



# U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS IN MERU COUNTY





## **STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND MUTUAL SECURITY**

*Collaborating with the Government of Kenya and its people to build a peaceful, secure, and democratic society*

The Kenyan Constitution is a remarkable document that is built upon the values of freedom, equality, justice, and human rights – values that are shared by the American people. To achieve the great promise of Kenya's Constitution, we will partner with Kenya to strengthen democratic institutions, address ethnic divisions, fight corruption, and help ensure freedom of the media and space for civil society. In particular, we are working to support both the national and county levels of government to implement devolution.

We support Kenyan citizens as they seek to be more actively engaged in their democracy by learning how national and county governments work and finding ways for them to have a voice in both.

Human rights and social protections are important to the security of Kenyans. We collaborate with civil society to ensure Kenyans can enjoy their human, civil, and labor rights, particularly within marginalized communities.

Reducing crime and violent extremism ensures greater security both at home and around the world. We work closely with communities to develop local, culturally relevant strategies to protect their citizens from violent extremism. We also help Kenya address transnational crime, such as poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking to ensure future generations of Kenyans benefit from its rich natural heritage.



Spanning more than five decades, the U.S.-Kenya partnership is a tapestry of ties in government, business, academia, development, and civil society. Each year, the American people invest close to \$1 billion (100 billion Kenyan shillings) in Kenya to advance our mutual security, prosperity, and democratic values.

Our investment in Kenya's future is guided by the great promise of the 2010 Kenya Constitution and Kenya's own development goals. Through strong partnerships with the national and county governments, civil society, and the private sector, we work together to strengthen democracy and mutual security, invest in health and education, and promote economic prosperity to secure Kenya's future. The types of U.S. government's programs at the county level are broadly described below. For a full list of specific activities in each county, please turn to the back of this brochure and open it to see a county map with activity locations and county-level results.



## PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FOOD SECURITY

*Helping more Kenyans contribute to and benefit from increased economic growth*

Economic prosperity is essential to Kenya's future. That is why expanding trade and investment ties between our countries is a top priority. The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and direct flights from Nairobi to the United States are just two examples of the opportunities we have to achieve our shared goals. A responsibly-regulated, free, fair, and open market is the only way to unlock Kenya's potential and give Kenyans the future they deserve.

With U.S. government support, through initiatives like Feed the Future (FTF), more Kenyans are gaining access to tools and opportunities to lift themselves out of poverty. Smallholder farmers are embracing new farming methods, utilizing improved veterinary services, and accessing new markets. Entrepreneurs – particularly women and young people – are now able to access credit to sustain and grow their businesses. These new programs are unlocking potential in agriculture, clean water, energy, and many other sectors that together will fuel Kenya's future prosperity. And when disaster strikes, we are there to support vulnerable communities to recover from flood and drought, working with them to identify new opportunities and develop strategies to mitigate future loss.

Our work with county governments helps them attract investments from the private and public sectors. With these partnerships, counties can increase revenue and better mobilize domestic resources, expand social services, and build thriving local economies that generate more employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for residents. In addition, we work to improve the trade environment in Kenya and the region, and increase Kenya's ability to attract regional and international investment opportunities.

With many Kenyans dependent on wildlife and nature-based tourism, the U.S. government promotes the conservation of Kenya's unique biodiversity and the sustainable management of its natural resources for the benefit of all Kenyans.

## INVESTING IN HEALTHY, EDUCATED PEOPLE

*Contributing to a productive and self-reliant Kenyan population*

A healthy society is essential to Kenya's growth, development, and security. For the United States, a healthy Kenya is a more stable, prosperous partner. Thanks to the generosity of the American people, over one million Kenyans are receiving life-saving antiretroviral therapy, allowing them to live productive lives and build Kenya's future while being HIV positive.

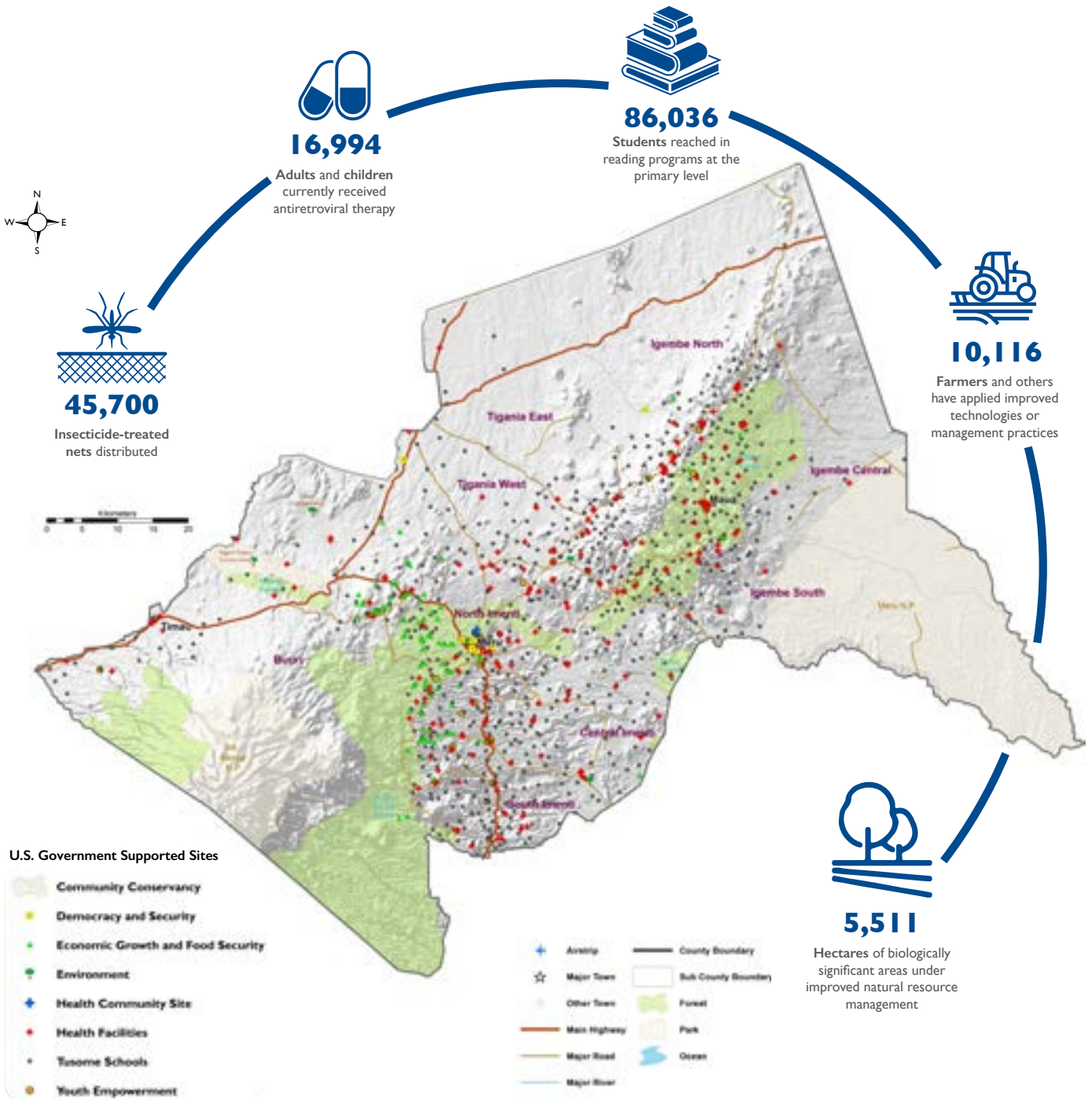
With over \$600 million (60 billion Kenyan shillings) in annual support, the United States is by far the largest international investor in Kenya's health sector. This money supports Kenya's vision of a strong healthcare system that can deliver affordable, quality services to the greatest number of Kenyans. Three major presidential and global initiatives in Kenya are implemented across the U.S. government: the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA). These initiatives support Kenya's national and county level health policies and systems as well as the devolution of comprehensive health services to combat malaria, tuberculosis, infectious disease threats, malnutrition, and HIV. Other programs support world-class clinical medical research, improvements in laboratories and services for immunization, maternal and child health, family planning, clean water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Africa's future and its global competitiveness will be driven by academically gifted and entrepreneurial young people empowered to lead. The U.S. government collaborates with the Government of Kenya and private sector partners to provide state-of-the-art reading education to millions of Kenyan children, offer scholarships to high-achieving but disadvantaged students to complete their education, expand educational and workforce development opportunities for young adults, and prepare a new generation of young African leaders with the capacity to transform the region and the continent.



# A LOOK AT U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS IN

# MERU COUNTY



The information above are highlights of 2017 U.S. Government investments within the county. This map was produced in June 2018. The boundaries and names on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the U.S. Government.



# FEATURED U.S. GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS IN MERU COUNTY

## STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND MUTUAL SECURITY

### AGILE AND HARMONIZED ASSISTANCE FOR DEVOLVED INSTITUTIONS - AHADI (USAID)

Trains county officials to improve their knowledge and skills in government functions

## PROMOTING RESILIENT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FOOD SECURITY

### CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITY CONSERVANCIES (USAID)

Strengthens the capacity of community conservancies to improve management of wildlife

### DISABILITY LIVELIHOODS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY (USAID)

Empowers extremely poor deaf and hard-of-hearing people and their families through self-employment and inclusive business development activities

## INVESTING IN HEALTHY, EDUCATED PEOPLE

### AFYA KAMILISHA (PEPFAR/USAID)

Increases access and coverage for HIV prevention, care, and treatment services

### COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE, SUPPORT, AND EMPOWERMENT OF OVC (PEPFAR/USAID)

Supports orphans and vulnerable children with household economic strengthening and psychosocial support

### GENERATION KENYA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (USAID)

Addresses the need for sustainable youth employment through an innovative, replicable, and rapidly scalable model

### GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AGENDA (CDC/USAID)

Builds capacity in infectious disease outbreak, surveillance, prevention, and program management

### HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS (PEPFAR/CDC)

Supports county health management teams and service delivery partners in developing and maintaining health information systems innovations

### HIV SERVICES FOR KEY POPULATIONS (PEPFAR/CDC/USAID)

Supports HIV prevention for key populations at risk of acquiring HIV infection, including serving prison populations. Including through USAID's Linkages project

### HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH (PEPFAR/USAID/CDC)

Strengthens health workforce management

### KEMSA MEDICAL COMMODITIES PROGRAM (PEPFAR/USAID)

Works to establish and operate a safe, secure, reliable, and sustainable health commodities supply chain management system

### LABORATORY STRENGTHENING (PEPFAR/CDC)

Supports laboratory strengthening activities by implementing sustainable quality laboratory systems and sustainable blood safety activities

### TUSOME EARLY GRADE READING PROGRAM (USAID)

Improves literacy for Grade 1, 2, and 3 students in all public schools and 1,500 Alternative Provision of Basic Education and Training (APBET) institutions across Kenya



## PARTNERING WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

The U.S. government usually works through implementing partners. Above is a list of current county partners. We also work at the national level and with civil society, entrepreneurs, and innovators. Visit [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and search for Kenya to find relevant solicitations, follow us on social media, or reach out to the contacts below.

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