukuta Export Abattoir
- Establishment of Hide and Skin Tanning factory
- Supporting Co-operative movements
- Facilitate establishment of business sacco
- Establishment of Diaspora desk to support networking and build partnership for investment
- Strengthening of the County Chamber of Commerce
- Facilitate electricity connectivity in markets
- Provision of funds to support small scale mineral miners
- Facilitate establishment of Ortum Cement factory



OUR PROMISES

ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

- Opening 1000 kms of new feeder roads in all Sub-counties
- Upgrading, murraming and gravelling of 1500 Kms of roads
- Maintaining and undertaking protection works of existing roads and installation of box culverts
- Purchasing 20 earth moving machines to support road construction works
- Provision of funds for training of bodaboda riders on road use and safety
- Establishment of Roads Maintenance Units at community level
- Construction of bridges in major rivers such as:-
 - Ortum-Empough bridge
 - Ritit-Maros bridge
 - R. Patieu bridge
 - Nakwijit-Endough bridge
 - Kamla bridge
 - Cheptunoyo bridge
 - Kanyerus bridge; and many others



OUR PROMISES

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

- Connecting water to households within the county and extend water connectivity to areas such as Murpus, Riwo and North Pokot through the Muruny Water Project
- Supply of clean water to urban areas
- Construction of sub-surface dams and water pans in arid areas
- Establishment of 300 solar powered boreholes and upgrading existing boreholes to solar power
- Purchasing 4 new water drilling rigs
- Construction of water supplies and upscaling existing water supplies
- Exploration of high yielding ground water aquifers
- Establishment of solid waste management systems and sewerage systems
- Promotion of green energy in public institutions
- Improvement of tree cover by supporting institutions and residents to plant trees towards achieving 10% forest cover
- Protection and rehabilitation of water towers/water catchment areas
- Improvement of disaster risk reduction and response through strengthened early warning systems



OUR PROMISES

SPORTS, YOUTH, CULTURE & TOURISM

- Establishment of a fully fledged youth department
- Establishment of Youth Centres in Sub-counties for mentorship, networking and co-ordination of youth affairs, including sports and health
- Establishment of a youth recreational centre at Makutano with an amphitheatre, recording studio, indoor games (darts, archery, table tennis, badminton and lawn tennis)
- Construction of modern stadia in all Sub-counties
- Rehabilitation of Kishaunet Show ground pitch
- Sponsor training for coaches and referees
- Operationalization of Kaptabuk High Altitude Training Camp
- Establishment of well-funded county league and tournaments
- Establishment of West Pokot County Marathon to build talent and raise funds for other purposes
- Partnering with institutions such as schools to upgrade their playing grounds
- Construction of Cultural Centre to host annual cultural extravaganza
- Promotion and sponsoring cultural dancers to participate in national and international events
- Procurement of 2 buses for sports and culture
- Promotion and marketing Pokot Tourism Circuit
- Completion and operationalization of Kopoch Hospitality, Training and Catering Centre
- Development of cottage industry



OUR PROMISES

LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Supporting communities to register community land as per the Community Land Act, 2016
- Facilitating issuance of Titles Deeds to residents
- Facilitating issuance of Lease Titles in major towns such as Makutano, Alale, Kacheliba, Ortum, Sigor, Chepareria and Kabichbich
- Upgrading GIS laboratory, County mapping and survey equipment
- Facilitating town planning
- Development of drainage system in major towns
- Pavement of streets in major towns
- Construction of pedestrian walkways
- Installation of street lights in major towns



OUR PROMISES

EQUITY AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

- Allocation of 50 Million Shillings per Ward for Ward development
- Initiation of plans to support implementation of integrated programs
- Enhancement of support to PWDs through issuance of grants for businesses and provision of assistive devices
- Empowering women through establishment of zero-interest Table Banking Fund
- Provision of iron sheets (mabati) to women groups

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- Purchasing fire engines for major urban centres
- Establishment of a 24-hour Emergency Response Unit
- Operationalization of the County Emergency Fund
- Enhancing partnership with donors and resource mobilization to assist residents affected by disasters
- Installation of lightning arrestors



OUR PROMISES

GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- Rolling out a service charter for delivery of public services in all County Departments
- Building an efficient and highly skilled human capital in the public service through structured trainings
- Rolling out Performance Contracts and Appraisal Systems for County Government staff
- Establishing a servant culture where government services are underpinned by Respect, Accountability, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Timeliness
- Establishing a citizen complaints handling system including SMS service and suggestion boxes
- Operationalization of Village Administration Units and Village Councils
- Strengthening public participation and inclusive decision making on county economic and fiscal policy development
- Establishing rotational town hall meetings to discuss government operations and service delivery



SECURITY AND PEACE BUILDING

- Collaboration with national government to operationalize County Policing Authority
- Increase and facilitate National Police Reservists
- Supporting county peace building initiatives through development of shared facilities and resources such as roads, boarding schools, water pans, small dams, boreholes as well as pasture development in conflict areas
- Integration of Pokot elders in peace building initiatives and opening a fully fledged office for their operations
- Training village councils on security and conflict management





PARTNERSHIP AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- Map all county resources and investment opportunities
- Source for national and international investors for value chain development especially in the agriculture, livestock, manufacturing, mining, energy and water sectors
- Centralize coordination of all NGO programs to ensure equitable implementation of donor projects throughout the county
- Hold quarterly dialogue forums for all partners and development stakeholders for monitoring and evaluation of both county and donor funded projects
- Organize fundraising events for partnership building by holding annual investor and donor forums to attract potential donors and increase the county resource envelope





The Promise: 2022-2027



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