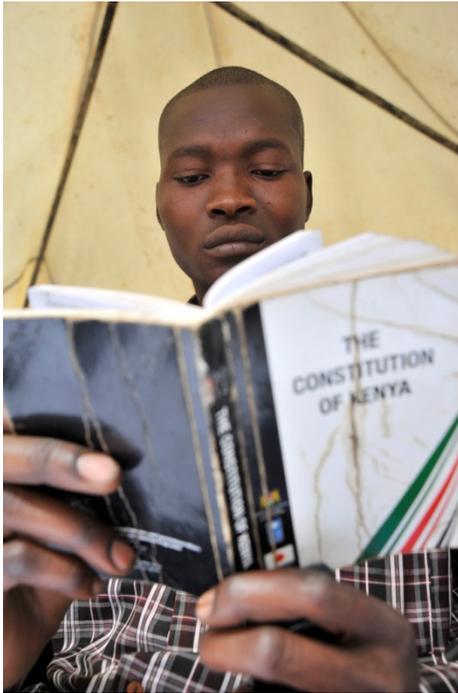




Supporting the Kenya Constitutional Implementation Process



Supporting the Kenya Constitutional Implementation Process assists the Government of Kenya to develop the comprehensive laws and policies required under the new Constitution.

Funding Level:
US \$2.5 million

Duration:
June 2011 – June 2014

Activity Goals:

- Assist the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution and other Government of Kenya agencies to develop comprehensive laws and policies required under the new Constitution
- Enhance the capacity of the Judiciary to enact timely resolutions to election disputes

Activity Accomplishments:

- Increased capacity within the government to undertake legal research and legislative drafting
- Helped Parliament pass all pieces of reform legislation outlined in the Constitution

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Supporting the Kenya Constitutional Implementation Process is a partnership between USAID and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) to assist the Government of Kenya develop the comprehensive laws and policies required under the new Constitution.

ACTIVITY AREAS

The activity provides technical support to the agencies responsible for preparing and reviewing legislation required by Kenya's 2010 Constitution, including the Kenya Law Reform Commission, the Attorney General's Office, and the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution. It provides training in legislative drafting and it assisted in the development of a legislative drafting manual specific to the Kenyan Constitution.

The activity supports the Kenya Law Reform Commission to conduct communication campaigns that educate and inform the public on proposed laws. It also organizes stakeholder forums that ensure civil society organizations actively participate in, and contribute to, the legislation-making process.

The activity supports Kenya's Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution in eight key areas: stakeholder engagement; sector-based approaches; advisory opinions; judicial intervention; public participation; collaborative arrangements with other partners such as constitutional commissions and independent public offices; comparative analysis; and, incorporation of international best practices and monitoring and reporting.

ACTIVITY IMPACT

In 2013, USAID partners assisted Parliament in reviewing, analyzing and passing 55 laws, including 16 required by the Constitution.

- Recommended the enactment of an Amendment Bill to address identified legislation and policy shortfalls
- Identified six critical pillars upon which successful transition to devolved government would rest: functional assignment; capacity building of devolved government; financing county operations; service delivery; public participation; and, intergovernmental relations and conflict resolution
- Supported the Judiciary in the development of rules of engagement and guidelines for election petitions

Key Partners:

Kenya Law Reform Commission, the Attorney General's Office, and the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution

Activity Location:

Nationwide

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