

Agile Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI)



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Burat group drafts development plan in Isiolo County.

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Duration: December 2013 – 2018

Activity Locations: Nationwide

Implementing Partner(s):

Center for International Development of the State University of New York, in partnership with The Urban Institute, Local Development International and ACT!Kenya

Key Partners:

Ministry of Devolution and Planning Council of Governors, Parliament – National Assembly and Senate, Kenya School of Government, Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training County Assemblies Forum

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

With the adoption of the 2010 Constitution, Kenya set itself on a path toward devolution—a new system of governance that includes 47 county governments with governors and legislatures. The Agile Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI) is to support Kenya’s vision of devolution. AHADI aims to promote governance systems that are transparent, accountable, effective in service delivery, and responsive to empowered citizens by working at national and county government levels.

In partnership with Kenyan institutions, AHADI enhances capacity of the local and national government to implement devolution by piloting innovative tools, providing knowledge sharing mechanisms and building capacity to benefit both devolved and national-level institutions. Activities are led, planned and implemented with Kenyan leadership in government and civil society as well as in close coordination with other development partners. AHADI supports county governments and citizens to learn from each other and integrates citizen participation into training, policy development and research activities to provide a key link between citizens and government.

ACTIVITY GOALS

- Strengthen the capacity of counties through training, mentoring, and technical assistance for key leaders – building skills and accountability in governance and service delivery
- Build the capacity of civil society to more effectively represent citizen interests and needs to county governments
- Support institutions and structures that will facilitate the devolution process, and strengthen cooperation and ties between counties and the national government

ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Approval of AHADI work plan by the Ministry of Devolution and Planning
- 23 active grants currently supporting program activities
- 98 county legislators and their staff attended trainings or educational events
- 14 national legislators and their staff attended trainings or educational events
- 11 policies/laws underwent County Assembly Forum (CAF) review
- Supported the establishment of a resource center at the Council of Governors’ Secretariat in Nairobi
- Supported the Kenya Law Reform Commission (KLRC) in developing a draft legislative guide to assist both the National and County Government(s) in the formulation of policies, bills and administrative measures