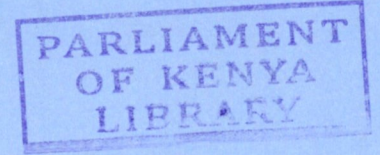


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**1. Acronyms and Definition of Key Terms**

**A. Acronyms**

BOM	Board of Management
ICPAK	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
PFM	Public Finance Management
PSASB	Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
Kshs	Kenya Shillings

**B. Definition of Key Terms**

**Fiduciary Management-** Members of Management directly entrusted with the responsibility of financial resources of the organization.

**Comparative Year-** Means the prior period.

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## **2. Key Entity Information and Management**

### **a) Background information**

The Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund was established by County Assembly of Samburu and derives its authority and accountability from Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund Act, 2019 on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Fund is wholly owned by the County Government of Samburu and is domiciled in Kenya.

The fund's objective is to

- a). Support the establishment of community conservancies in the County
- b). Provide financial support to community conservancies
- c) To enhance and facilitate sustainability of community conservancies
- d). facilitate development of infrastructure to community conservancies
- e Meeting any expenditure related to administration of the fund.

The Fund's principal activity is

1. Provide financial support to community conservancies
2. Perform any other function that the board may consider to facilitate sustainability of community conservancies
3. Meeting any expenditure related to administration of the fund.

### **b) Principal Activities**

The principal activity/mission/ mandate of the Fund is to provide financial support to community conservancies, and strengthen

- ✓ To invest in community priorities for improving their lives, and create the conditions for growing jobs and businesses.
- ✓ To strengthen the governance of community conservancies and increase stakeholders/partner support to community conservancies.
- ✓ To build peace between ethnic communities and support conservation partnership in ensuring security for people and wildlife.
- ✓ To stabilise and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources.

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- ✓ To build and maintain a sustainable, effective and dynamic organisation that is designed and resourced to enable direct support to community conservancies, maximising opportunities for them to become self-sustaining.

**c) Board of Trustees/Fund Administration Committee**

Ref	Name	Position
1	Joseph Lepariyo	Chairperson
2	Beatrice Edipo	Vice Chairperson
3	Mike Lekadaa	Fund Administrator
4	James Lengewa	Member
5	Joseph Lentaka	Member
6	Titus Letaapo	Member
7	Dickens Njogu	Member
8	Clementina Lesoipa	Member
9	John Cheriyo	Member
10	Daniel Terer	Member
11	Simon Leirana	Member
12	Matthew Leakono	Member

**d) Key Management team**

Ref	Name	Position
1	Joseph Lepariyo	Chairperson
2	Mike Lekadaa	Fund administrator
3	Matthew Leakono	County Director Tourism and wildlife Conservation

**Key Entity and Management (Continued)**

**e) Fiduciary Oversight Arrangements**

*Here, provide a high-level description of the key fiduciary oversight arrangements covering (say):*

SN	Position	Name
1	Directorate Internal Audit	Tim Lenolkirna

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2	Samburu County People Living with Disability Fund Administration Committee	
3	Samburu County Assembly	

**f) Registered Offices**

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Website: [www.samburu.go.ke](http://www.samburu.go.ke)

**h) Fund Bankers**

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Haile Selassie Avenue  
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Nairobi, Kenya
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P.O Box 20600 Maralal Branch

**Key Entity and Management (Continued)**

**i) Independent Auditors**

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**j) Principal Legal Adviser**

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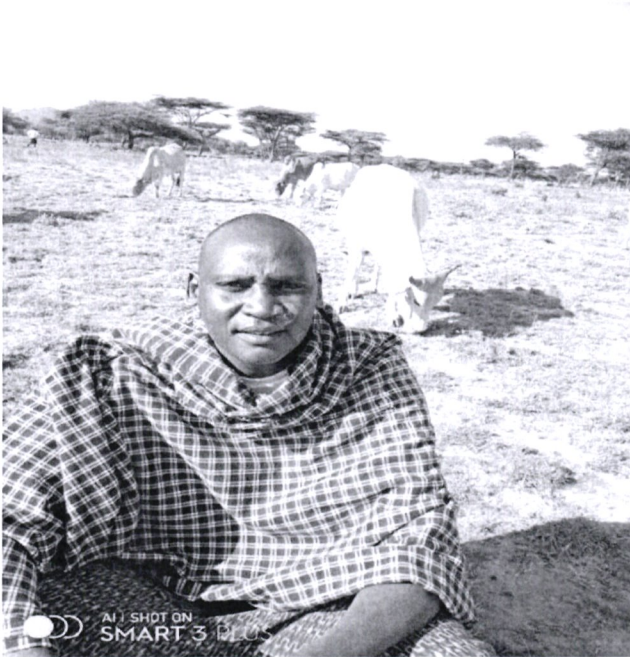
**3. Board of Trustees/ Fund Administration Committee**

Name	Details of qualifications and experience
<p>1</p> 	<p><b>Mr. Mike Lekadaa</b>  <b>Fund Administrator</b>            Mr. Mark Lekadaa is the Chief Officer in charge of Tourism and Marketing Samburu County Government and Administrator of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund.            Date of Birth 01/01/1984</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p><b>Mr. Lengewa James Saipi</b>            Mr. Lengewa James Saipi holds MBA (Human Resource Management) from Nazarene University and Degree in Business Management (Human Resource Management) from Mount Kenya University and Certified Human Resource Management Professional from College of Human Resource.            Date of Birth 31/07/1984</p>

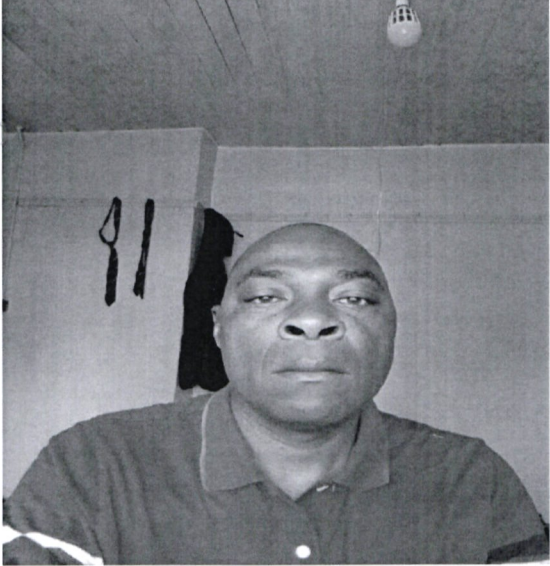

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 <p>3</p>	<p><b>Mr. Matthew Leakono</b> Mr. Matthew Leakono holds Master in Strategic Management from University of Nairobi and Bachelor degree in Business Administration (Finance and Accounting) option at Kenya Methodist University. And a higher diploma in tourism and travel management from Kenya Utalii College He is currently the County Director Tourism and wildlife conservation Date of Birth 28/11/1980</p>
 <p>4</p>	<p><b>Mr Joseph Lepariyo</b> He is the Current Chairperson of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund Board. He holds a BSC in Agriculture and has nearly 30 years of experience across both public and civil society sectors. He has worked mainly in pastoral counties with NGOs in the humanitarian and development issues including matters conservation and land rights. He last Public Sector engagement was with the National Land Commission as County Coordinator in Counties of Narok, Tharaka Nithi and Isiolo up to February 2017. Date of Birth 08/10/1962</p>



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 <p>OPPO A16K 2024/12/03 16:11</p> <p>5</p>	<p><b>Mr. Joseph Lentaka</b></p> <p>He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Education and the Founder and member of Sera Wildlife Conservancy. He is currently the regional chairperson of all the Community Conservancies in Samburu East Sub-County.</p> <p>Date of Birth 01/07/1971</p>
 <p>AI SHOT ON SMART 3</p> <p>6</p>	<p><b>Mr. Titus Letaapo</b></p> <p><b>Titus Letaapo</b> is a champion of community conservation model in Northern Kenya, with over 25 years in conservation and community development. Now support Namunyak wildlife Community Conservancy as Director of community and programs at The Sarara Foundation (TSF)</p> <p>Titus is also the co-founder of GEO Indigenous Alliance which aims at protecting and conserving indigenous cultural heritage by using Earth observation science, data and technology to create a knowledge base that sustain the Earth we live on.</p> <p>In this capacity, Titus has helped develop successful conservation strategies, spearheaded collaboration between the County Governments and communities, and played a key role in promoting peace between the different ethnic groups in Samburu and neighbouring communities. His work is not only helping create the conditions for sustainable social-</p>

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	<p>economic development for indigenous communities, but also helping to conserve and protect critically endangered wildlife species.</p> <p>Date of Birth 01/07/1970</p>
 <p>7</p>	<p><b>Mr. Dickens Njogu</b></p> <p>Mr. Dickens Njogu is an experienced civil servant with vast experience in the National Police Service and community policing. He is currently the County Police Commander (CPC) in Samburu County.</p> <p>Date of Birth 14/12/1970</p>
 <p>8</p>	<p><b>Mrs. Beatrice Edipo</b></p> <p>Beatrice Edipo is an accomplished educator with a Bachelor's Degree in Education (Community Option) from Mount Kenya University and more than 25 years of Teaching experience. She also contributes part-time to the Community based conservation, supporting initiatives in community development and environmental conservation. Beatrice is currently a regional chairperson for Baragoi Conservation area in Samburu North Sub-County.</p> <p>Date of Birth 03/03/1978</p>

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 <p>9</p>	<p><b>Mrs. Clementina Lesoipa</b>  Clementina Lesoipa is a seasoned administrator with vast experience in human resource management and community based conservation. She is currently the regional chairperson of Samburu central community conservancies forum. She has contributed a lot in the establishments, management, and community acceptance and ownership of the conservation in initiatives in Samburu county.  Date of Birth 31/12/1988</p>
 <p>10</p>	<p><b>Mr. Daniel Terer</b>  Daniel Terer hold a Bsc in Forestry, Moi University, and Msc Agroforestry and Rural development, Hamk University of Applied Sciences, Finland. Currently he is the County Forest Conservator in Samburu  Date of Birth 31/12/1970</p>
	<p><b>Mr. John Cheryot</b>  John Cheryot is currently the County Commissioner for Samburu County and the Chairperson for County Security Team and Chairperson for County Wildlife Compensation Committee.  He holds Masters in project planning and Management from Maseno University, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Nairobi.  Date of Birth 01/01/1970</p>

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**Mr. Simon Leirana**

He holds a Masters Degree in Tourism and Conservation Biology from University of Kent, Canterbury UK, Advanced Diploma in Natural Resources Management from Southern African Wildlife College, a Certificate in Wildlife Management from College of African Wildlife Management Mweka Tanzania.  
Date of Birth 01/01/1968


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**4. Management Team**

Name	Details of qualifications and experience
	<p><b>Mr. Mike Lekadaa</b>  <b>Fund Administrator</b></p> <p>Mr. Mark Lekadaa is the Chief Officer in charge of Tourism and Marketing Samburu County Government and Administrator of the Samburu County Conservancies Fund.</p> <p>Date of Birth 01/01/1984</p>
	<p><b>Mr. Matthew Leakono</b></p> <p>Mr. Matthew Leakono holds Master in Strategic Management from University of Nairobi and Bachelor degree in Business Administration (Finance and Accounting) option at Kenya Methodist University. And a higher diploma in tourism and travel management from Kenya Utalii College</p> <p>He is currently the County Director Tourism and wildlife conservation</p> <p>Date of Birth 28/11/1980</p>

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 A black and white portrait of Mr. Joseph Lepariyo, a middle-aged man with a shaved head, wearing a light-colored collared shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting.	<p><b>Mr. Joseph Lepariyo</b></p> <p>He is the Current Chairperson of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund Board. He holds a BSC in Agriculture and has nearly 30 years of experience across both public and civil society sectors. He has worked mainly in pastoral counties with NGOs in the humanitarian and development issues including matters conservation and land rights. He last Public Sector engagement was with the National Land Commission as County Coordinator in Counties of Narok, Tharaka Nithi and Isiolo up to February 2017.</p> <p>Date of Birth 08/10/1962</p>
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#### **5. Board/Fund Chairperson's Report**

Samburu County Community Conservancies fund board is pleased to present the annual report and financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025. During the period under review the board registered significant growth in its operation.

The board established structures to deliver its mandate and I am happy to note that we are in the process to formulate a 5-year strategic plan 2024/25 – 2029/30 which will align the policy goals, priority programmes and fiscal framework to support achievement of the community conservancies support program and its objectives as set out in a proposed strategic plan and Annual work plan.

The board is mandated under section 9 of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund Act 2019 to prescribe frameworks and set generally accepted standards for the establishment and support of the new community conservancies and support of the existing conservancies. The boards also prescribe internal operation procedures and mainstreams best practices for good governance, internal controls, and risk management in the community conservancies.

The board has taken this responsibility with utmost seriousness, giving our best to achieve set targets. Our hope, vision and purpose are to ensure global acceptable standard in the operation and management of community conservancies, within Samburu County.

Through boards partnerships and collaboration with other conservation partners, Community conservancies have become the leading local institutions for building resilient communities and ecosystems on community land. These institutions will be better able to cope with climate shocks, help build peace and security, effectively tackle the illegal wildlife trade, provide a focus for investments in social and economic development, stimulate diversification and growth of the green economy, and underpin the sustainable management of Kenya's rich wildlife and natural resources

The board mission is to develop resilient Community Conservancies that transform lives, secure peace, and conserve natural resources. Our core principle is to strive to make community conservancies to be more **strong, independent, sustainable**, well-governed and well-managed local institutions, with genuine community-led decision-making, widely understood and approved by the community at large, leading to strong community ownership. This way, the Community Conservancies will have clear rights, benefits and responsibilities for achieving peace and security, livelihoods development and sustainable natural resource management on community land.

We believe community conservancies are the most effective way for National, County government and development agencies to deliver the right, sustainable solutions to the inter-linked challenges facing northern Kenya's communities, landscapes and wildlife. These changes all need to work together to effect the transformations needed. The conservancy institutions lie at the heart of this change, bringing stronger community leadership and ownership, a voice for marginalised women and youth, and a platform for investing in security, for building peace between communities, for developing resilient livelihoods, for attracting government services and business investments, and for planned management of the rangelands, wildlife and other natural resources which underpin the rural economy and northern Kenya's biodiversity. These

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natural resources which northern Kenya's pastoralists and others share, and on which they critically depend for their livelihoods and economic growth, are all on community land. This requires a response to the above challenges which differs from private land and resources. Community conservancies have proven to be a strong organising force for communities sharing community land, and are increasingly recognised in Kenya and more widely in Africa as an important model for addressing these challenges. With support and help from the fund board, community conservancies are building on traditional community institutions and cultures, combined with modern practices, technologies and governance concepts, in an empowering approach that puts decision-making in the hands of organised communities.

These improved local institutions (Community Conservancies), are now developing programmes on peace-building and security, on livelihoods and business development, and on sustainable management and conservation of rangelands, wildlife and other natural resources, that are starting to meet the challenges identified.

The most systemic challenge is the degradation of the rangelands. Without healthy rangelands, there can be no lasting peace or sustainable pastoralist development. If community conservancies can begin to stabilize and then recover the rangelands, peace and development can follow. Given how competition for grass and water drives conflict, a lasting peace cannot be built until the rangelands are recovered. And – flying in the face of much development intervention – development cannot be sustained until the rangelands recover. Some may disagree, arguing that investments in the non-livestock economy and in education, health and water can be made without recovering the rangelands. But a sustainable pastoralist economy – which is based on livestock – cannot be generated until the rangelands are rehabilitated and better managed, and issues of livestock carrying capacity and rangelands governance are directly addressed. And likewise wildlife – another pillar of the Kenyan economy and high-potential income and livelihoods opportunity in the north – cannot be conserved until there is security and productive rangeland habitats.

Community conservancies play a central role in the recovery of these rangelands – possibly not achieving this within the proposed timeframe of this 5-year plan, but certainly in starting to turn the tide. Peace and development will never be fully realized in northern Kenya and in the community conservancies landscape until the rangelands are rehabilitated and better managed, and issues of livestock carrying capacity and rangelands governance are directly addressed

By recognising that peace, livelihoods and conservation are “three legs of the same stool” all three are needed to succeed, and a supportive policy and legal framework is needed to create the positive cycle of stability, investment, socio-economic impacts and ecological recovery which will generate sustainable change and resilience. Community conservancies **can, are and will help to achieve this.**

The board collectively recognizes that to achieve locally-driven conservation and sustainable management of natural resources, community conservancies need the benefits of livelihoods development as the driving incentive. Peace and security in turn create the stability needed to

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attract financial investments and new business opportunities that create jobs and income. And this peace cannot be achieved without better managing shared natural resources on communal land.

Evidence also shows that Community Conservancies can contribute to a number of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and can address:

- **Poverty (SDG 1)**, providing a focus for Government investments in social and economic development, and stimulating diversification and growth of household income and the green economy (SDG 8)
- **Social exclusion and gender equality (SDG 5 & 10)**, providing a voice and empowerment for women and youth
- **Climate change adaptation (SDG 13)**, enabling communities to better cope with climate shocks, adapt to a future changing climate and build more resilient ecosystems
- **Depleted natural resources (SDG 14 & 15)**, stabilizing, recovering and sustainably managing northern Kenya's rangeland, forest and marine resources, tackling the illegal wildlife trade which plagues society and wildlife, and protecting endangered wildlife species
- **Insecurity**, building peace and security in remote areas, and strong, accountable local institutions (SDG 16)

The overall goal of the community conservancies support program/ conservancy fund includes: - conservation of biodiversity, peace building and improvement of community livelihoods and to enhance the status of natural resources, including wildlife conservation. The mission of the project/program is to empower and develop resilient community, transform livelihoods and conserve natural resource base. The Program objective was mainly to empower the local communities to take charge and play an active role in the conservation of natural resources of which their livelihoods by and large depend upon.

The Program was likewise aimed at addressing the **inherent insecurity** problem in the areas that for a long time remained a bottle neck to our economic development.

The main areas of focus for the community conservancy fund and support program includes: -

- a. **Peace and Security** – That is implemented and undertaken through, conservancy scouts/rangers, peace committees, Moran/youth engagement
- b. **Natural Resource Management** – that includes, wildlife management (including anti-poaching and wildlife monitoring); grazing management and forest management
- c. **Enterprise** – as a means of generating revenue and creating direct household benefits which provide leverage for conservation and financial sustainability of the conservancy e.g. tourism, and microenterprises
- d. **Community Development** – Supported through the revenue from conservancy enterprises or partnerships with county government and development agencies, and typically includes: student bursaries; medical support, emergency re-stocking of livestock; water, health and education infrastructure.
- e. **Infrastructure & Equipment** – Depending on area of coverage may include headquarters, security outposts, roads, airstrips, vehicles, radio communication etc.

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- f. **Management & administration** – This is primarily the role of management boards supported by senior management team, and it includes e.g. development and implementation of a management plan (a requirement for conservancies under Wildlife Act 2013); monitoring; human resource management; financial management and budgeting; fundraising; and managing partnerships with other stakeholders

During the year under review Samburu County Community conservancies fund account Received a sum of **Ksh 99,250,000** for Financial Year 2024-2025. On behalf of the board, resident communities and other conservation partners within and beyond Samburu county, I would like to sincerely thank the department of Cooperatives, Trade, Investments, Tourism and Enterprise development for the massive support accorded to the board to enhance service delivery in the implementation of the community based conservation programs.

Further given the delay in the release of funds to support the activities/programs of the board and general operation of the community conservation support program in the subsequent years, some of the activities that were planned for the 2024/ 2025 FY, were partly or not achieved and most are still on-going. The board was able to meet and deliberate among others issues, the general operation of the establish community conservancies, with a view to support and improve the on-going programs, they were also able to deliberate on the development of the fund regulation to the Samburu County community conservancies fund Act 2019 to enhance efficiency in the operation of the conservancy fund, and they also managed to cater for the conservancy scouts welfares and make approvals to clear some of fund expenditures.

Also, during the period under review, board members were oriented on their roles and management of the funds, the program plan and the activities as per the program plan of financial year 2024/2025, and managed to came up with a finalized program action plan on the utilization of funds for the year 2024/2025 FY. Other activities that were achieved in the year under review includes: - capacity building and training for the board members, skills development and training for community scouts, support of day to day operation of the established community conservancies, registration of Samburu County Community Conservancies association, and funding of development project in the existing community conservancies.

Name.....*Joseph Legaxyo*.....Signature.....*Prames*.....Date...*15/10/2025*  
Chairperson of the Board/Fund

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#### **6. Report of The Fund Administrator**

I am delighted to present the Annual Report and Financial statements of the Samburu County Community Conservancies fund for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Since its establishment, the fund/ board has continued to play its transformative role in the establishment, support, operation and management of community conservancies within Samburu County, to deliver the vision of resilient communities and ecosystems and ensure that conservancies make significant and measurable progress in transforming lives, securing peace, and conserving natural resources.

During the financial year under review, Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund, was allocated in the approved budget a sum of **Ksh. 150,000,0000**. However, by the end of the financial year, the fund only received **Ksh 99,250,000** capital grant of the budget allocation from Samburu County Treasury, to enable the execution of its activities in line with its annual work plans and development plans. The key result areas that the funds were utilized includes: - Governance, Peace and Security, Natural resource management, Improved livelihoods including support of existing community conservancies, and sustainability. The funds were also applied to support the operation, programs and activities of the following established community conservancies and Conservation areas: - **Baragoi, Nyiro, Ndoto, Kirisia Nkoteiya, Ltungai Malaso, Losesia, Meibae and Sereolipi** Conservation areas.

In the financial year 2024/2025 The Samburu County Community Conservancies fund was allocated **Kshs. 150,000,000** from then capital grants by the Samburu County treasury. The Fund allocation of **Kshs. 99,250,000** and have been applied mostly to support the activities of the eight (8) established community conservancies/ conservation areas namely Baragoi Community Conservation Area, Ndoto Community Conservation Area, Nyiro Community Conservation Area, Kirisia/ Nkoteiya Community Conservation Area, Ltungai/Malaso Community Conservation area, Sere Olipi Community Conservancy, Meibae Community Conservancy and Sera Wildlife Conservancy, Losesia Community Conservation area and support development and community livelihood projects within existing community conservancies, including Kalama Community Conservancy, Westgate Community Conservancy, Ltungai Community Conservancy, Nkoteiya Community Conservancy and Namunyak wildlife Community Conservancy.

The following activities were undertaken

#### **1). Support of established community conservancies**

During the period under review board members through the Samburu County Community conservancies fund, utilized **Ksh. 98,534,200** to support the general operation for the 8 established community conservancies and Conservation areas (Ndoto, Baragoi, Nyiro, Ltungai Malaso, Sere Olipi Community Conservancy, Kirisia/Nkoteiya Conservation area, Meibae and losesia/Sera Wildlife Conservancy.

The support includes payment of wages, field operation allowance and provision of food ratios for over 274 community conservancy scouts, facilitation of unit and umbrella committee meetings/ allowances, payment of finance committee allowances and provision of airtime and stationary to

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the conservancies management boards. Other programs that were supported and undertaken under this activity includes:

#### **a). Strengthening Conservancy Governance**

Community conservancies have proven to be effective instruments for cultivating peace, increasing community resilience, promoting good natural resource management, combatting wildlife trafficking, and developing sustainable enterprises and livelihoods that are directly or indirectly related to conservation and preserve biodiversity.

We believe that community conservancies, which are increasingly recognized as vital institutions in Kenya and throughout Africa, are the most effective way for County, National Governments and development agencies to deliver the right, long-term solutions for wildlife protection and other sustainable land uses that can lead to improved livelihoods. Pastoralist and farming communities in northern Kenya, where community conservancies are established/operates, face numerous interlinked challenges, including insecurity, poverty, social exclusion, severe natural resource degradation as well as human and livestock population growth, and bear the brunt of the negative effects of climate change.

The board, therefore, seeks to enhance **conservancy governance** by strengthening the management skills of community conservancy leaders through its leadership and management programme, financial trainings, inclusion of all social groups and improving the governance of alternatives land use that underpin the local economy. Through regional partnership, the board also provides fundraising support and collaborates with the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA) to advocate for laws and policies that foster a conducive environment for the growth and development of community conservancies.

**Enhancing Leadership and Governance in Community Conservancies:** - In FY 2024/2025, we doubled down on our efforts to conduct specialised finance management and governance trainings for conservancy boards, managers, unit committees, and community members, empowering them to lead effectively, as well as provide the guidance and direction for community conservancies need to achieve self-sufficiency.

**The Leadership and Management Programme:** - Provides a powerful transformational process for enlightening, equipping and empowering indigenous people and local communities to exercise their human rights in managing their land, conserving natural resources and wildlife, and securing their livelihoods in the face of an unpredictable future.

During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025: - 230 people (145 women and 95 men) from 8 community conservancies underwent leadership and management program training, 28 board members and local leaders from Baragoi, Ndoto and Nyiro Community Conservancies underwent leadership and management training. 35 people from Ltungai Malaso Community Conservancy (20 newly elected board members and 15 local partners) received training on good governance, leadership, managerial roles and financial management. 40 morans from Kirisia/ Nkoteyia, Ltungai Malaso and Ndoto Community Conservancies underwent a three-day Leadership and Management training to increase their participation in community conservation and conservancy

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operations and 150 community conservancy scouts from Baragoi, Ndoto, and Nyiro Community conservancies graduated after successfully undergoing leadership and management training to improve their leadership skills.

**Financial Management Training:** - Effective financial management at the community conservancy level accelerates the development of community conservancies, increases their sustainability and promotes transparency and accountability. In FY 2024/2025, financial management trainings were conducted in 8 community conservancies. 30 conservancy finance committee members and 6 conservancy managers attended the trainings.

**Governance index:** - to ensure continuous improvement in conservancy governance, the board measures the management effectiveness of each of its members using the governance index, which informs the tailored support to be provided to each community conservancy. The average governance score for FY 2024/2025 was 70%, reflecting an average performance in voice, legitimacy, fairness and rights, and direction categories across all conservancies. The improvement in the score from 68% in 2023 was attributed to the board increased efforts in enhancing conservancy capabilities in governance and management.

**Conservancy Governance Performance (2024):** Accountability 65.50% , Fairness and Rights 67.45 % , Legitimacy and Voice 69.92% , Direction 71.34 % , Performance 69.80%

**Conservancy Annual General Meetings:** - The Ltungai Malaso, Nkoteyia, Nyiro and Ndoto community conservancies held pre-annual general meetings and annual general meetings in which they discussed the conservancies’ progress and financial reports. 1,600 community members attended these meetings.

Unit one and two of Baragoi community conservancy, also hosted an annual general meeting with 1000 community members attending, 65% of whom were youth. The meeting’s agenda included discussions on conservancy progress, audited accounts, board election results, and 2025/26 plans.

**Conservancy Elections:** - Community conservancies have a board of directors that are democratically elected by the community. The board oversees the conservancy’s finance, grazing, and peace committees, whose members are also elected by the community. During the period under review 5 community conservancies (Baragoi, Nyiro, Ndoto, Ltungai Malaso, and Kirirsia Nkoteyia) conducted board elections.

**Community Conservancy Elections held in FY 2024/2025**

No	Conservancy	Unit	Representatives	Men	Women	People with Disabilities	Youth
1	<b>Baragoi Community Conservancy</b>	Marti and Angata Nanyekie	12	07	04	0	01
		El-barta and Ngilai	12	07	03	01	01

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		Nachola unit	18	10	-05	01	02
2	<b>Nyiro Community Conservancy</b>	Nyiro South	12	07	04	0	01
		Nyiro West	12	06	04	01	01
		Nyiro East	12	06	04	01	01
3	<b>Ndoto Community Conservancy</b>	Ndoto East	12	06	04	01	01
		Ndoto West	12	07	04	0	01
		Ndoto South	12	06	04	01	01
4	<b>Ltungai Malaso Community Conservancy</b>	Poro unit	12	07	04	0	01
		Loosuk Unit	12	06	04	01	01
		Ltungai Unit	12	06	04	01	01
5	<b>Kirisia Nkoteiyia Community Conservancy</b>	Kirisia west	12	07	04	0	01
		Kirisia East unit	12	06	04	01	01
		Nkoteiyia Unit	12	06	04	01	01

**Development of Conservancy Management Plans;** - Conservancy Management and Development Plans (CMDPs) outline conservancies' long-term goals for growth and conservation. The CMDPs of our community conservancies are developed through a participatory process that involves all stakeholders and communities in the conservancies and serves as a tool for directing conservancy management action, fundraising and promoting accountability. During the period under review the board managed through partnerships and collaboration with other conservation partners to develop the conservancy development and management plan for 3 conservancies (Nkoteiyia, Ltungai and Westgate) community conservancies

**Changing Attitudes and Perspectives:** - Through collaboration and partnership with other development and conservation partners, the board developed a social economic status survey, to evaluate the socioeconomic status of conservancy communities and measure the social impact of conservancies' and board's programmes.

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During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025, a survey was carried out in 5 community conservancies, in which 5,300 households, comprising 2,370 men and 2,930 women were assessed. An analysis of the data collected, and the information gathered yielded the following findings. **In FY 2024/2025:**

- ✓ 10,000 conservancy members benefitted from community conservation,
- ✓ 10% of respondents received education bursaries from the community conservancy over the last five years,
- ✓ 40% of the community members surveyed reported an improvement in their socio-economic status in the last five years.
- ✓ 70% of respondents indicated they felt safe and secure because of the conservancy scouts' patrols
- ✓ 40% of stolen livestock that was recovered, restoring their livelihood.
- ✓ 40% of those surveyed reported their general well-being had improved during the last five years. 4% of respondents indicated they had received permanent employment benefits from their conservancies,
- ✓ 10% reported receiving casual employment benefits.
- ✓ 20% of the respondents reported an increase in income over the last 12 months. An average income of Ksh 80,000 was recorded.

**Gender and Social Inclusion:** - The board is focused on increasing the participation of all social groups in conservation and community development by integrating a gender equality perspective at all stages and levels of policies, programmes, and projects, both internally and within its community conservancies. Our Gender and Social Inclusion Programme continues to strategically identify gender and social inclusion gaps and promote culturally appropriate solutions to ensure that all community conservancy members and leaders—regardless of gender—can fully engage in and benefit from the board's conservation efforts and livelihood improvement activities. During the period under review FY 2024/2025, the following activities were undertaken

- ✓ The first draft of a five-year GESI strategy was developed through partnership support and collaboration with NRT. The strategy will serve as a roadmap for mainstreaming GESI throughout the conservancies landscape and will be completed and operationalized in the first quarter of 2025/26.
- ✓ 40 women from five community conservancies attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Women Leadership Summit. The annual event is supported by Conservation International (CI) and recognises the importance of the participation and influence of all social groups in leadership and conservation.
- ✓ 400 people attended the International Women's Day celebrations organized by conservation partners (NRT) in collaboration with the Samburu County Government and Namunyak Community Conservancy.
- ✓ 15 representatives from our women in conservation caucus participated in two cross exposure learning opportunities: the KWCA's national women forum for gender training and policy frameworks, and the Maasai Mara Women Conservancies Association women forum, to deliberate on the challenges women encounter in conservation. Both events emphasized the significance of women's continuous training and learning.
- ✓ Women caucuses were organized in Samburu East sub-county regional conservancies 200 women who serve on peace councils in Samburu North and Samburu East member conservancies attended an introductory gender and social inclusion training.

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- ✓ 180 women leaders and entrepreneurs from five community conservancies involved in Mashinani WORKS', Beadworks Programme attended the 2nd Star Beaders Conference, where they exchanged ideas on best practices, shared their experiences and challenges, and explored opportunities to develop sustainable businesses that advance climate action and gender equality.

#### **b. Integrated Peacebuilding in Indigenous Communities**

Peace is an essential base for social and economic development. In its absence, societies are prone to conflict, violence, and instability. The UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 promotes peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provides access to justice, and advocates for effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. Through our Community Conservancies Peace Programme, the board was able to collaborate with member community conservancies, government agencies, and relevant partners to avert, manage, minimize and resolve disputes.

The nature, and scale of ethnic conflicts in northern Kenya and Community conservancies landscapes are ever-changing. Political rhetoric, changing traditional leadership systems, unemployment and easy access to illegal firearms have all contributed to the ethnic conflict experienced in the region. Climate change and a growing human population competing for diminishing natural resources have aggravated the situation, raising the stakes even higher. This has impeded development, perpetuated poverty, and disrupted people's lives for years. Our Community Conservancies Peace Programme employs a community-led peacebuilding approach in which conservancy managers, local elders, interfaith religious leaders, youth, women, and county and national government leaders are engaged to facilitate peace meetings, empower peace champions and promote nonviolent conflict resolution, among the activities and programs that were undertaken includes: -

**Peace Interventions:** - The relationship between board and community conservancies creates a neutral platform to bring people together for dialogue—offering an alternative dispute resolution option to conflict. During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025: - The board in collaboration with other development and conservation partners like NRT's peace team successfully conducted 250 interventions to prevent conflict in five counties that are conflict hotspots: Marsabit, Isiolo, Samburu, Turkana and Baringo. Also, Peace actors' strategic interventions led to a decrease in conflict incidents from 270 in 2023 to 180, and 15,500 community members participated in peacebuilding activities, marking an increase in community involvement in nurturing harmony across the regional landscape. The rise was attributed to an inter-conservancy approach, effective planning by the peace team, and greater community understanding and appreciation for peacebuilding processes. While, Peace actors' efforts and interventions significantly decreased livestock theft from 4,500 in 2023 to 1,500 in 2024. The conservancy leadership, scouts, peace team, the National Police Service, reservists, peace ambassadors and liaison officers all responded swiftly to theft incidents, recovering 3,000 heads of livestock.

**Peace building:** - The board through partnerships, and conservancies peace department participated in and supported three Maa peace dialogues, that brought together Five Governors, 25 current and former legislators, and leaders from Maa communities in Samburu, Laikipia and Isiolo Counties. The leaders emphasised the importance of abandoning the outdated culture of livestock

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raiding. This leadership intervention is expected to improve herders' attitudes, behaviours and practices, promoting harmony in the landscape.

During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025: -

- ✓ 600 people (30 women and 570 men) from five counties participated in a high-level inter-moran peace dialogue meeting to deliberate on integrated peacebuilding in the landscape. Top county National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) and peace actors attended the meeting, in which morans proposed and ratified several resolutions, including ending livestock theft, collaboratively developing grazing plans across conservancies, and engaging in community dialogue.
- ✓ Building board staff's and peace ambassadors' capacity to foster peace remained a critical component of peacebuilding, increasing their knowledge and ability to respond to shifting conflict dynamics in different areas.
- ✓ 14 intercommunity peacebuilding dialogue sessions were held in Baragoi, Ndoto, Nyiro, and Ltungai Community Conservancies to foster peaceful coexistence among the Region's ethnic groups.
- ✓ Two inter-conservancy meetings were held in Nyiro and Baragoi, involving six unit's/ community conservancies: Nyiro west, Nyiro east, Nyiro south and Unit one, unit two and unit three of baragoi conservation area. The meetings were convened to increase and enhance communities' and conservancy leadership's peacebuilding capacity, and improve inter-conservancy collaboration to reduce livestock theft and raids.
- ✓ Six peace talks were held in Baragoi Community Conservancy to address conflict incidents involving two pastoralist communities that arose over pasture and increased insecurity. The peace talks led to a decline in road banditry and allowed access to markets and schools.

Building and sustaining peace in the areas we operate has grown increasingly difficult. To foster lasting peace, a holistic and integrated approach is required that is characterized by the involvement of political leaders, increased access to education, and the availability of long-term income-generating opportunities that promote livelihood diversification.

Our community conservancies peace teams continues to strive to build peace across the landscape while surmounting numerous challenges, including: - The current global and local economic crisis, which escalated cattle theft and road banditry in 2024, Inadequate funding for the Peace Programme, the effects of climate change, which lead to increasingly frequent and severe droughts that decimate pastoralists' livestock herds—the source of their livelihood —plunging them into poverty and ultimately leading to livestock raids and some indigenous communities are reluctant to divulge information about conflict perpetrators

#### **c. Sustainable Rangeland Management**

The achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals can be accelerated by pastoralism and the maintenance of healthy, productive rangelands, as both enhance livelihoods, provide employment, improve food security for millions of people and increase the country's gross domestic product while benefitting the environment. The volatile nature of the effects of climate change, soil erosion, pressure from landscape-level livestock movements, loss of soil carbon and unregulated settlements and grazing patterns have accelerated rangeland degradation in northern Kenya. Poor rangeland health endangers not only livestock and wildlife, but also adversely impacts the livelihoods of 82% of the region's pastoralist population.

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Our approach to rangeland management builds on traditional governance systems combined with modern practices, technologies and governance concepts. To restore degraded rangelands and improve their health, the board in collaboration with community conservancies and other conservation partners, has sought to increase pastoralist communities' awareness of climate change through its Rangelands Mobile Education Project. As a result, the board is collaborating with 13 community conservancies to implement its Rangelands Programme, which focusses on sustainable rangeland management, rehabilitation and governance. Other activities performed through the rangelands management programme include the development of grazing and livestock movement agreements, policy advocacy for livestock movements and invasive species management. The Programme also conducts rangeland vegetation monitoring in the conservancies. During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025 the following activities were undertaken: -

**Vegetation Cover Inside and Outside Conservancies:** - Community conservancies are employing adaptive grazing management techniques to drive the growth and improve the health of vegetation. To support these efforts, in FY 2024/25, The board in collaboration with other conservation partners and NRT rangelands team monitored vegetation in 26 community conservancies using Veg-CoMMS. The team also visited 260 field transects in Isiolo, Samburu, Laikipia, Marsabit, West Pokot and Baringo Counties to assess rangeland health. Despite six consecutive years of poor rainfall, which hindered the growth of vegetation, Community conservancies have maintained vegetation cover on their vast rangelands, with a significant number of conservancies registering continuous improvement in grass recovery

**Rangelands Health Indicators:** - Community conservancies are employing adaptive grazing management techniques to drive the growth and improve the health of vegetation. To support these efforts, in FY 2024/ 2025, The boards in collaboration with conservation partners, (NRT) rangelands team monitored vegetation in 28 community conservancies using Veg-CoMMS. The team also visited 265 field transects in Isiolo, Samburu, Laikipia, Marsabit, West Pokot and Baringo Counties to assess rangeland health.

Despite six consecutive years of poor rainfall, which hindered the growth of vegetation, Community conservancies have maintained vegetation cover on their vast rangelands, with a significant number of conservancies registering continuous improvement in grass recovery. In community conservancies that are part of the Northern Kenya Rangelands Carbon Project (NKRCPP), the average percentage of forage abundance doubled to 60% in the second half of 2024.

**Remedies for Natural Resource Degradation:** - To improve rangeland health and accelerate natural grass regeneration, community conservancies, with Samburu County Community Conservancies fund board and partners support, are implementing short-term and long-term rangeland restoration strategies, including reseeding, invasive species management, planned grazing management and herd bunching.

#### **Rangelands Mobile Education Programme**

To initiate a dialogue about rangelands management among herders, women, elders, and children, Rangelands Programme runs a Rangelands Mobile Education Programme in which a three-part cartoon series narrated in English, Swahili and Maa is used to analyse how the northern Kenya

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landscape has deteriorated in recent years. The series highlights the reasons for the change and offers potential solutions. During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025, 3,000 herders were reached by the Rangelands Mobile Education Programme, raising their awareness of planned grazing, climate change, rangeland rehabilitation and livestock management and movement plans. This is the highest number of herders that the Programme has ever reached since it was established in 2020. Also, repeated cartoon screenings in communities resulted in significant positive changes in behaviour in several community conservancies running the cartoon series.

**Grazing Plan Implementation:** - Community conservancies developed conservancy-level grazing plans and identified priority areas for rangeland management using a landscape-level approach. To further promote the implementation of grazing plans and rangeland restoration. During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025, 11,000 herders practiced planned grazing with the support of conservancy grazing committees, which encouraged adherence to the grazing plans. While, 6,000 women herders and 320 grazing committees were trained in rangeland management. Various rangeland management programmes were developed with a focus on women, herders and youth in rangelands, to promote inclusivity. The Women in Rangelands Programme, which has been in existence for a year, has doubled the number of women from pastoralist communities involved in rangeland management.

**Invasive Species Management:** - In 2024/25 FY, community conservancies intensified their efforts to control the spread of invasive species through the following community-led activities: - *Acacia reficiens*, a tree that spreads rapidly on degraded land, is becoming more prolific. It serves no purpose for either livestock or wildlife and displaces other more valuable forage species. With the support of donors and conservation partners, the community conservancies that are severely impacted by the species have engaged the community to clear the trees. When the *Acacia reficiens* trees are chopped down as part of rehabilitation efforts, their branches are spread over the earth, preventing soil erosion when rain falls, and herbivores from consuming grass seeds sown among the branches. In 2024/25 FY, community conservancies restored 3,000 hectares of degraded rangelands, transforming them into productive, reseeded grasslands for livestock and wildlife use.

**Rangelands Rehabilitation:** - Community conservancies strive to stabilize and rehabilitate degraded rangelands and grasslands through effective rangeland management. This improves forage for livestock and wildlife, reduces competition and conflict over pasture, and safeguards the livestock economy on which pastoralists rely for their livelihoods

**Earth bunds:** - Community conservancies are using earth bunds, semi-circular holes dug in the ground, to collect runoff water and restore degraded rangelands. In 2024/25FY, over 15,000 semi-circular bunds, with the potential to hold roughly 300 litres of surface water, were constructed in West Gate and Kalama Community Conservancies. The bunds were used to reseed grass, protecting the rangelands from severe erosion.

**Grass Reseeding:** - In 2024/25FY: Community grass banks were established in Ngilai Central, West Gate, and Kalama Community Conservancies and used to reseed other areas, also, 618 acres in West Gate and Kalama Community Conservancies were reseeded with grass.

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**Cattle Bunching:** - This is a herding system in which cattle from various areas or community conservancies herd together, moving from one pasture block to the next. During droughts, this approach loosens and fertilizes hardpan soil. In 2024/25FY, more than 3,000 cattle were herded together in West Gate and Kalama Community Conservancies for three months, helping regenerate the grasslands.

#### **d. Safeguarding Forests**

The forests in Community conservancies play a critical role in water catchment, climate regulation, and carbon sequestration and provide invaluable ecosystem services to communities in surrounding areas. To protect forests and in line with the Kenya Government's goal of planting 15 billion trees by 2032, the boards actively engage indigenous communities and support them in their efforts. The activities that make up our approach to forest conservation include tree planting, tree nursery establishment, as well as the formation and registration of Community Forestry Associations (CFAs) and their alignment with conservancy governance structures. Additionally, board in partnership with other conservation partners like NRT supports the development of Participatory Forest Management Plans (PFMPs), a vital step that improves the livelihoods of communities residing near forests while contributing to the effective management of public forests.

During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025, the board and community conservancies made significant strides in forest conservation, achieving the following milestones, in Kirisia Community Forest association.

- ✓ 100,000 tree seedlings were distributed to community members for planting in homes and schools bordering Kirisia Forest.
- ✓ 70,000 trees were planted in Kirisia Forest.
- ✓ Ksh 210,000 (USD 1,777) was generated by 7 women's groups after they established tree nurseries within Kirisia Forest and produced 8,000 seedlings, which were sold for Ksh 30 (USD 0.20) each.
- ✓ Ksh 319,000 (USD 2,370) was generated from the sale of 400 kilogrammes of honey collected from the Beekeeping Project.
- ✓ 2,500 seedlings and 1,500 fruit trees were planted to address food insecurity in the area.
- ✓ Joint patrols of Kirisia Forest conducted by Kenya Forest Service rangers and Kirisia Community - Forest Association scouts have significantly reduced illegal activities.

#### **e. Fostering Human-wildlife Coexistence**

During the period under review FY 2024/2025, the board in collaboration with other partners and community conservancies, employs a community-led approach to conflict resolution and wildlife conservation, which focuses on endangered species such as black rhinos and elephants. This has proven effective in not only protecting these species from poaching brought on by bushmeat trade, but also fostering peacebuilding, creating a conducive environment for tourism, livelihood development and business investment.

Kenya's wildlife are constantly under threat. The dangers they encounter daily include wildlife crime, habitat degradation, intense competition for limited resources, the encroachment of human settlements onto wildlife corridors, and the proliferation of illegal weapons in some pastoralist

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communities, which leads to violent clashes during raids, with wildlife unwittingly caught in the crossfire.

To secure wildlife and livestock corridors and uphold community safety, the board collaborates with multiple conservation partners, including member community conservancies and government agencies such as the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). Some of the activities that were undertaken includes: -

**Community and Wildlife Safety:** - Conservancies are investing in community policing to complement government agencies and ensure a human-centred approach to enhancing wildlife protection and safety in northern Kenya. During the period under review FY 2024/ 2025

- ✓ 20 instances of bushmeat poaching were recorded in the region and parts of Isiolo and Marsabit Counties.
- ✓ 15 snares set by poachers on animal paths were successfully recovered and destroyed through a joint effort involving community conservancy scouts, the KWS and wildlife response units.
- ✓ Road banditry incidences surged, with 25 cases being recorded along the border between West Pokot and Turkana Counties and in Isiolo, Samburu and Marsabit Counties.

**Community Conservancy Scouts and Wildlife Response Units:** - The community scouts in our member conservancies play a vital role in monitoring endangered wildlife species, conducting anti-poaching patrols, raising conservation awareness and promoting peace. The scouts are employed from indigenous communities and undergo intensive training in standard operating procedures and human rights. Currently, there are over 1,300 scouts across our community conservancies landscape, based in the conservancies and other serving in the wildlife response unit.

**Community Conservancy Scout Trainings Held in FY2024/2025**

<b>Training</b>	<b>Number of Scout trained</b>	<b>Community Conservancies trained</b>
Conservancy standard operating procedure	280	Baragoi, Ndoto, Nyiro, Kirisia Nkoteiya, Losesia, Ltungai Malaso Conservancies
Refresher and skill upgrading courses	50	Ndoto, Nyiro, Baragoi and Ltungai Conservancies
Junior Leadership course	55	Kirisia, Ltungai Malaso, Losesia

**Addressing Human-wildlife Conflict:** - Northern Kenya’s elephant population traverses Laikipia, Samburu, Marsabit, and now Meru County, and is the country’s second biggest after Tsavo’s. This population is the most distinctive on the continent due to the substantial overlap that exists between the elephants’ territory and migratory routes and human settlements.

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In Our community conservancies, scouts track Human-wildlife Conflict (HWC) using Wildlife-CoMMS, a simple system used to monitor wildlife. The HWC data collected through Wildlife-CoMMS not only provides insights into the primary causes of HWC, but also highlights hotspot areas, guides the planning of community engagements and the development of plans to mitigate HWC, reducing its impact on people's lives and livelihoods.

Through partnerships and collaboration with conservation partners, data on elephant's movements obtained using Earth Ranger, a software solution that collects information on wildlife in real-time, reveals an expansion in elephant range and increased connectivity between Mount Kenya and Marsabit County. This is attributed to the heightened safety our community conservancies provide along the elephants' migratory routes.

### **2. Community Conservancy Management and administration**

During the period under review the board through the Samburu County community conservancies fund, utilized **Ksh. 3,504,900** to facilitate the Samburu county community conservancies fund board meetings, capacity building, training and induction of board members.

### **3. Support of development project for the existing community conservancies**

During the period under review, the following activities and projects were funded by the board in support of livelihood and development projects for the existing community conservancies (Kalama Community Conservancy, Westgate Community Conservancy, GirGir Group Ranch, Ngutuk Ongiron Group Ranch, Ltungai Community Conservancy, Ngilai Community Conservancy, Milgis Trust Conservation Project, Namunyak Wildlife Conservation Project, Meibae Community Conservancy and Sera wildlife conservancy), with main objectives being to sustain their growth, strengthen valuable partnership, and enhance wildlife and environment conservation as well as promote tourism.

The board utilized **Ksh. 10,000,000** to facilitate the following projects through Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund and capital grants for 2023/ 2024 Financial Year, as follows

- ✓ Samburu National Reserve revenue sharing for Gir Gir Group Ranch in support of Kalama community conservancy at: - **Ksh. 5,000,000**
- ✓ Samburu National reserve revenue sharing for Ngutuk engiron Group Ranch in support of west gate community conservancy at **Ksh. 5,000,000**

### **Infrastructure & Equipment**

During the period under review the board through the Samburu County community conservancies fund, utilized **Ksh. 5,015,701** to facilitate repair and routine maintenance for the 11 operational vehicles attached to the 5 newly established community conservancies.

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Other activities that includes: - Procurement of fuel (diesel) for Community conservancies vehicles of **Ksh 5,371,000**.

**Supply of Foodstuffs**

During the period under review the board through the Samburu County community conservancies fund, utilized **Ksh. 2,381,962** to Community Conservancies to support Rangers.

It is prudent to note that formulation and preparation of the fund budget was guided by priority and needs assessment identified during the development of the County fiscal strategic paper, annual development plan, annual work plan and the County Integrated development plan (CIDP). However, there was a delay in the budget implementation for 2024/2025 Financial Year due to the delays in the release of funds from the National treasury, as a results of deferment in the enactment of the necessary legal structures and frameworks that guides the establishment public funds, conservancy funds.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **7. Statement of Performance Against the County Fund's Predetermined Objectives**

Section 164 (2) (f) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires that, at the end of each financial year, the Accounting officer when preparing financial statements of each County Government Entity Government entities in accordance with the standards and formats prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board includes a statement of the county government entity's performance against predetermined objectives.

The Board prepares its Financial Statements under the accrual basis as per the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

Samburu County Community conservancies fund board has five strategic focus areas and objectives within its annual Plans for the FY 2024/2025. These strategic focus areas are as follows:

**Key Result Area 1: Governance** - To strengthen the governance of Community Conservancies, and increase Government support to these conservancies.

**Key Result Area 2: Peace and Security** - To build peace between ethnic communities and support Government in ensuring security for people and wildlife.

**Key Result Area 3: Livelihoods and business** - To invest in community priorities for improving their lives, and create the conditions for growing jobs and businesses

**Key Result Area 4: Natural Resources** - To stabilise and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources which underpin the economy of northern Kenya

**Key Result Area 5: Sustainability** - To build and maintain a sustainable, effective and dynamic organisation that is designed and resourced to enable direct support to community conservancies, maximising opportunities for them to become self-sustaining.

#### **KEY RESULT AREAS**

##### **Key Result Area 1. Governance**

The main objective for Governance in the community conservancy framework is to strengthen the governance of community conservancies and increase Government support to these conservancies. The above program is intended to achieve the following outputs and activities.

##### **Output 1: - Well Governed community conservancies**

This will provide the local institutional platform for building dialogue and peace between ethnic communities, for seeking investments in socio-economic development, and for negotiating sustainable management and conservation of communal land and natural resources.

This will be achieved by investing in:

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- Leadership and governance skills, to ensure there is capacity, capability and elements of traditional authority that can govern conservancies well, with transparency, accountability and equity in benefit-sharing
- Inclusion and voice, with equitable representation of women and youth in decision-making structures and economic opportunities
- Management skills, to ensure effective conservancy operations and delivery of results
- Communication skills and capacity to build wide community awareness, local influence and effective partnerships
- Conservancy plans and programs for peace-building, community development and enterprise, natural resource management, and long-term conservancy sustainability

The main activities that were undertaken in governance program includes

1. **Support well-governed and led Conservancies**, through Pre-AGM and election awareness meetings with communities in all zones, board elections and AGMs, support of quarterly board and committee meetings, support regional conservancy council of Elders meetings, and Manager's, Warden and gender forums
2. **Strengthen Conservancies Institutional Structure, Leadership and Governance**, through board capacity building training, leadership and management training, support of learning exposure tours for boards, review of conservancy constitutions, MoUs, and update of legal registrations, Development of community conservancy management and Community Development Plans, Strengthening governance capacity of Samburu County Conservancies
3. **Strengthen Community & Stakeholder Engagements**, through Annual Conservancies open days in the region, participation in County stakeholder forums (e.g. PREG partners), Support regular conservancy awareness meetings among communities, participation of Conservancies in County events to showcase work of Conservancy. Support establishment and participation in County Conservancies Associations, support of annual meeting with community groups to provide updates on conservancy progress and impact
4. **Improve Conservancy Management Staff Performance** Review Governance Index management performance and support targeted trainings for management staff, Review of Conservancy financial audits with management and Board, support regular Conservancy staff meetings and instil professionalism through key performance indicators(KPIs) and performance reviews
5. **Development and support of Conservancies Gender Program to ensure all community Conservancies are gender responsive**, through Implementation of Conservancies gender committee, Support of conservancies programs to integrate gender equality and inclusivity into their programs (peace, rangelands, governance, enterprise development), Support to conservancy boards towards achieving Constitution of Kenya 2/3 gender rule, Training of conservancy boards, management and community members on gender equality, legal provisions and support gender mainstreaming in conservancy decisions, Support gender champions in Conservancies. Promote gender sensitive communication and publicity through partner's media channels, branding and communications materials, Address marginalization of girls in education in conservancies, support school girls mentorship programs, parents-girls forums, recruit conservancy girls child-right mentors

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- 6. Establishment of New Conservancies:** - through Community and stakeholder sensitization and awareness meetings in areas targeted for conservancies in Samburu county, Election of Conservancy boards and establishment of institutional structures, Recruitment of community conservancy scouts and managers
- 7. Engagement/Support of transition to Community Land Tenure:** - Partner with relevant organizations to create widespread community awareness on the Community Land Act and support transition from Group Ranches/Trust Land to Community Land

#### **Expected results/ outcomes**

1. Communities empowered to hold Conservancy boards accountable, Conservancies are well governed with a high level of transparency and accountability, Conservancy activities are well coordinated at an ecosystem and landscape level,
2. Conservancy boards and committees are motivated and capable of leading and managing conservancies on behalf of their communities, Community members are empowered to fulfil leadership roles within their conservancy, Conservancy boards apply industry best practice, Conservancies are legally established and hold appropriate legal registrations, Conservancy management is guided by a comprehensive and agreed management plan, County Conservancies are supported to strengthen governance capacity.
3. Improved understanding of conservancies among County and National Government and other NGOs, Improved dissemination of information between Conservancy Boards/Management and Communities, Improved understanding of conservancies across County Government, Improved understanding of Conservancies among community groups in the County, Community members are well informed on conservancy matters and boards and management demonstrate high levels of accountability
4. Improved Governance and management performance, increased financial transparency and accountability, Cohesive management and staff teams working within conservancies. Effective and accountable conservancy management.
5. Increased numbers of women participating in conservancies programs, Conservancies staff and programs are gender sensitive and actively support integration of women into program activities, progress against gender specific targets is measurable and reported on, Increased number women on Conservancy boards. Increased number and voice of women and girls taking part in conservancy decision making and activities, Increased participation of women in conservancy activities and decision making, current and emerging women leaders build greater confidence. Conservancy women and girls are inspired by role models within their communities, Increased numbers of girls enrolled in and graduating from school.
6. Ecological connectivity between Loisaba conservancy, Nkoteyia conservancy and Kirisia Forest is restored, several hectares of land under improved management. Improved community ownership, recognition and benefits in conservation, Conservancies are operationalized with improved management and safety of wildlife and people in the conservancy area
7. Improved awareness and understanding of Community Land Act among conservancy communities

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#### **Output 2: - Supportive Government Policies, Laws and Finance**

This will complement the efforts of local communities to govern their land and natural resources, provide strength and support to Community Conservancies, give political backing through MCAs and the County Assemblies, and fulfil the mandate of devolved government to provide local public services and meet local development priorities. Government policy, legal and financial security is needed to sustain the proven impacts of community conservation across northern Kenya.

This will be achieved by investing in:

- Engagement with County Governments, Assemblies and MPs by conservancies to ensure understanding and build support for their work
- County and National policies and laws that support conservancies, helping policy-makers with influence, advice, field experience and drafting as appropriate
- County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs), supporting Conservancies to engage with the planning and implementation processes to ensure conservancy priorities are voiced and supported
- Lobbying for financial support from government for conservancy operations and programs
- Ensuring that donor and NGO projects on peace, development and conservation can be delivered effectively through Community Conservancies, and not through parallel structures that undermine conservancies

The main activities that were undertaken in this sub- program includes

**1.Enhance Engagement with County and National Government**, through support of exposure and learning tours for County Governments, participate in County Sector Working Groups (tourism, environment, livestock, CSO forums; Quarterly meetings with MCAs, Members of Parliament, County Assemblies, Support County-Conservancy- Conservancies joint planning and fundraising, Facilitate Conservancies registration with KWS, Support community conservancies to develop Management and development plan

**2. Support County Legislation for Natural Resource Management and Conservancy Support** through provision of input and review to County NRM policies and bills; lobbying to County Assemblies for development of Conservancies legislation, Engagement of national policies and laws through KWCA.

#### **Expected results / outcome**

1. Increased support and recognition of conservancies among County Governments, Allocation of funding to Conservancies in County budgets. Improved capacity on disaster risk management, Providing clarity of role of Conservancies and expectations from County Governments and coordination and improved efficiency of development efforts. Conservancies/Community Wildlife Associations registered under the Wildlife Act 2013, Conservation management is strengthened through enhanced management planning.
2. County policies on NRM harmonized and aligned with National legislation, Conservancies actively engaged and providing input to National legislation

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#### **Key Result Area 2. Peace and Security**

Under this area, the board intends and plan to build peace between ethnic communities and support Government in ensuring security for people and wildlife, among the key deliverable for these program includes

#### **Output 3: - Effective peace-building between ethnic communities**

There is need to continue to build towards peaceful co-existence between the many ethnic groups in northern Kenya and especially in the community conservancies landscape, which is essential for successful investment in socio-economic development and conservation. It will place a check on divisive, ethnically-driven politics and historical animosity between ethnic groups, with a multi stakeholder approach to behaviour change, both preventative and reactive to conflict and tension.

Effective peace-building will be achieved by investing in:

- **Conflict identification and mapping**, using ethnically balanced teams of elders, women and young men as peace ambassadors, with capacity and capability for dialogue and conflict prevention, to harness local knowledge and understand conflict drivers.
- **Conflict prevention**, including training and awareness about conflict management; peace radio, sports events and youth programs; and women's engagement in household level influencing, all to build mutual understanding and respect amongst youth, and create a political culture that reduces ethnic incitement and impunity
- **Conflict resolution**, including improved coordination of peace-building and security operations to ensure an integrated approach to stabilization. The conservancies' peace ambassadors, governance and ranger networks can convene dialogue to deescalate tensions early, and work with the Kenya Police's Peace Cop project which has proved a successful alliance.
- **Conflict transformation** through enhanced knowledge and understanding and by addressing the root causes of conflict in a holistic manner. Accurate reporting of insecurity, conflict or tension, and informed analysis and sensitive leadership by the Joint Operations and Communications Centre (JOCC) can build better understanding of conflict triggers and the most effective responses.

Key activities undertaken under this sub- program includes: -

**1. Support Peace Ambassadors network across Community Conservancies**, through the support of existing conservancy peace ambassadors, Continuous evaluation and learning processes and improved embedding of Peace Ambassadors program within Conservancies and local government peace building initiatives and training of peace ambassadors in conflict resolution and peace building skills.

**2. Support and integration of Conservancy Peace Committees, traditional Council of Elders and youth in peace building**, through training of Conservancy peace committees in conflict resolution and peace building in key conservancies within the county; support of regular peace

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committee meetings, exposure tours for conservancy peace committees to other regions to discuss peace building efforts and learn from peers, Joint peace meetings between traditional Council of Elders bringing together different ethnic groups within regions, Raise community awareness on peace issues through multiple communications approaches including messaging, art, song and traditional cultural festivals, Inter-conservancy peace meetings targeting morans/herders/youth within the region.

**3. Increase women's involvement in peace building**, through peace awareness meetings with women intra and inter-conservancy – Isiolo, Samburu, Laikipia, Marsabit, and Baringo, Inter-conservancy women's peace forums, Women's peace leaders training (6 Counties), Annual women's peace conference.

**4. Complement government efforts in peace building and conflict resolution**, through Support to government sub-county peace and security meetings; support to inter-County peace and security meetings; support of annual high level Government peace meeting; enhanced coordination between conservancy peace committees, council of elders and government agencies and administration on return of stolen livestock, development of Peace Accords between different conflicted groups, Government and community civic and governance education towards peaceful coexistence.

**5. Support 'Sports-for-Peace' events**, through Sports for peace events held in all conservancies, focusing on youth, Inter-conservancy and inter-county sports for peace event held in 3 regions (Baringo/ West Pokot; Isiolo/Samburu; Laikipia/ Isiolo/Samburu), Inter-conservancy peace marathon, and representation of morans team at major peace marathon.

**6. Develop capacity and strategy for Conservancies Peace Program**, through Development of conservancies peace training manuals and expand peace training capacity using a train the trainer approach, Conflict incident mapping, identify peace actors in the Samburu county community conservancies landscape and engage on training, awareness and peace-building, assess impact of peace interventions and change over time, Identify key capacity building needs and targeted training courses for Community conservancies peace team.

#### **Expected results / Outcomes**

1.Improved performance and commitment from peace ambassadors, Peace ambassador program led by conservancies and recognized in local and County government peace building, Peace ambassadors are well-equipped to lead conflict resolution processes and to propose alternative dispute resolution options in conflict situations.

2.Conservancy led peace-building strengthened through Conservancy peace committees coordinating with traditional Council of Elders and local administration. Sharing of experiences in peace building in different regions, challenges and successes, informing adaptive peace building strategies, increased dialogue between traditional Council of Elders of different indigenous groups, strengthening conflict resolution. Reduction in retaliatory attacks. Increased awareness of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms within community households promoting alternatives to violent conflict. conflict transformation through engagement of youth.

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3. Increased understanding on the role of peace building among women in communities, Peace dialogue between women of different ethnic groups in conflict prone areas, strengthened leadership of women in peace, Women leaders become role models for women as agents of peace.

4. Government peace building offices supported to respond to inter-ethnic conflict. Closer integration between conservancy-level and government peace building efforts.

5. Government endorsed peace accords between different ethnic groups

6. Building mutual understanding and respect between youth from different ethnic groups, through shared experiences, Changing the culture of violence and conflict among youth through exposure to different experiences and cross-cultural communication, Ethnic groups are more open to engagement with increased understanding of each other.

7. Create training materials and documentation, and review training content, Conflict mapping highlights root causes and key actors in conflicts, Build support for peaceful alternatives to conflict within community groups, establish empirical evidence on the role of conservancies in peace building, Enhance capacity of community conservancies Peace Team.

#### **Output 4: Effective community policing in support of Government security agencies**

This will help to stop wildlife poaching and secure threatened wildlife, prevent or respond to livestock theft in order to help break the cycle of retaliation after raids, bring security for people and reinforce peacebuilding, complementing government efforts in peace and security, and build long-term confidence in tourism, livelihood and business investments.

This will be achieved by investing in:

- A cadre of rangers in every conservancy that are trained at KWS Manyani and follow KWS and police-approved Standard Operating Procedures
- A series of multi-ethnic mobile teams that are deployed under government authority, and respond to human and wildlife insecurity across the region
- High quality ranger training to refresh and supplement basic KWS training, and to reinforce human rights awareness and legal compliance
- Adequate equipment and uniforms for rangers to operate effectively
- Human intelligence and innovative software coordinated through the Joint Operations and Communications Centre (JOCC) to support all community policing efforts with analysis, reporting, field operations and government liaison
- Liaison with Government security agencies (KWS and Kenya Police) through formalized agreements, coordination and communications.

#### **Key activities**

1. Use of mobile anti-poaching teams, joint patrols and aerial surveillance to reduce poaching of wildlife, Strategic deployment of mobile anti-poaching teams in poaching hotspot areas, Anti-poaching patrols to address bush meat poaching, Aerial surveillance patrols in important wildlife areas
2. Support and enhance partnerships with Government agencies in addressing general insecurity in the region through, Deployment of conservancy scouts and mobile teams in response to

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livestock theft incidents, road banditry and tourist protection when requested by Government, enhanced joint patrols between scouts from different conservancies and KWS, and engage with County Security Committees

3. Training and leadership development among all conservancy scouts, through Security Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) refresher training in all conservancies, Extension of SSOP training curriculum to include modules on human rights, Commanders training and first aid training of all conservancies mobile anti-poaching teams. KWS Law Enforcement Academy for scouts, Annual Conservancy Wardens Forum.
4. Provision of equipment and radio communications for effective security operations in Conservancies, through Supply of patrol equipment and uniforms to conservancy and community conservancies scouts, Improve digital radio communication network coverage across regional landscape.
5. Infrastructure and accommodation for conservancy scouts, through Provide appropriate and strategically located scout outposts, Ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to support scout deployments in remote locations.
6. Improved road network in conservancies through, Grading of roads and airstrips in Conservancies in the County.

**Expected results / outcomes**

1. Reduced poaching of elephant. Zero poaching of rhino in conservancies, Reduction in the number of bushmeat poaching incidents, expanded expertise of conservancy scouts in the response to threats to wildlife, Enhanced efficiency and effectiveness of anti-poaching effort
2. Increased safety and stability in the region, strengthened relationship with KWS and increased wildlife protection impact, Strengthened relationships and good understanding of role and work of conservancies and board in safety among government agencies.
3. High performance standards of scouts is consistently maintained, scouts all conscious of human rights based issues and are respectful of human rights in performance of their duties, Enhanced leadership, skills and discipline among all scouts, Establishing best practice in the context of the warden's responsibilities.
4. More effective patrolling and improved morale among scouts through provision of equipment, Improved knowledge and monitoring of security situations resulting in enhanced deployment of limited resources.
5. Scouts are effectively based and deployed in key wildlife locations, Improved morale and performance of scouts.
6. Improved access for vehicle and aerial patrols to ensure timely response and support to emergency and security incidents. Reduce the number of incidents through increased patrol coverage.

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#### **Key Result Area 3. Livelihood and Business**

The main objective of this program is to invest in community priorities for improving their lives, and create the conditions for growing jobs and businesses. among the key outputs for these program includes

#### **Output 5: - Equitable and responsive livelihood investments in conservancy communities (Water, Education, Health).**

These is expected to directly build social and human capital, reinforce peace, develop resilience and economic opportunities, and be a positive dividend of conservation, strengthening community bonds and validating the concept of the conservancy. Samburu County Community Conservancies fund investment into community livelihoods contributes to Counties Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and Kenya's Vision 2030 goals.

Equitable and responsive livelihoods investments in conservancies will be achieved by investing in:

- Viable Conservancy Livelihood fund projects for climate adaptation, economic stimulus, social empowerment and human development, that respond to local needs, build on conservancy management plans, and maximise the extent of direct and indirect conservancy beneficiaries
- Using the CLF to leverage other livelihoods finance from County Governments and others, to build sustainability, develop partnerships and maximise impact
- Better governed and integrated water resource management in conservancies, based on assessment of current water infrastructure and operations, water potential and need, options for technical solutions and optimal water governance systems to conserve, use and manage water
- Successful health, education and reproductive health programs, driven by needs analysis, available resources, and conservancy priorities

Key Activities to be undertaken under in this program includes: -

1. Conservancy Livelihood Fund projects supported, through CLF project proposals for 2024 submitted by Conservancy Managers.
2. Support to schools through Conservancies education program, Support conservation clubs in conservancy schools, invest in improving infrastructure in conservancy schools, Education mentoring program through parent engagement, student mentorship and teacher training support in schools.
3. Support improved access to healthcare within conservancies through, Upgrade of conservancies health clinic and support clinic operations
4. Alternative and sustainable energy for household cooking piloted, Support transition to clean and renewable energy options at the village level.
5. Support integrated approach to community conservancies Water Program through, Development of integrated water resource management plans for conservancies; Water quality monitoring at selected sites, Water governance and management capacity built at the

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conservancy level, Water infrastructure to support essential conservancy operations and income producing activities, Construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure for communities including water for domestic and livestock use; water infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance; training of selected conservancy staff on water maintenance and repairs, Strengthen link to County Government and other actors in water sector and lobby for conservancies as entry point for water development

#### **Expected results and Outcomes**

1. Communities prioritized activities are supported through the Conservancy, incentivizing conservation within communities
2. Emerging leaders have a good knowledge of conservation and are motivated to conserve natural resources in their communities, Quality of education experience is improved through provision of essential school infrastructure, Increased levels of school attendance and improved education results in participating schools.
3. Improved community access to primary health services
4. Promotion of sustainable and renewable energy options
5. Improved water planning and access to clean water for conservancy households, Improved governance of water resources at the village level, Essential operations and economic activities are enabled by access to reliable potable water supply, Resource conflict and human wildlife conflicts are mitigated through the provision of strategic water points, Improved coordination of water development across conservancies to ensure community priorities for water are addressed and water integrated into holistic land planning and management

#### **Output 6: Successful enterprises and financial services for households, community groups, conservancies and conservation partners/ stakeholders**

The intention is to generate household income, diversify the local economy, provide a driver of change from ethnic conflict and criminality, and generate conservancy-level business from conservation. Conservancies and conservation partners trading businesses will provide access to markets for conservancy members, and eventually generate profits for the Pooled Conservancy Fund.

This will be achieved by investing in:

- Business extension services and financial literacy through structured partners trading support, training, SACCO investments and marketing – including Bead WORKS and other business opportunities – to create household-level jobs and small businesses
- Tourism development including eco-tourism attractions and circuits, destination branding and marketing, tourism investments into conservancies, community preparedness, and standards for destination management – to create conservancy level jobs, income and financial self-sufficiency
- Livestock trading that provides opportunities for conservancy members to trade conveniently, equitably and profitably, linked to improving governance and management of the rangelands
- Partnerships and trading's capacity to develop, pilot and scale-up conservancy-relevant businesses, develop markets, broker agreements between Community Conservancies and tourism operators, and offer business extension and financial services to conservancy households and business groups

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#### **Key Activities undertaken under this sub-program**

1. Increase access to financial services and capital at household level, through membership sensitization and recruitment to community conservancies SACCO; loan disbursement to members; training of community enterprise agents; identification and establishment of village enterprise role models; training women and youth on entrepreneurship, financial literacy and life skills
2. Diversify livelihoods through vocational skills – through Engagement and training of youth on marketable vocational skills; development and roll out of vocational training courses with Polytechnics
3. Support and grow conservancies livestock to markets cattle business, Conservancies Livestock to Markets enables market linkages for remote pastoralist households, develop fodder banks for livestock feed in conservancies
4. Support Conservancies beadworks business, through training and capacity building for women involved in beadworks business; secure markets for beadworks to increase sales, continuously expand and improve beadworks products. Beadworks establishes an online platform for e-sales
5. Support Conservancy Tourism business and promote domestic nature-based tourism through community owned bandas and campsites, promotion of Big North Portal for improved information and bookings. Construction of conservancy resource centre and develop management and revenue agreement

#### **Expected Results (Outcome)**

1. Financial inclusion and diversified livelihoods for SACCO members
2. Improved skills, employability and access to decent jobs for conservancy youth
3. Remote and marginalised pastoralists are linked to commercial livestock markets resulting in increased household incomes
4. Improved feed for livestock and food security for people
5. Conservancy women are empowered through financial independence
6. Increased market outlets with more secure sales revenue
7. Conservancy members gain marketable skills and tourism management experience, and move toward financial self-reliance as new revenue streams are created
8. New revenue streams are created for various conservancies, with additional employment and skills development opportunities

#### **Key Result area 4: Natural Resource**

The main objective for the above program is to stabilize and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources which underpin the economy of northern Kenya. Among the key deliverable expected for this program includes

#### **Output 7: Sustainable rangelands management systems**

The intention and plan is to start to stabilize, recover and sustain the grasslands that underpin the pastoralist economy, reduce competition and conflict for water and grass, and improve forage for livestock and habitat for wildlife. Based on the last five years of hard lessons with little progress,

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the challenge can only be met with a paradigm shift, deeper and wider understanding and awareness, landscape-level grazing plans and governance systems that build on traditional knowledge, and strong government regulation.

Sustainable rangelands management systems will be achieved by investing in:

- Creating awareness in all stakeholders to understand and seek solutions to degradation of natural resources, using innovative approaches to generate collective action.
- Investment into local decision making structures, by-laws and enforcement incentives, agreed by every stakeholder group, built on traditional knowledge and governance systems and with strong policy, legal and political support from County Governments.
- Grazing plans built up from each settlement, aggregated at conservancy level, and shared across the region and will include development of learning sites & grass banks to show best practice methods in healing rangelands through improved grazing management.
- Rangeland rehabilitation integrated into the overall grazing management plan of a Conservancy and be carried out in such a way as to maintain heterogeneity in the landscape.
- Settlement planning in each conservancy is urgently needed to prevent further fragmentation of the land and disruption of dry season grazing areas in particular.
- The Grasslands Carbon Project has been under development since 2010 and aims to increase carbon sequestration through incentivizing behavioral change towards improved rangeland management.
- Review best practice in community rangeland management across East Africa; strengthen and improve community-based and scientific rangeland monitoring and feedback systems to ensure we are adaptively managing rangelands based on evidence of the impact of different strategies

#### **Key activities under this sub-program will includes: -**

1. Carry out awareness and capacity building among all stakeholders to understand and seek solutions to degradation of rangelands. Awareness and engagement with youth/ morans and herders; engagement with women on rangeland management; village level awareness meetings; awareness meetings on grazing management beyond conservancies. Support to mobile education unit creating awareness on rangeland degradation and grazing management using conservation partner rangeland education videos; development of additional educational cartoons and translation to local dialects
2. Conservancy rangelands governance: Facilitate communities to develop by-laws for grazing management and effective enforcement measures. Training conservancy grazing committees; support quarterly grazing committee meetings. Regional grazing committee meetings to share grazing plans and discuss livestock movements at a regional level. Support County rangeland management policy development. Harmonize grazing by-laws across conservancies.
3. Grazing planning and management, developing grazing plans, learning sites and grass banks. Conservancy wide wet-season grazing plans developed, shared and endorsed by wider community in all conservancies. Establishment of grass banks at community and household level. Exposure tours for morans, women, grazing committees and county officials to places with good grazing management plans, settlement plans and land rehabilitation program outside conservancies landscapes

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4. Rangeland rehabilitation, management and control of invasive species and grass reseeded in degraded areas. Management of *Acacia reficiens* through clearing in selected areas and grass re-seeding in Isiolo and Samburu conservancies. Gully healing, animal impact and grass re-seeding in sites across conservancies. Training grazing committees in re-seeding, gully healing and invasive species management methods.
5. Support conservancies to develop and implement settlement plans to prevent further fragmentation of land and loss of dry season grazing areas. Engage County Government with a view to developing strong County support and policies on settlement planning.
6. Operationalization of the Grassland Soil Carbon Project. Revenue sharing agreement finalized with Conservancies; Carbon credits sold and revenue to conservancies realized.
7. Improve data collection, analysis and reporting to monitor impact of the rangeland management program. Status of conservancies Rangelands Report compiled using currently available data sources and documenting impact of rangelands management program (rangeland rehabilitation, invasive species management, grass reseeded, grazing planning, livestock movements. Review Conservancy rangeland governance structures and align more closely with traditional systems where appropriate. Implement bi-annual Veg-CoMMS monitoring; refresher training for Grazing Coordinators; Improve methods for tracking livestock numbers and movements in conservancies

#### **Expected results (outcomes).**

1. Increased engagement and voice of women in grazing issues
2. Widespread awareness on root cause of rangelands degradation, and strong support for local solutions and village-level grazing plans
3. Support fair and equitable sharing of the benefits from communal natural resources
4. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation
5. Land degradation and desertification is reduced through proactive grazing planning and management
6. Reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems
7. Capacity for rehabilitation of degraded lands is strengthened at village level
8. Conservancies take the lead on settlement planning in their areas with strong support and endorsement from County Governments.
9. Conservancy contribution to land degradation neutrality is quantifiable and verifiable. Conservancies are incentivized to adopt sustainable rangeland practices
10. Further rangeland interventions are enabled by proof of impact
11. Rangeland governance is harmonized and coordinated across structures, traditional knowledge is recognised and leveraged.
12. Adaptive management is informed through consistent vegetation monitoring
13. Land management programmes are more effectively managed and responsive

#### **Key result area 5: Sustainability**

The main objective for the program is to build and maintain a sustainable, effective and dynamic organisation that is designed and resourced to enable direct support to community conservancies, maximising opportunities for them to become self-sustaining. To leverage and sustain the significant momentum behind community conservancies, the board requires:

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- Financial resources and talented people
- Supportive government policies and regulations
- Skills, knowledge and incentives
- Specialist long-term partnerships
- A visionary communications strategy that ensures is universally accepted
- An awareness, capability and mind set change amongst traditional communities fit for the future.

#### **Output 10: Adequate capability to achieve operational and financial sustainability**

##### **Key activities**

1. Diversify current donor base and stewardship of existing donors through increased grants capacity and tools. Diversification of donor base; stewardship of existing donors; grant reporting and renewal of existing grants; roll out partnership strategy
2. Build collaborative conservation partnerships, undertake joint fundraising in partnership with Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and KWS in support of shared conservation objectives
3. Combined investment in commercial activities through conservation partners and stakeholders. Funding for tourism infrastructure and tourism development secured to increase Conservancy revenue. Verified Soil Carbon Credits sold within the private sector market. businesses generating revenue for conservancies.
4. Increased funding support to Conservancies from County and National. County funding opportunities identified and support to County Governments to develop legislation with support to Conservancies; long-term funding support through national structures coordinated with KWCA
5. Increased efficiencies of operation across Conservancies, Strategic systems and technology investment.

##### **Expected results (outcomes)**

1. Better understanding of potential donor opportunities and requirements. Efficient project monitoring and reporting
2. Kenyan conservation outcomes are amplified through collaborative action at national, county and community levels
3. Conservancies are more self-reliant with increased financial resilience
4. Increased Conservancy-level revenue from diversified enterprise opportunities and new opportunities identified
5. Increased County and National Government funding to Conservancies
6. Increase efficiencies and cost reductions in Conservancies operations

The board develops its annual work plans based on the above five key results areas of focus. Assessment of the Board's performance against its annual work plan is done on a quarterly basis. The performance is then reported continuously culminating into annual report. The board achieved its performance targets set for the FY 2024/2025 for its five strategic focus areas, as indicated in the table below

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1	<b>GOVERNANCE</b>	<b>To strengthen the governance of Community Conservancies, and increase Government support to these conservancies.</b>	<b>Support well-governed and led Conservancies</b>	Pre-AGM and election awareness meetings with communities in all zones	Communities empowered to hold Conservancy Boards accountable
				Board elections and AGMs	Conservancies are well governed with a high level of transparency and accountability
				Quarterly board and committee meetings held	Conservancy activities are well coordinated at an ecosystem and landscape level
				Support Regional Conservancy Council of Elders meetings, Manager's, Warden and gender forums	
			<b>Strengthen Conservancies Institutional Structure, Leadership and Governance</b>	Board capacity building training	Conservancy boards and committees are motivated and capable of leading and managing conservancies on behalf of their communities
				Leadership and management (LAMP) training	Community members are empowered to fulfill leadership roles within their conservancy
				Support learning	Conservancy boards apply industry best practice

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				exposure tours for boards	
				Review Conservancy Constitutions, MoUs, and update legal registrations	Conservancies are legally established and hold appropriate legal registrations
				Develop Conservancy Management and Community Development Plans	Conservancy management is guided by a comprehensive and agreed management plan
				Strengthening governance capacity of Samburu County Conservancies	4 County Conservancies are supported to strengthen governance capacity
			<b>Strengthen Community &amp; Stakeholder Engagements</b>	1. Annual Conservancies open days in each County/Region ; participation in County stakeholder forums (e.g. PREG partners);	Improved understanding of conservancies among County and National Government and other NGOs
				2. Support regular conservancy awareness meetings among communities	Improved dissemination of information between Conservancy Boards/Management and Communities
				3. Participation of Conservancies in County events to showcase work of Conservancy	Improved understanding of conservancies across County Government line departments

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				4. Support establishment and participation in County Conservancies Associations	Improved understanding of Conservancies among community groups in the counties
				5. Annual meeting with community groups to provide updates on conservancy progress and impact	Community members are well informed on conservancy matters and boards and management demonstrate high levels of accountability
			<b>Improve Conservancy Management Staff Performance</b>	1. Review Governance Index management performance and support targeted trainings for management staff	Improved Governance and management performance
				2. Review Conservancy financial audits with management and Board	Increased financial transparency and accountability
				3. Support regular Conservancy staff meetings and instill professionalism through KPIs and performance reviews	Cohesive management and staff teams working within conservancies. Effective and accountable conservancy management
			<b>Establish New Conservancies</b>	1. Community and stakeholder sensitization	Ecological connectivity between Nkoteiya and Kirisia Forest is restored. >10, 000 hectares of land

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				and awareness meetings in areas targeted for conservancies in Samburu North sub-County Counties	under improved management.
				2. Election of Conservancy boards and establishment of institutional structures	Improved community ownership, recognition and benefits in conservation
				3. Recruitment of community conservancy managers	Conservancies are operationalized with improved management and safety of wildlife and people in the conservancy area
			<b>Engage/Support transition to Community Land Tenure</b>	1. Partner with relevant organizations to create widespread community awareness on the Community Land Act and support transition from Group Ranches/Trust Land to Community Land	Improved awareness and understanding of Community Land Act among conservancy communities
			<b>Enhance Engagement with County and National Government</b>	1. Support exposure and learning tours for County Governments	Increased support and recognition of conservancies among County Governments

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				2. Participate in County Sector Working Groups (tourism, environment, livestock, CSO forums; Quarterly meetings with MCAs, Members of Parliament, County Assemblies	Allocation of funding to Conservancies in County budgets. Improved capacity on disaster risk management
				3. Support County-Conservancy-SCCCCF joint planning and fundraising	Providing clarity of role of Conservancies and SCCCCF and expectations from County Governments and coordination and improved efficiency of development efforts
				4. Facilitate Conservancies registration with KWS (once Conservancy regulations approved)	Conservancies/Community Wildlife Associations registered under the Wildlife Act 2013 (dependent on adoption of conservancy regulations)
				5. Support Ndoto Conservation area to develop Conservancy Development and Management Plan	Conservation management in Ndoto Community Conservation area is strengthened through enhanced management planning
			<b>Support County Legislation for Natural Resource Management</b>	1. Provide input and review to County	County policies on NRM harmonized and aligned with National legislation

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			<b>and Conservancy Support</b>	NRM policies and bills; lobby County Assemblies for development of Conservancies legislation	
				2. Engage on national policies and laws through KWCA	Conservancies and SCCCFF actively engaged and providing input to National legislation
<b>2</b>	<b>PEACE AND SECURITY</b>	To build peace between ethnic communities and support Government in ensuring security for people and wildlife	Support Peace Ambassadors network across Conservancies	1. Support existing conservancy peace ambassadors and initiate a new coast peace ambassador team	Improved performance and commitment from peace ambassadors
				2. Continuous evaluation and learning processes and improved embedding of Peace Ambassadors program within Conservancies and local government peace building initiatives	Peace ambassador program led by conservancies and recognized in local and County government peace building
				3. Training of peace ambassadors in conflict resolution and peace building skills	Peace ambassadors are well-equipped to lead conflict resolution processes and to propose alternative dispute resolution options in conflict situations

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			Support and integration of Conservancy Peace Committees, traditional Council of Elders and youth in peace building	1. Training of Conservancy peace committees in conflict resolution and peace building in key conservancies across all Conservancies support regular peace committee meetings; exposure tours for conservancy peace committees to other regions to discuss peace building efforts and learn from peers	Conservancy led peace-building strengthened through Conservancy peace committees coordinating with traditional Council of Elders and local administration. Sharing of experiences in peace building in different regions, challenges and successes, informing adaptive peace building strategies
				2. Joint peace meetings between traditional Council of Elders bringing together different ethnic groups in all community conservancies	Increased dialogue between traditional Council of Elders of different indigenous groups, strengthening conflict resolution. Reduction in retaliatory attacks.
				3. Raise community awareness on peace issues through multiple communications	Increased awareness of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms within community households promoting alternatives to violent conflict

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				approaches including messaging, art, song and traditional cultural festivals	
				4. Inter-conservancy peace meetings targeting morans/herders /youth across all NRT Counties	Conflict transformation through engagement of Youth
			<b>Increase women's involvement in peace building</b>	1. Peace awareness meetings with women In the Community conservancy	Increased understanding on the role of peace building among women in communities
				2. Inter-conservancy women's peace forums are held	Peace dialogue between women of different ethnic groups in conflict prone areas
				3. Women's peace leaders training (3 sub-counties)	Strengthened leadership of women in peace
				4. Annual women's peace conference	Women leaders become role models for women as agents of peace
			<b>Complement government efforts in peace building and conflict resolution</b>	1. Support to government sub-County peace and security meetings; support to inter-County peace and security meetings; annual high	Government peace building offices supported to respond to inter-ethnic conflict. Closer integration between conservancy-level and government peace building efforts

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				level Government peace meeting; coordination between conservancy peace committees, council of elders and government agencies and administration on return of stolen livestock	
				2. Development of Peace Accords between different conflicted groups	Government endorsed peace accords between different ethnic groups
				3. Government and community civic and governance education towards peaceful elections	
			<b>Support 'Sports-for- Peace' events</b>	1. Sports for peace events held in all conservancies, focusing on youth	Building mutual understanding and respect between youth from different ethnic groups, through shared experiences
				2. Inter- conservancy and inter- county sports for peace event held in 3 sub- counties	Changing the culture of violence and conflict among youth through exposure to different experiences and cross- cultural communication
				3. SCCC inter- conservancy	Ethnic groups are more open to engagement with

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				peace marathon, and representation of morans team at Lewa marathon	increased understanding of each other
			<b>Develop capacity and strategy for SCCCf Peace Program</b>	1. Develop SCCCf peace training manuals and expand peace training capacity using a train the trainer approach	Create training materials and documentation, and review training content
				2. Conflict incident mapping	Conflict mapping highlights root causes and key actors in conflicts
				3. Identify peace actors in the Conservancies landscape and engage on training, awareness and peace-building	Build support for peaceful alternatives to conflict within community groups
				4. Assess impact of peace interventions and change over time	Establish empirical evidence on the role of conservancies in peace building
				5. Identify key capacity building needs and targeted training courses for SCCCf Peace team	Enhance capacity of SCCCf Peace Team

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			Support and enhance partnerships with Government agencies in addressing general insecurity in the region	1. Deployment of conservancy scouts and mobile teams in response to livestock theft incidents, road banditry and tourist protection when requested by Government	Increased safety and stability in the region
				2. Enhanced joint patrols between scouts from different conservancies and KWS	Strengthened relationship with KWS and increased wildlife protection impact
				3. Engage with County Security Committees	Strengthened relationships and good understanding of role and work of conservancies and SCCCF in safety among government agencies
			Training and leadership development among all conservancy scouts	1. Security Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) refresher training in all conservancies	High performance standards of scouts is consistently maintained
				2. Extension of SSOP training curriculum to include modules on human rights	Scouts all conscious of human rights based issues and are respectful of human rights in performance of their duties
				3. Commanders training and first aid training of all conservancies mobile anti-	Enhanced leadership, skills and discipline among all scouts

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				poaching teams. KWS Law Enforcement Academy for scouts	
				4. Annual Conservancy Wardens Forum	Establishing best practice in the context of the wardens responsibilities
			<b>Provision of equipment and radio communications for effective security operations in Conservancies</b>	1. Supply of patrol equipment and uniforms to conservancy staff and scouts	More effective patrolling and improved morale among scouts through provision of equipment
				2. Improve digital radio communication network coverage across Conservancies landscape	Improved knowledge and monitoring of security situations resulting in enhanced deployment of limited resources
			<b>Infrastructure and accommodation for conservancy scouts</b>	1. Provide appropriate and strategically located scout outposts	Scouts are effectively based and deployed in key wildlife locations
				2. Ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to support scout deployments in remote locations	Improved morale and performance of scouts
<b>3</b>	<b>LIVELIHOODS AND BUSINESS</b>	To invest in community priorities for improving their lives, and create	Increase access to financial services and	Membership sensitization and recruitment to relevant SACCO; loan disbursement	Financial inclusion and diversified livelihoods for SACCO members

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		the conditions for growing jobs and businesses	capital at household level	to members; train community enterprise agents; identify and establish village enterprise role models; train women and youth on entrepreneurship, financial literacy and life skills	
			Support Community Conservancy Beadworks business	Training and capacity building for women involved in beadworks business; secure markets for beadworks to increase sales; continuously expand and improve beadworks products	Conservancy women are empowered through financial independence
			Support Conservancy Tourism business	Promote domestic nature-based tourism through community owned bandas and campsites; promote Big North Portal for	Conservancy members gain marketable skills and tourism management experience. Conservancies move toward financial self-reliance as new revenue streams are created

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				improved information and bookings	
<b>4</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	To stabilise and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources which underpin the economy of northern Kenya	<b>Carry out awareness and capacity building among all stakeholders to understand and seek solutions to degradation of rangelands</b>	1. Awareness and engagement with youth/morans and herders; engagement with women on rangeland management; village level awareness meetings; awareness meetings on grazing management beyond conservancies	Increased engagement and voice of women in grazing issues
				2. Support to mobile education unit creating awareness on rangeland degradation and grazing management using SCCCCF rangeland education videos; development of additional educational cartoons and translation to local dialects	Widespread awareness on root cause of rangelands degradation, and strong support for local solutions and village-level grazing plans
			<b>Conservancy rangelands</b>	1. Training conservancy	Support fair and equitable sharing of the benefits

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			<b>governance: Facilitate communities to develop by-laws for grazing management and effective enforcement measures</b>	grazing committees; support quarterly grazing committee meetings	from communal natural resources
				2. Support County rangeland management policy development	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation
				3. Harmonize grazing by- laws across conservancies	
			<b>Grazing planning and management, developing grazing plans, learning sites and grass banks</b>	1. Conservancy wide wet- season grazing plans developed, shared and endorsed by wider community in all conservancies	Land degradation and desertification is reduced through proactive grazing planning and management
				2. Exposure tours for morans, women, grazing committees and SCCCF officials to places with good grazing management plans, settlement plans and land	Land degradation and desertification is reduced through proactive grazing planning and management

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				rehabilitation program outside Conservancies landscapes	
			<b>Rangeland rehabilitation, management and control of invasive species and grass reseeding in degraded areas</b>	1. Management of Acacia reficiens through clearing in selected areas and grass re-seeding in conservancies	Reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems
				2. Training grazing committees in re-seeding, gully healing and invasive species management methods	Capacity for rehabilitation of degraded lands is strengthened at village level
			<b>Support conservancies to develop and implement settlement plans to prevent further fragmentation of land and loss of dry season grazing areas</b>	Engage County Government and Conservation partners with a view to developing strong County support and policies on settlement planning	Conservancies take the lead on settlement planning in their areas with strong support and endorsement from County Governments
<b>5</b>	<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	To build and maintain a sustainable, effective and dynamic organization that is designed and	<b>Diversify current donor base and stewardship of existing donors through</b>	Diversification of donor base; stewardship of existing donors; grant reporting and renewal of existing grants;	Better understanding of potential donor opportunities and requirements. Efficient project monitoring and reporting

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		resourced to enable direct support to community conservancies, maximising opportunities for them to become self-sustaining	<b>increased grants capacity and tools</b>	roll out partnership strategy	
			<b>Build collaborative conservation partnerships</b>	Undertake joint fundraising in partnership with Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and KWS in support of shared conservation objectives	Kenyan conservation outcomes are amplified through collaborative action at national, county and community levels
			<b>Completed structuring and capitalization of the SCCCFC Conservation Fund</b>	Legal and management structures put in place, implementation of capitalization strategy	SCCCFC and conservancies are more self-reliant with increased financial resilience
			<b>Establish Community Forest Association (CFA) for Community forest and align governance with conservancy structure</b>	CFAs strengthened in Kirisia Nkoteyia and Namunyak Conservancies	Reduced clearing and illegal logging in Kirisia forests. Rehabilitation of degraded forest areas

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				Development of 5-Year Participatory Mangrove Forest Management Plans	
			<b>Enhance effectiveness of Mathews Forest CFA</b>	1. Review status of CFA management plan with Namunyak Conservancy Board; align forest management committees with unit structures	Increased focus and community support of forest management within Namunyak Conservancy
				2. Awareness and training of committees on forest management, zonation and development of forest management bylaws	
				3. Support re-greening initiatives e.g. tree planting, woodlot demonstration sites	Tree planting in degraded areas
				4. Conduct survey on forest status based on 2010 methods	Change in forest biodiversity are measured and responsive conservation management action enabled

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			<b>Develop a strategy for Community Forest Management Program</b>	In consultation with Conservancies, develop scope of community forest management program, identifying key forests and activities, and to guide fundraising and implementation of projects	Committed and well-planned action in support of sustainable management of forests and prevention of biodiversity loss
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During the year under review FY 2024/2025, Samburu County Government, through the department of Cooperatives, Trade, Investments, Tourism, and Enterprise development continued to support the eight (8) established conservancies. The support of the established community conservancies still remains one of the top priorities of the Samburu County Government, its objective was mainly to empower the local communities to take charge and play an active role in the conservation of natural resources of which their livelihoods by and large depend upon. It was likewise aimed at addressing the inherent insecurity a problem in the areas that for a long time that remained a bottle neck to our economic development.

The main objectives of the conservation support program were conservation of biodiversity, peace building and improvement of community livelihoods. Other specific objectives for the conservancy fund / program were-

- 1) To support the capacity building and growth of community conservancies in Samburu County
- 2) To support the establishment of more tourist facilities across the county
- 3) To promote peaceful coexistence between people and wildlife and among residents communities themselves
- 4) To provide incentives to community to promote sustainable management of natural resources
- 5) To strengthen wildlife security through employment of scouts and provision of security equipment's
- 6) To support and promote efforts which are geared towards improving and maintaining biodiversity and habitat protection
- 7) To support and strengthen community capacity, awareness and knowledge of biodiversity values, threats and management needs through involvement and active participation
- 8) Engender a sense of community ownership of projects for sustainability

The following were achieved under the Community Conservancy development support program projects during the year under review.

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#### **Achievement**

During the year under review, the community conservancy development support program/ conservancy fund, which main beneficiaries remain to be the local community and by and large the Samburu County resident, the following achievement and outputs has been realized to date.

#### **a). Community Conservancy development support program**

1. Establishment and support of 5 new conservation areas that is Baragoi, Ndoto, Nyiro, Kirisia Nkoteyia and Ltungai/ Malaso conservation area.
2. Recruitment, training and employment of over 268 community Scouts, hence improving the economic welfare for the local community at large.
3. Capacity building for over 195 members of Conservancy boards through trainings, exposure tours, beachmarkings forums and conservation workshop.
4. Provision of security and communication equipments to community conservancies i.e. VHF radios, handsets and base radios, sleeping bags, Multi-unihuts, Uniforms and tents to enhance security, safety and efficiency in service delivery.
5. Maintenance and provision of 11 operational and security patrol vehicles to enhance mobility, transport and communication and promote conservation, safety and security of the wildlife and people
6. Security for both wildlife and people was enhanced through awareness creation and peace meeting.
7. Strengthening of wildlife, people, property and highway security through the employment of community scouts along the specific insecurity hotspots i.e. in Sereolipi and Meibae area
8. Reduction of poaching levels through awareness creation, public/ conservation campaigns and minimization of conflicts between wildlife conservation, land management and human settlement.
9. The areas under active wildlife population continued to increase i.e. Elephants are currently found at Nyiro conservation area after over 40 years of disappearance
10. Development of Tourism facilities in areas with visitor/clients potential i.e. Malaso cafeteria in Malaso escarpment and high-end tented camp at Nkoteyia conservancy and Ltungai eco-lodge
11. Protection of endangered wildlife species enhanced in wildlife sanctuaries and community conservancies i.e. Establishment of Rhino Sanctuary at Sera community conservancy and Reteti Elephant orphanage at Namunyak Community conservancies in partnership with KWS, NRT and other conservation partners.
12. Improvement of wildlife conservation and collective conservancy land management, through awareness creation and public participation forum
13. Boosting conservancy community living standards, diversification of income base and development of conservancy tourism potential

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14. Promotion of social interaction and peace among rival or worrying local communities ( Pokots, Samburu and Turkana), which culminated to reduction in cattle rustling and peaceful recovery of stolen livestock from both sides.
15. Perpetuation of a pastoral form of land management where humans, domestic stock and wildlife are able to flourish together
16. Construction of Security (3) ranger's camps at Bendera, Lpetpet, and Ndoto west, to enhance security and safety for both human population and wildlife in the area, which were previously security hotspot.
17. Partial sustainability of Sera wildlife community conservancy, Kalama Community Conservancy and Westgate community conservancy

**b). Support of development project for the existing community conservancies**

During the period under review the following activities were undertaken in Support of livelihood and development projects for the existing community conservancies (Kalama, Westgate, Namunyak, Meibae, Nkoteyia and Sera wildlife conservancies), to sustain the growth, strengthen valuable partnership, and enhance wildlife and environment conservation as well as promote tourism, i.e.

1. Samburu National Reserve revenue sharing for Gir Gir Group Ranch (Kalama community conservancy)
2. Samburu National Reserve revenue sharing for Ngutuk ee ngiron Group Ranch (west gate conservancy)
3. Support of ranger's operation program at Meibae community conservancy
4. Support of Ltungai Community Conservancy for the Construction of Tourism Bandas and furnishing of Molpusi Eco-lodge.
5. Support of Rangers operation program for Ngilai Community conservancy
6. Support of rangers operation program for Namunyak Wildlife Conservation Project (Kalepo)
7. Establishment of Sera Senior Management Accommodation
8. Support Construction of Lorubae Rangers Post
9. Support for Milgis Trust Keleswa Water project
10. Support for the construction of Rangers post at Lpus Leluai station.
11. Construction of 2NO. Of Staff quarters and 2 door pit latrine block at Lpetpet
12. Construction of 2NO. Of Staff quarters and 2 door pit latrine block at Lesirikan
13. Construction of 2NO. Of Staff quarters and 2 door pit latrine block at Latakweny Rangers Camp
14. Construction of 2NO. Of Staff quarters and 2 door pit latrine block at Loonjorin Rangers Camp

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**Challenges**

Despite the highlighted achievements, the board was faced with the following challenges: -

1. Untimely release of development funds and allocation to the conservancy fund
2. Need for more conservancies and scouts yet resources are limited, and operation cost for most of them is increasing at high rate.
3. Inadequate knowledge by the locals on the newly established conservancies and the need to be self-reliant.
4. The vastness coverage of the county makes mobilizing groups on capacity building for conservancy and natural resource management expensive and tedious.
5. Insecurity for both and wildlife is a major challenge to the development of tourism in the County.
6. Human-wildlife conflict, as pressure for land grows, competition for resources between wildlife and humans have exacerbated. Animals frequently kill or injure livestock and people and destroy crops. Lack of compensation for such losses creates a conflict whose end result is resentment of wildlife.
7. Invasion of livestock to core areas of community conservancies has been a big impediment to tourism and especially insecurity created by communities fighting at the game reserve and conservancies buffer zones.
8. Poaching of wildlife especially elephants and rhinos is increasing at alarming and threatening rates and this can potentially threaten tourism development in the county.
9. Land degradation increasing in human population and rampant spread of unplanned human settlements has led to overgrazing and general decline of rangeland productivity. This will definitely affect the survival of wildlife if not addressed.
10. Lack of proper management plans for conservancies

**Proposed Way Forward**

1. Establish more tourist facilities across the county to enhance tourism promotion and development especially Central and Northern Sub Counties.
2. Streamline seal leakages and streamline revenue collection from tourism through establishment of e-ticketing system.
3. Intensify marketing through documentation and branding of Samburu County as a unique and excellent tourist destination in the country.
4. Development of a tourism marketing strategy and carrying out aggressive marketing campaigns.
5. Put measures in places to improve security of wildlife and people i.e. advance training of Game rangers and enhanced partnership with other stakeholders such as KWS.
6. Pulling together with other stakeholders to eradicate poaching of wildlife.
7. Provide incentives to community to promote conservation of wildlife.
8. Recruit more tourism and conservation officers to take care of different functions of tourism and wildlife conservation especially research and wildlife management.
9. Increase budgetary allocation to support management and operations of the conservancies
10. Decentralized expenditure approvals and payments to the respective department

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#### **8. Corporate Governance Statement**

Corporate governance entails the process and structures used to direct and manage the business affairs of the organization, the respective roles of the board of management and the frame work for the internal control. The board is guided by its core values of inclusivity; social justice, human dignity, equality and equity. Integrity; transparency and accountability and good governance culture which underpin the board decision-making process.

The board has at all times endeavoured in delivery of its mandate to comply with the relevant legal principles and the highest ethical standards.

To achieve its strategic objectives, the organization/fund should be led by an effective board, that must be composed of competent, diverse, qualified members capable of exercising objectives and independent judgement. The board will have an appropriate autonomy and authority to exercise its functions and will be accountable and act responsibly to shareholders.

#### **Principles and Guidelines Governing Board**

The board embraces corporate governance guidelines and principals governing the board and staff includes.

1. State corporation Act
2. Public officer's ethics act; that applies to public officers
3. Chapter six of the constitution of Kenya
4. Article 27 of the constitution

The board members are required to make a written disclosure of any transaction which will constitute a conflict of interest and to abstain from voting when such matters are being considered during the board meetings. The board operates under the rules that governs the conduct of individual board members spelt out in the board of director code to enable them operate effectively and in the best interest of the organization/fund

The code of conduct required a member to act honestly and in good faith, exercise duty with care and diligence avoid and disclose conflict of interest, maintain confidentiality of information about the organization show commitment and attend to organization business and respect fellow board members.

#### **Constitution of the Board Members**

Currently The Samburu County Community Conservancies fund board consist of the following 12 members including: -

- (a) A Chairperson appointed by the County Governor and approved by the County Assembly.
- (b) County Chief Officer responsible for Tourism and Marketing and Fund administrator

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- (c) Three representatives of the Community Conservancies associations in the County each representing a sub-county;
- (d) Two representatives of the conservation partners nominated by their association;
- (e) The chairperson of the County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee;
- (f) The County representative of Inspector General of Police;
- (g) The County Director for Tourism and Wildlife conservation
- (h) The Conservancies coordinator; and
- (i) The County Director responsible for Forest in the County.

The board members are constituted according to section 8 (1& 2) of the Samburu County Community conservancies fund act 2019 and section 2& 3 of the Samburu County Community Conservancies fund (Amendment) Act 2021.

**Roles of the Board**

The board of management provide leadership and strategic direction to the organization. The main responsibility of the board is to:

- (a) Receive, review and approve project proposals submitted from the various community conservancies in accordance with these Regulations for funding;
- (b) Oversee management of the Fund;
- (c) Oversee timely and efficient disbursement of the Fund;
- (d) Oversee the effective implementation of the national wildlife policy in the county.
- (e) Facilitate the establishment of community conservancies in the county;
- (f) Provide for the recognition of existing community conservancies;
- (g) Equitably subdivide the conservancies fund to the conservancies;
- (h) Advise the county executive committee member on best practices in ensuring sustainable community conservancies;
- (i) Facilitate prudent use of community land among pastoral communities;
- (j) Support conservation education awareness and capacity building;
- (k) Provide a platform for community conservancies to diversify their revenue sources;
- (l) Facilitate provision of technical support to community conservancies;
- (m) Use community conservancies to foster peaceful coexistence among neighbouring communities; and
- (n) Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the fulfilment of its mandate under this Act.
- (o) Receive, review and approve statutory and management reports of the Fund; and

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- (p) Perform such other duties as may be deemed necessary by the Committee executive member responsible for matters relating to conservation affairs from time to time for the proper management of the Fund.
- (q) Development of strategic plan for the board
- (r) Approval and review of annual budgets
- (s) Setting and periodically reviewing key performance indicators and management performance.
- (t) Risk management by ensuring that the organization has adequate system of internal controls together with appropriate monitoring compliance activities to ensure continuity

**Chairman of the Board of Management**

The principal role of the chairman is to: -

1. Provide overall leadership to the board
2. Play a key role in setting the agendas of board meetings and act as an informal link between the board and other stakeholders
3. Conduct efficient board meetings and guide the board decision making process
4. Harness the collective skills of the board and its committees and encourage board members to develop their skills and competencies
5. Promote the positive image of the organization and encourage a culture of transparency and teamwork among board members
6. Ensure the new board members are inducted in accordance with the agreed induction program
7. Provide quarterly update on governance matters and lead the annual board evaluation process.
8. Ensure that there is a formal succession plan for board members, and ensure appropriate balance of power between the fund administrator and the board.

**The Fund Administrator**

The fund administrator is the accounting officer /chief executive officer and is responsible for the day to day management of the board. The responsibility of the fund administrator is to: -

- a) Ensure that the earnings of, or accruals to the Fund are retained in the fund, unless the County Executive Committee member for Finance directs otherwise

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- b) Ensure that money held in the fund, including any earnings or accruals referred to in paragraph (a) is spent only for the purposes for which the fund is established;
- c) Prepare accounts for the fund for each financial year
- d) Present the financial statements to the County Assembly
- a) Not later than three months after the end of each financial year, submit financial statements relating to those accounts to the Auditor-General; and The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 120
- b) Ensure that the accounts for the fund and the annual financial statements relating to those accounts comply with the accounting standards prescribed and published by the Accounting Standards Board from time to time.
- c) Carry out any other functions as may be assigned by the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance.

#### **Board work plan and meetings**

In order to guide the board, scheduled of meetings are prepared annually in advance the board meets at least once a quarter or more depending on the requirement of the business.

The board work plan should at a minimum focus on; -

- a) A review of the management's implementation of strategies, policies, and plans
- b) Risk assessment and management
- c) Budgeting and financial management
- d) Quality Assurance Process
- e) Board evaluation
- f) Strategic planning and review
- g) Governance and compliance
- h) Competence development of board members

During the year under the review the operation for the three quarters were not properly undertaken due to the delay in release of funds due to the deferment of the Samburu County Community conservancies fund act 2019 for further amendments.

#### **Corporate social responsibility statement**

Social and environmental responsibilities are critical areas of concern for the Samburu County Community Conservancies fund board. By the nature of its mandate the board

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focuses on the support and promotion of community based conservation initiatives that go a long way to improve sustainable livelihood and enhance the natural resource management through its various programs. The board support the establishment of community conservancies and will endeavour to invest in community priorities for improving their lives, and create the conditions for growing jobs and businesses. It will also provide financial support to strengthen the governance of community conservancies and increase stakeholders/ partner support to community conservancies.

The board will also try to build and maintain a sustainable, effective and dynamic organisation that is designed and resourced to enable direct support to community conservancies, maximising opportunities for them to become self-sustaining , stabilise and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources and build peace between ethnic communities and support conservation partnership in ensuring security for people and wildlife. The resources provided by Samburu Count Government are aimed at ensuring that the all communities are not only empowered to take part in the management of their natural resources, but are also included in the national development programs.

#### **Succession plan**

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial support to community conservancies and facilitate development of infrastructure to community conservancies. It is therefore necessary to ensure that the tenure of board members is staggered to ensure a phased transition.

#### **Existence of Aboard Charter**

The board was fully established in 2020 August and has since worked guided by the Samburu County Community conservancies fund act 2019.

Currently they don't have a charter but act according to then Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund Act 2019.

#### **Process of Appointment**

The Board is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and capable, in its corporate name, of —

- (a) Suing and being sued;
- (b) Purchasing, holding and disposing of movable and immovable property; and doing all such other things as may be done by a body corporate.

#### **The composition of the board includes: -**

1. A Chairperson appointed by the County Governor and approved by the County Assembly.

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2. County Chief Officer responsible for Tourism and Marketing and Fund administrator
3. Three representatives of the Community Conservancies associations in the County each representing a sub-county;
4. Two representatives of the conservation partners nominated by their association;
5. The chairperson of the County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee;
6. The County representative of Inspector General of Police;
7. The County Director for Tourism and Wildlife conservation
8. The Conservancies coordinator; and
9. The County Director responsible for Forest in the County

The appointment of the Board shall accord with gender balance, regional and religious balance, youth and persons living with disability. The Board in its first meeting shall appoint a vice chairperson who shall be of opposite gender to the chairperson.

**Office Tenure**

The members of the Board shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.

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#### **9. Management Discussion and Analysis**

Community Conservancies support program project was initiated by the board to support community conservancies livelihood and development projects. The overall **goal** of the community conservancies support program was conservation of biodiversity, peace building and improvement of community livelihoods. The **mission** of the project was to empower and develop resilient community, transform livelihoods and conserve natural resource base. The Project objective was mainly to empower the local communities to take charge and play an active role in the conservation of natural resources of which their livelihoods by and large depend upon. The Project was likewise aimed at addressing the **inherent insecurity** problem in the areas that for a long time remained a bottle neck to our economic development.

The program was also instigated for the improvement of livelihoods for community conservancy's members and to enhance the status of natural resources, including wildlife conservation. The main areas of focus for the community conservancy fund and support program includes: -

- ✓ **Peace and Security** – That was to be implemented and undertaken through, conservancy scouts/rangers, peace committees, Moran/youth engagement
- ✓ **Natural Resource Management** – that includes, wildlife management (including anti-poaching and wildlife monitoring); grazing management; fisheries management; forest management
- ✓ **Enterprise** – as a means of generating revenue and creating direct household benefits which provide leverage for conservation and financial sustainability of the conservancy e.g. tourism, livestock marketing, microenterprises
- ✓ **Community Development** – Supported through the revenue from conservancy enterprises or partnerships with government and development agencies, and typically includes: student bursaries; medical support, emergency re-stocking of livestock; water, health and education infrastructure.
- ✓ **Infrastructure & Equipment** – Depending on area of coverage may include headquarters, security outposts, roads, airstrips, vehicles, radio communication etc.
- ✓ **Management & administration** – This is primarily the role of management boards supported by senior management team, and it includes e.g. development and implementation of a management plan (a requirement for conservancies under Wildlife Act 2013); monitoring; human resource management; financial management and budgeting; fundraising; and managing partnerships with other stakeholders

Some of the specific objectives for the community conservancy development support program/project includes

- 1) To support the capacity building and growth of conservancies in Samburu County
- 2) To support the establishment of more tourist facilities across the county
- 3) To promote peaceful coexistence between people and wildlife and among residents

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communities themselves

- 4) To provide incentives to community to promote sustainable management of natural resources
- 5) To strengthen wildlife security through employment of scouts and provision of security equipment's
- 6) To support and promote efforts which are geared towards improving and maintaining Biodiversity and habitat protection
- 7) To support and strengthen community capacity, awareness and knowledge of biodiversity values, threats and management needs through involvement and active participation
- 8) Engender a sense of community ownership of projects for sustainability

**Achievement**

From the on-set of the community conservancy development support program, which main beneficiaries remain to be the local community and by and large the Samburu County resident, the following achievement and outputs has been realized to date.

- ✓ Establishment and support of 5 new conservation areas that is Baragoi, Ndoto, Nyiro, Kirisia Nkoteyia and Ltungai/ Malaso conservation area.
- ✓ Recruitment, training and employment of over 268 community Scouts, hence improving the economic welfare for the local community at large.
- ✓ Capacity building for over 195 members of Conservancy boards through trainings, exposure tours, beachmarkings forums and conservation workshop.
- ✓ Provision of security and communication equipment to community conservancies i.e. VHF radios, handsets and base radios, sleeping bags, Multi-unihuts, Uniforms and tents to enhance security, safety and efficiency in service delivery.
- ✓ Purchase and provision of 11 operational and security patrol vehicles to enhance mobility, transport and communication and promote conservation, safety and security of the wildlife and people
- ✓ Security for both wildlife and people was enhanced through awareness creation and peace meeting.
- ✓ Strengthening of wildlife, people, property and highway security through the employment of community scouts along the specific insecurity hotspots i.e. in Sereolipi and Meibae area
- ✓ Reduction of poaching levels through awareness creation, public/ conservation campaigns and minimization of conflicts between wildlife conservation, land management and human settlement.
- ✓ The areas under active wildlife population were increased i.e. Elephants are currently found at Nyiro conservation area after over 40 years of disappearance
- ✓ Development of Tourism facilities in areas with visitor/clients potential i.e. Malaso cafeteria in Malaso escarpment and high-end tented camp at Nkoteyia conservancy

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- ✓ Protection of endangered wildlife species enhanced in wildlife sanctuaries and community conservancies i.e. Establishment of Rhino Sanctuary at Sera community conservancy and Reteti Elephant orphanage at Namunyak Community conservancies in partnership with KWS, NRT and other conservation partners.
- ✓ Improvement of wildlife conservation and collective conservancy land management, through awareness creation and public participation forum
- ✓ Boosting conservancy community living standards, diversification of income base and development of conservancy tourism potential
- ✓ Promotion of social interaction and peace among rival or worrying local communities ( Pokots, Samburu and Turkana), which culminated to reduction in cattle rustling and peaceful recovery of stolen livestock from both sides.
- ✓ Perpetuation of a pastoral form of land management where humans, domestic stock and wildlife are able to flourish together
- ✓ Construction of Security (6) fortified camps at Nkume, Lerra, Nompuya, Pura, Siteti and Lwa onyekie, to enhance security and safety for both human population and wildlife in the area, which were previously security hotspot.
- ✓ Support of livelihood and development projects for the existing community conservancies (Kalama, Namunyak, Meibae, Nkoteyia and Sera wildlife conservancies), To sustain the growth, strengthen valuable partnership, and enhance wildlife and environment conservation as well as promote tourism.
- ✓ Construction of Wardens house in Ngilai conservancy, Construction of Radio room and Kitchen at Westgate community conservancy, construction of tourist bandas at Meibae community conservancy, Tourist lodge at Nkoteiya community conservancy, an eco-lodge at Lungai Malaso community conservancy, equipping of Malaso Cafeteria etc.

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#### **10. Environmental and Sustainability Reporting**

Samburu County Community Conservancies board (SCCCFB), in Collaboration with the County Department Water and Sanitation; Environment; Natural Resources and Energy, is one of the key enablers towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; and Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss. SCCCFB and the department of environment are also an enabler in several other SDGs, Vision 2030 and Agenda 4 items.

The economy of Samburu County is highly dependent on livestock, agro-pastoralism and tourism which is vulnerable to climate risks and shocks. The increasing frequency of extreme weather events e.g. floods and droughts, poses challenge to sustainable socio-economic development. To safeguard these development gains, the SCCCFB and the relevant sectors in the county, and in consultation with various stakeholders, has put in place several adaptive mechanisms to mitigate negative impacts of the climate change to achieve sustainable development. Samburu County Government has demonstrated its commitment to climate action by enacting legislations that are aligned to the national and international frameworks to ensure sustainable development.

The Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) of 1999 (amended in 2015 to align with the Kenya constitution, 2010) creates the County Environment Committee comprising, inter alia, representatives of pastoralists within Samburu County. Further, the National Environment Policy (2013) aims to a better quality of life for present and future generations (of all Kenyans) through sustainable management and use of the country's environment and natural resources. Its provisions most relevant to ASALs and rangelands are found in several sections such as provisions for forest ecosystems, provision for ASALs, provision for land resource, provision for biodiversity and wildlife resources, and provision for livestock resources.

The board in collaboration with the County government of Samburu has made efforts to formulate environmental policies and acts such as; Samburu County Climate Change Policy, 2022; Sustainable Forest management and Tree Growing Policy, 2022; Rangelands management and grazing Policy, 2022 as well as the Climate Change Act, 2022. Samburu Climate Change Policy, in its policy objective number two highlights the Strengthening of community resilience to enhance their adaptive capacities to climate change and livelihood diversification and further in objective six policy statement speaks of reducing vulnerability of women to climate change impacts thus providing for policy framework to assessment of climate Risks and women participation in climate change interventions.

The Samburu County act of 2022 on the other hand has the objective of anchoring the process that ensures climate resilience is enhanced through development, management, implementation of climate actions. The Act also seeks to protect the climate system for the benefit of the present and future generations by supporting the national and international legislations and policies. With regards to waste management, the county is yet to formulate county specific policy, however, the National Environment policy of 2003 and the National Sustainable Waste Management policy of

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2021 and Environmental Management and Coordination Act of 1999 (Revised in 2015) are sufficient in guiding how waste management is managed and handled at the county.

#### **i) Sustainability strategy and profile**

The Samburu County Community Conservancies board plays a critical role in enhancing accountability through its standards and tools. The board promotes value for money and effective use of resources by Government entities. The board's resources were enhanced in the financial year this has enabled the board to effectively carry out its mandate. Further, the board strives to control its expenditures by complying with the National Treasury's cost-containment measures. It also collaborates with its stakeholders on areas of mutual interest in order to deliver its mandate. The board plays a critical role in promoting employability by providing internship programs to students. The Board is in the process to develop a new strategic plan for the next five years (2024/25-2028/29). This strategic plan seeks to take the Board to the next level beyond the initial establishment and consolidate the gains from previous plans.

#### **ii) Environmental performance**

Social and environmental responsibilities are critical areas of concern for the Samburu County Community Conservancies fund board. By the nature of its mandate the board focuses on the support and promotion of community based conservation initiatives that go a long way to improve sustainable livelihood and enhance the natural resource management through its various programs. The board support the establishment of community conservancies and will endeavour to invest in community priorities for improving their lives, and create the conditions for growing jobs and businesses. It will also provide financial support to strengthen the governance of community conservancies and increase stakeholders/ partner support to community conservancies.

The board will also try to build and maintain a sustainable, effective and dynamic organization that is designed and resourced to enable direct support to community conservancies, maximising opportunities for them to become self-sustaining , stabilize and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources and build peace between ethnic communities and support conservation partnership in ensuring security for people and wildlife. The resources provided by Samburu Count Government are aimed at ensuring that the all communities are not only empowered to take part in the management of their natural resources, but are also included in the national development programs.

The County Government in coordination and collaboration with Samburu County Community conservancies fund board and other stakeholders is in the process to develop policies in rangeland management and the climate change in the efforts to manage biodiversity, waste management, and to reduce environmental impact of the organization's product.

The Rangeland Management and Grazing Policy sets out important principles and guidelines for:

- i. Proper management of rangelands resources for enhanced productivity
- ii. Rangelands planning for sustainable development

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- iii. Planned grazing and livestock mobility management
- iv. Reversing the degradation of rangelands resources
- v. Investments and development in rangelands
- vi. Coordination, cooperation and collaborations in rangelands management and development
- vii. Building resilience of rangelands and communities
- viii. Empowerment and engagement of rangeland communities in sustainable management of rangelands
- ix. Conservation and livelihoods development in rangelands

The goal of climate change policy is to enhance adaptive capacity and resilience of environments and communities to climate change and promote low carbon development path-way in the county.

The specific objectives of this climate Policy are to:

- (i) Provide a framework for mainstreaming climate change actions across relevant county sectors and into integrated planning, budgeting, decision-making and implementation;
- (ii) Establish a robust institutional framework for climate change mainstreaming and governance in the county;
- (iii) Promote county-wide climate change capacity building efforts through public awareness; education and training; research and development; technology development and transfer; and information and knowledge management;
- (iv) Reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change by enhancing adaptive capacity and climate resilience of local communities and ensure sustainable livelihoods;
- (v) Catalyze Samburu county's transition towards a low carbon development pathway;
- (vi) Provide a framework for effective resource mobilization and utilization in implementing climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies;
- (vii) Incentivize Samburu county's private sector stakeholder's involvement in promoting climate change actions and engaging in low carbon development opportunities; and,
- (viii) Promote intergenerational, special needs and gender mainstreaming approaches across all aspects of the county's climate change response.

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**iii) Employee welfare**

The board is guided by the current human resource policies and procedures that provides guidelines in the management and development of human resource capacity towards the achievement of various national goals and objectives. The policies and procedures manual also incorporates provisions of the Constitution, Labour Laws and other Legislation that govern various aspects of industrial relations in the Public Service. The Manual is also anchored on other policies and guidelines governing the management of the Public Service. It provides the basis for human resource policies and regulations in the wider Public Service.

The policies will apply to the National Government and other Government Agencies and will be updated from time to time to reflect policy changes affecting human resource management and development in the Service and. The regulations should however, be used as the minimum norms and standards for human resource practice in the Public Service. The board may customize the policies for their operations.

The board shall be responsible for implementation of community conservancies policies and programmes as guided by the following values and principles of public service as stipulated in Article 232 of the Constitution: (i) high standards of professional ethics; (ii) efficient, effective and economic use of resources; (iii) responsive, prompt, effective, impartial and equitable provision of services; (iv) involvement of the people in the process of policy making; (v) accountability for administrative acts; (vi) transparency and provision to the public of timely, accurate information; 2 (vii) fair competition and merit as the basis of appointments and promotions; (viii) representation of Kenya's diverse communities; and (ix) affording adequate and equal opportunities for appointment, training and advancement, at all levels of the public service, of: (a) men and women; (b) the members of all ethnic groups; and (c ) persons with disabilities. (2) The values and principles of public service apply to public service in: - (i) all State organs in both levels of government; and (ii) all State corporations

The board will also be bound by the national values and principles of governance as stipulated in Article 10 of the Constitution. These include: - (i) Patriotism, national unity, sharing and devolution of power, the rule of law, democracy and participation of the people; (ii) Human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, equality, human rights, non-discrimination and protection of the marginalised; (iii) Good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability; and (iv) Sustainable development.

**iv) Market place practices-**

Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund board (SCCCFB) has put in the following practices with respect to:

**a). Responsible competition practice.**

The board has a stakeholder engagement policy, an Anti-corruption and bribery policy, and Communications strategy to all its stakeholders. There is also a Fraud and Corruption prevention policy in place.

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#### **b). Responsible Supply chain and supplier relations**

The Board's procurement process is guided by the provisions of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. During the year the SCCCFB implemented the following strategies.

- a) Developed clear requirements, and TORs to discourage any misinterpretation by the supplier.
- b) Advertised for registration of suppliers to develop a pool of suppliers to enhance competition.
- c) Advertised all its open tender opportunities through its website to ensure interested suppliers access similar information.
- d) Ensured that pending bills were maintained at their lowest at any given period.

#### **c). Responsible marketing and advertisement or Responsible engagement with the citizens.**

The Board's key stakeholders who can also be termed as its customers are the Community Conservancies, conservation partners and internal auditors. The following strategies were applied to ensure customer satisfaction:

- a) Ensured public participation in the development of reporting templates and tools.
- b) Responded to all technical queries from constituents on financial reporting and internal auditing within 14 days.
- c) Ensured all reports, developed tools, templates, and resources are availed for use by our constituents through various forums including the County website.
- d) Ensured constant communication to our key stakeholders on any areas of community based conservation and community development.

#### **d). Product stewardship or Awareness creation**

The Board's mandate requires key stakeholder engagement and management. The following strategies were implemented by the Board to ensure seamless operations with key stakeholders:

- a) Stakeholder mapping and reaching out to introduce the mandate of SCCCFB.
- b) Regular meetings with the stakeholders, conservation partners and community conservancies
- c) Assisted Community conservancies, Conservation partners, community land assemblies and County assemblies in the application of standards operation procedures and the use of financial reporting in the conservancies
- d) Presentations during stakeholders organised events.
- e) Partnership in areas of mutual interest.

#### **e). Corporate Social Responsibility / Community Engagements**

The Board participated in a tree planting exercise in a bid to conserve Kirisia Forest in Samburu west Sub-county to battle climate change.

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**11. Report of The Trustees**

The Trustees submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025 which show the state of the Fund affairs.

**Principal activities**

The principal activity/mission/ mandate of the Fund is to: -

1. Invest in community priorities for improving their lives, and create the conditions for growing jobs and businesses.
2. Strengthen the governance of community conservancies and increase stakeholders/ partner support to community conservancies.
3. Build peace between ethnic communities and support conservation partnership in ensuring security for people and wildlife.
4. Stabilise and improve the productivity of grasslands for livestock, and the health and diversity of the wildlife and natural resources.

Build and maintain a sustainable, effective and dynamic organisation that is designed and resourced to enable direct support to community conservancies, maximising opportunities for them to become self-sustaining

**Results**

The results of the Fund for the year ended June 30, 2025 are set out on page 1 to 7.

**Committee**

The Fund Committee members who served during the year are shown on page vii. There were no changes in the committee during the financial year 2024/2025.

**Auditors**

The Auditor General is responsible for the statutory audit of the Fund in accordance with Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya and the Public Audit Act 2015.

By Order of the Board

Joseph Lepariyo ..... *Erames*

**Chair of the Board/Fund Administration Committee**

Date: 16/10/2025.....

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**12. Statement of Management’s Responsibilities**

Section 167 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires that, at the end of each financial year, the Administrator of a County Public Fund established by Samburu County Community conservancies fund Act 2019 shall prepare financial statements for the Fund in accordance with the standards and formats prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board.

The Administrator of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Fund’s financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund for and as at the end of the financial year ended on June 30, 2025. This responsibility includes: (i) maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period; (ii) maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fund; (iii) designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud; (iv) safeguarding the assets of the Fund; (v) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and (vi) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Administrator Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund accepts responsibility for the Fund’s financial statements, which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and in the manner required by the PFM Act, 2012 and Samburu County Community conservancies fund Act 2019. The Administrator of the Fund is of the opinion that the Fund’s financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of Fund’s transactions during the financial year ended June 30, 2025, and of the Fund’s financial position as at that date. The Administrator further confirm the completeness of the accounting records maintained for the Fund, which have been relied upon in the preparation of the Fund’s financial statements as well as the adequacy of the systems of internal financial control. In preparing the financial statements, the Administrator of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund has assessed the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern and disclosed, as applicable, matters relating to the use of going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements.

Nothing has come to the attention of the Administrator to indicate that the Fund will not remain a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date of this statement.

**Approval of the financial statements**

The Fund’s financial statements were approved by the Board on 28/8/ 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

MIRE LEKAZAA   
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**Administrator of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund**

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## **REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON SAMBURU COUNTY COMMUNITY CONSERVANCIES FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2025**

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### PREAMBLE

I draw your attention to the contents of my report which is in three parts:

- A. Report on Financial Statements that considers whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, accounting standards and the relevant laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the financial statements;
- B. Report on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources which considers compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, gazette notices, circulars, guidelines and manuals and whether public resources are applied in a prudent, efficient, economic, transparent and accountable manner to ensure the Government achieves value for money and that such funds are applied for the intended purpose; and,
- C. Report on Effectiveness of Internal Controls, Risk Management and Governance which considers how the entity has instituted checks and balances to guide internal operations. This responds to the effectiveness of the governance structure, risk management environment and internal controls, developed and implemented by those charged with governance for orderly, efficient and effective operations of the entity.

A Qualified Opinion is issued when the Auditor-General concludes that, except for material misstatements noted, the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The Report on Financial Statements should be read together with the Report on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in the Use of Public Resources, and the Report on Effectiveness of Internal Controls, Risk Management and Governance.

The three parts of the report are aimed at addressing the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Auditor-General as provided by Article 229 of the Constitution, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the Public Audit Act, 2015. The three parts of the report when read together constitute the report of the Auditor-General.

### REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **Qualified Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund set out on pages 1 to 51, which comprise of the statement of financial position as at 30 June, 2025 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets, statement of cash flows and statement of comparison

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of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information in accordance with the provisions of Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 35 of the Public Audit Act, 2015. I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit.

In my opinion, except for the effect of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of my report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund as at 30 June, 2025 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Accrual Basis) and comply with the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund Act, 2019 and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

#### **1. Unconfirmed Supply and Delivery of Foodstuff**

The statements of financial performance and Note 12 to the financial statements reflect use of goods and services expenditure amounting to Kshs.120,857,504, which includes supply of foodstuffs costs of Kshs.2,381,962. Included in this amount is an expenditure of Kshs.438,340 which lacked supporting documentation such as invoices, delivery notes, counter receipt and issue vouchers, and inspection and acceptance reports. Further, no distribution lists or delivery schedules were provided to show when, how, and to whom the foodstuffs were issued, and the specific user units that received the items were not indicated.

In the circumstances, the accuracy and completeness of supply of foodstuffs expenditure of Kshs.438,340 could not be confirmed.

#### **2. Unconfirmed Expenditure on Employee Costs**

The statement of financial performance and Note 12 to the financial statements reflect use of goods and services expenditure totalling Kshs.120,857,504, which includes Conservancy disbursements amounting to Kshs.98,534,200. Audit review established that four (4) conservancies incurred a total of Kshs.35,805,300 in salaries paid to four (4) Conservancy managers, two hundred and ninety (290) scouts/rangers, thirteen (13) scouts-in-charge, eleven (11) drivers, and two (2) watchmen. However, the Fund did not provide supporting employee records including appointment letters, employment contracts, or personal files for verification. Further, there were no records detailing the recruitment and approval processes, and the only documents provided were the monthly salary payment schedules signed by individuals whose employment status could not be independently verified.

In the circumstances, the accuracy and completeness of employee expenditure amounting to Kshs.35,805,300 could not be confirmed.

The audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). I am independent of the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund Management in accordance with ISSAI 130 on the Code of Ethics. I have fulfilled other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ISSAI and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Kenya. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

#### **Budgetary Control and Performance**

The statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts reflect final receipts budget and actual amounts on comparable basis of Kshs.150,000,000 and Kshs.99,250,000 respectively, resulting to a shortfall of Kshs.50,750,000, or 34% of the budget.

The shortfall in receipts affected the planned activities and may have impacted negatively on service delivery to the public.

My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, are of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. Except for the effect of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, I have determined that there are no other key audit matters to communicate in my report.

### **Other Matter**

#### **Unresolved Prior Year Audit Matters**

In the audit report of the previous year, several issues were raised under the report on financial statements and report on effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and governance. The following matters remained unresolved;

1. Unsupported Disbursement to Kirisia Nkoteiya Conservation area
2. Unexplained Fuel and Oil costs
3. Unexplained Motor Vehicle Repair Costs
4. Budgetary Control and Performance
5. Lack of an Approved Staff Establishment in the Conservancies Staffing Structures.

### **Other Information**

The Management is responsible for the Other Information set out on page iii to lxxxiii which comprise of Key Entity Information and Management, Fund Administration Committee, Management Team, Fund Chairperson's Report, Report of the Fund Administrator, Statement of Performance Against the County Fund's Predetermined Objectives, Corporate Governance Statement, Management Discussion and Analysis, Environmental and Sustainability Reporting, Report of the Trustees and Statement of

Management's Responsibilities. The Other Information does not include the financial statements and my audit report thereon.

In connection with my audit on the Fund's financial statements, my responsibility is to read the Other Information and in doing so, consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the Other Information and accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

## REPORT ON LAWFULNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS IN USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

### **Conclusion**

As required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution, based on the audit procedures performed, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Conclusion on the Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources section of my report, I confirm that, nothing else has come to my attention to cause me to believe that public resources have not been applied lawfully and in an effective way.

### **Basis for Conclusion**

#### **Irregular Payment of Training Allowances**

The statement of financial performance and Note 12 to the financial statements reflect use of goods and services balance of Kshs.120,857,504, which includes conservancy disbursements of Kshs.98,534,200. Included in this amount is training allowances expenditure totalling Kshs.1,652,000 paid to Community Conservancies Unit Committee members as out-of-pocket facilitation during trainings and exposure tours in Nyiro and Ndotso conservancies. However, payment of allowances to committee members is subject to prior approval by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) as required by Circular Ref. No:SRC/TS/29(46) dated 1 December, 2022. No evidence of such approval was provided.

In the circumstances, the regularity of the expenditure could not be confirmed and Management was in breach of the law.

The audit was conducted in accordance with ISSAIs 3000 and 4000. The standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements comply in all material respects, with the authorities that govern them. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my conclusion.

## REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS, RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

### **Conclusion**

As required by Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Audit Act, 2015, based on the audit procedures performed, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Conclusion on the Effectiveness of Internal Controls, Risk Management and Governance section of my report, I confirm that, nothing else has come to my attention to cause me to believe that internal controls, risk management and governance were not effective.

### **Basis for Conclusion**

#### **1. Lack of Risk Management Policy**

Management did not have in place a risk management policy to guide Management on risk assessment and formulation of risk mitigation strategies in the year under review. This is contrary to the Regulation 158(1)(a) and (b) of the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 that requires accounting officer to develop risk management strategies, which include fraud prevention mechanisms, and internal controls that builds robust business operation.

In the circumstances, the effectiveness of risk assessment and risk mitigation strategies could not be confirmed.

#### **2. Failure To Institute Internal Audit Arrangements**

In the year under review, the Fund did not have an internal audit arrangement, contrary to Section 155(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012 which stipulates that every county government entity shall ensure that it has appropriate arrangements for conducting internal audit according to the guidelines issued by the Accounting Standards Board. In addition, no evidence was provided to show the presence and work of an audit committee including the minutes of meetings held during the year to review audit reports and make recommendations on risk mitigation measures.

In the circumstances, the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management processes and governance of the Fund could not be confirmed.

The audit was conducted in accordance with ISSAIs 2315 and 2330. The standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether effective processes and systems of internal controls, risk management and overall governance were operating effectively in all material respects. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my conclusion.

### **Responsibilities of Management and the Fund Administration Committee**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Accrual Basis) and for maintaining effective internal controls as the Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material

misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and governance.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue to as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern services and using the going concern applicable basis of accounting unless Management is aware of the intention to cease operations.

Management is also responsible for the submission of the financial statements to the Auditor-General in accordance with the provisions of Section 47 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, the Management is also responsible for ensuring that the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements comply with the authorities which govern them and that public resources are applied in an effective way.

The Fund Administration Committee is responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process, reviewing the effectiveness of how Management monitors compliance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, ensuring that effective processes and systems are in place to address key roles and responsibilities in relation to governance and risk management, and ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of the control environment.

### **Auditor-General's Responsibilities for the Audit**

My responsibility is to conduct an audit of the financial statements in accordance with Article 229(4) of the Constitution, Section 35 of the Public Audit Act, 2015 and the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). The standards require that, in conducting the audit, I obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion in accordance with Section 48 of the Public Audit Act, 2015. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

In conducting the audit, Article 229(6) of the Constitution also requires that I express a conclusion on whether or not in all material respects, the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance with the authorities that govern them and that public resources are applied in an effective way. In addition, I consider the entity's control environment in order to give an assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and governance processes and systems in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

Further, I am required to submit the audit report in accordance with Article 229(7) of the Constitution.

Detailed description of my responsibilities for the audit is located at the Office of the Auditor-General's website at: <https://www.oagkenya.go.ke/auditor-generals-responsibilities-for-audit/>. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

  
FCPA Nancy Gathungu, CBS  
AUDITOR-GENERAL

Nairobi

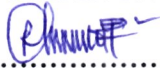
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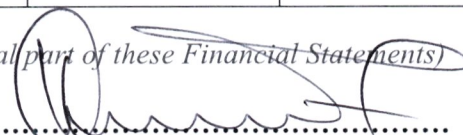
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**14. Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Description	Note	2024-2025	2023-2024
		Kshs	Kshs
<b>Revenue From Non-Exchange Transactions</b>			
Public Contributions and Donations	6	-	-
Transfers From the County Government	7	130,000,000	67,500,000
Fines, Penalties and Other Levies	8	-	-
		-	-
<b>Revenue From Exchange Transactions</b>			
Interest Income	9	-	-
Other Income	10	-	-
		-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>130,000,000</b>	<b>67,500,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee Costs	11	-	-
Use of goods and services	12	120,857,504	120,921,164
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	13	-	-
Finance Costs	14	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>120,857,504</b>	<b>120,921,1634</b>
<b>Other Gains/Losses</b>			
Gain/Loss on Disposal of Assets	15	-	-
Gain /Loss on fair value of investments	16	-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period</b>		<b>9,142,496</b>	<b>(53,421,1634)</b>

(The notes set out on pages 19 to 39 form an integral part of these Financial Statements)

  
 Name: MIKE LEKADZA  
 Administrator of the Fund

  
 Name: ROBERT MWANGI  
 Fund Accountant  
 ICPAK Member Number: 29587

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**15. Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2025**

Description	Note	2024-2025	2023-2024
		Kshs	Kshs
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	17	313,387	677,703
Current Portion of Long- Term Receivables from Non Exchange Transactions	18	30,750,000	-
Prepayments	19	-	-
Inventories	20	-	-
Investments in financial assets	21	-	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>31,063,837</b>	<b>677,703</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	22	-	-
Intangible Assets	23	-	-
Long Term Receivables from Exchange Transactions	18	-	-
Investment Property	24	-	-
<b>Total non- current assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets (A)</b>		<b>31,063,837</b>	<b>677,703</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables from Non Exchange Transactions	25	21,243,638	-
Current Provisions	26	-	-
Current Portion of Borrowings	27	-	-
Employee Benefit Obligations	28	-	-
Social benefit liabilities	29	-	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Non-Current Provisions	26	-	-
Long Term Portion of Borrowings	27	-	-
Non-Current Employee Benefit Obligation	28	-	-
Social benefit liabilities	29	-	-

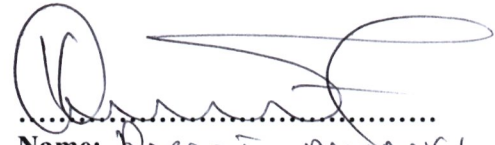
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Description	Note	2024-2025	2023-2024
		Kshs	Kshs
<b>Total Liabilities (B)</b>		-	-
<b>Net Assets (A-B)</b>		<b>9,820,199</b>	<b>677,703</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Revolving Fund		-	-
Reserves			
Accumulated Surplus		<b>9,820,199</b>	<b>677,703</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>9,820,199</b>	<b>677,703</b>

The accounting policies and explanatory notes to these financial statements form an integral part of the financial statements. The entity financial statements were approved on 16/10/2025 and signed by:



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**Name: MIKE LEKADZA**  
**Administrator of the Fund**



.....  
**Name: ROBERT MWANGI**  
**Fund Accountant**  
**ICPAK Member Number: 29587**

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**16. Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Description	Revolving Fund	Revaluation Reserve	Accumulated surplus	Total
		Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
<b>Balance As At 1 July 2023</b>	-	-	<b>54,098,866</b>	<b>200,598,866</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) For the Period		-	(53,421,164)	<b>(53,421,164)</b>
Funds Received During the Year	-	-	-	<b>67,500,000</b>
Transfers	-		-	-
Revaluation Gain	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance As At 30 June 2024</b>	-	-	<b>677,703</b>	<b>214,677,703</b>
<b>Balance As At 1 July 2024</b>	-	-	<b>677,703</b>	<b>214,677,703</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) For the Period		-	9,142,496	9,142,496
Funds Received During the Year	-	-	-	<b>99,250,000</b>
Transfers	-		-	-
Revaluation Gain	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance As At 30 June 2025</b>	-	-	<b>9,820,199</b>	<b>323,070,199</b>

*(Provide details on the nature and purpose of reserves)*

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**17. Statement of Cash Flows for The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

Description	Note	2024-2025	2023-2024
		Kshs	Kshs
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Public contributions and donations		-	-
Transfers from the county government	7	99,250,000	67,500,000
Interest received		-	-
Receipts from other operating activities		-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>99,250,000</b>	<b>67,500,000</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Fund administration expenses	12	3,504,900	3,848,100
General expenses		-	-
Finance cost		-	-
Other payments	12	<b>96,108,966</b>	<b>117,073,064</b>
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	30	<b>(363,866)</b>	<b>(53,421,164)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant, equipment and Intangible assets		-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		-	-
Proceeds from loan principal repayments		-	-
Loan disbursements paid out		-	-
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from revolving fund receipts		-	-
Additional borrowings		-	-
Repayment of borrowings		-	-
<b>Net cash flows used in financing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash &amp; cash Equivalents</b>		<b>(363,866)</b>	<b>(53,421,164)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	17	<b>677,703</b>	<b>54,098,866</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June</b>	17	<b>313,837</b>	<b>677,703</b>

*(PSASB has prescribed the direct method of cash flow preparation/ presentation for all entities under the IPSAS accrual basis of accounting.)*

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**18. Statement Of Comparison Of Budget And Actual Amounts For The Period 2025**

Description	Original budget	Adjustments	Final budget	Actual on comparable basis	Performance difference	% Utilization
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	
	a	b	C=(a+b)	d	e=(c-d)	f=d/c*100
<b>Budget carryovers from the previous year*</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Receipts</b>						
Public Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers From County Govt.	150,000,000		150,000,000	99,250,000	50,750,000	66%
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>		<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>99,250,000</b>	<b>50,750,000</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Fund Administration Expenses	4,500,000	-	4,500,000	3,504,900	995,100	78%
General Expenses	145,500,000	-	145,500,000	96,108,966	49,391,034	66%
Finance Cost	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>99,613,866</b>	<b>50,386,134</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Capital expenditure</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Surplus For the Period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(363,866)</b>	<b>-</b>	

*(Budget carryovers\* This is for entities whose budget lapses at year-end, but the surpluses are not legally required to be remitted to the Exchequer. Budget carryovers should not include third-party funds such as contractors' retention.)*

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**Budget notes**

1. Provide below a commentary on significant underutilization (below 90% of utilization) and any overutilization (IPSAS 24.14)
2. Provide an explanation of changes between original and final budget indicating whether the difference is due to reallocations or other causes. (IPSAS 24.29)
  - I. The Fund had significant underfunding from the County Treasury where only Ksh **99,250,000** (66%) was received out of Ksh 150,000,000 leading to receipt Deficit of Ksh **50,750,000** (33%)
  - II. Similarly, the Fund had an under expenditure of **Ksh 50,386,134** as a result of delayed disbursement/underfunding by the County Treasury.

**Budget Reconciliation**

	Description of Particulars	Amount in Kshs
1	Actual Deficit Amounts as per the statement of Budget	<b>(363,866)</b>
2	Add Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	677,703
	Closing Cash and Cash Equivalent as per the statement of Cash flows	<b>313,837</b>

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**19. Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Significant Accounting Policies**

**1. General Information**

The Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund was established by County Assembly of Samburu and derives its authority and accountability from Samburu County Conservancies Fund Act, 2019 On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Fund is wholly owned by the County Government of Samburu and is domiciled in Kenya.

The Fund's principal activity is

1. Provide financial support to community conservancies
2. Perform any other function that the board may consider to facilitate sustainability of community conservancies
3. Meeting any expenditure related to administration of the fund.

**2. Statement of compliance and basis of preparation**

The Fund's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The financial statements are presented in Kenya shillings, which is the functional and reporting currency of the Fund. The accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, unless stated otherwise. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method. The financial statements are prepared on accrual basis.

**3. Adoption of new and revised standards**

*(i) New and amended standards and interpretations in issue but not yet effective in the year ended 30 June 2025*

There were no new and amended standards issued in the financial year.

*(ii) New and amended standards and interpretations in issue but not yet effective in the year ended 30 June 2025.*

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Effective date and impact:</b>
IPSAS 43: Leases	<i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</i> The standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of leases. The objective is to ensure that lessees and lessors provide relevant information in a manner that faithfully represents those transactions. This information gives a basis for users of financial statements to assess the effect that leases have on the financial position, financial performance and cashflows of an Entity.

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	The new standard requires entities to recognise, measure and present information on right of use assets and lease liabilities.
IPSAS 44: Non- Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations	<b><i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</i></b> The Standard requires, Assets that meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale to be measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell and the depreciation of such assets to cease and: Assets that meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale to be presented separately in the statement of financial position and the results of discontinued operations to be presented separately in the statement of financial performance.
IPSAS 45: Property Plant and Equipment	<b><i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</i></b> The standard supersedes IPSAS 17 on Property, Plant and Equipment. IPSAS 45 has additional guidance/ new guidance for heritage assets, infrastructure assets and measurement. Heritage assets were previously excluded from the scope of IPSAS 17 in IPSAS 45, heritage assets that satisfy the definition of PPE shall be recognised as assets if they meet the criteria in the standard. IPSAS 45 has an additional application guidance for infrastructure assets, implementation guidance and illustrative examples. The standard has clarified existing principles e.g. valuation of land over or under the infrastructure assets, under- maintenance of assets and distinguishing significant parts of infrastructure assets.
IPSAS 46: Measurement	<b><i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</i></b> The objective of this standard was to improve measurement guidance across IPSAS by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Providing further detailed guidance on the implementation of commonly used measurement bases and the circumstances under which they should be used.</li> <li>ii. Clarifying transaction costs guidance to enhance consistency across IPSAS.</li> <li>iii. Amending where appropriate guidance across IPSAS related to measurement at recognition, subsequent measurement and measurement related disclosures.</li> </ul> The standard also introduces a public sector specific measurement bases called the current operational value.
IPSAS 47: Revenue	<b><i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</i></b> This standard supersedes IPSAS 9- Revenue from exchange transactions, IPSAS 11 Construction contracts and IPSAS 23 Revenue from non-exchange transactions. This standard brings all the guidance of accounting for revenue under one standard. The objective of the standard is to establish

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	the principles that an entity shall apply to report useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flow arising from revenue transactions.
IPSAS 48: Transfer Expenses	<b><i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</i></b> The objective of the standard is to establish the principles that a transfer provider shall apply to report useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of expenses and cash flow arising from transfer expense transactions. This is a new standard for public sector entities geared to provide guidance to entities that provide transfers on accounting for such transfers.
IPSAS 49: Retirement Benefit Plans	<b><i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026</i></b> The objective is to prescribe the accounting and reporting requirements for the public sector retirement benefit plans which provide retirement to public sector employees and other eligible participants. The standard sets the financial statements that should be presented by a retirement benefit plan.
IPSAS 50: Exploration For & Evaluation of Mineral Resources	<b><i>Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027</i></b> The objective of this Standard is to specify the financial reporting for the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources. The Standard requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Limited improvements to existing accounting practices for exploration and evaluation expenditures.</li> <li>ii. Entities that recognize exploration and evaluation assets to assess such assets for impairment in accordance with this Standard and measure any impairment in accordance with IPSAS 26.</li> <li>iii. Disclosures that identify and explain the amounts in the entity's financial statements arising from the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources and help users of those financial statements understand the amount, timing and certainty of future cash flows from any exploration and evaluation assets recognized.</li> </ul>

**(i) Early adoption of standards**

The Entity did not early – adopt any new or amended standards in the financial year or *the entity adopted the following standards early (state the standards, reason for early adoption and impact on entity's financial statements.)*

**4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**a) Revenue recognition**

**i. Revenue from non-exchange transactions**

**Transfers from other government entities**

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Revenues from non-exchange transactions with other government entities are measured at fair value and recognized on obtaining control of the asset (cash, goods, services and property) if the transfer is free from conditions and it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential related to the asset will flow to the entity and can be measured reliably.

#### **ii. Revenue from exchange transactions**

##### **Interest income**

Interest income is accrued using the effective yield method. The effective yield discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount. The method applies this yield to the principal outstanding to determine interest income each period.

##### **Dividends**

Dividends or similar distributions must be recognized when the shareholder's or the Entity's right to receive payments is established.

##### **Rental income**

Rental income arising from operating leases on investment properties is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and included in revenue.

#### **b) Budget information**

The original budget for FY 2024-2025 was approved by the County Assembly on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Subsequent revisions or additional appropriations were made to the approved budget in accordance with specific approvals from the appropriate authorities. The additional appropriations are added to the original budget by the entity upon receiving the respective approvals in order to conclude the final budget. Accordingly, the Fund recorded additional appropriations of NIL on the FY 2024-2025 budget following the governing body's approval.

The entity's budget is prepared on a different basis to the actual income and expenditure disclosed in the financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on accrual basis using a classification based on the nature of expenses in the statement of financial performance, whereas the budget is prepared on a cash basis. The amounts in the financial statements were recast from the accrual basis to the cash basis and reclassified by presentation to be on the same basis as the approved budget. A comparison of budget and actual amounts, prepared on a comparable basis to the approved budget, is then presented in the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts.

#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

In addition to the Basis difference, adjustments to amounts in the financial statements are also made for differences in the formats and classification schemes adopted for the presentation of the financial statements and the approved budget.

A statement to reconcile the actual amounts on a comparable basis included in the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts and the actuals as per the statement of financial cash flows has been presented.

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**c) Property, plant and equipment**

All property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the entity recognizes such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognized in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognized in surplus or deficit as incurred. Where an asset is acquired in a non-exchange transaction for nil or nominal consideration the asset is initially measured at its fair value.

**a) Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognized at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a non-exchange transaction is their fair value at the date of the exchange. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalized development costs, are not capitalized and expenditure is reflected in surplus or deficit in the period in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful life of the intangible assets is assessed as either finite or indefinite.

**b) Investment property**

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. The carrying amount includes the replacement cost of components of an existing investment property at the time that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met and excludes the costs of day-to-day maintenance of an investment property. Investment property acquired through a non-exchange transaction is measured at its fair value at the date of acquisition. Investment properties are derecognized either when they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit or service potential is expected from its disposal. The difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset is recognized in the surplus or deficit in the period of de-recognition.

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**c) Financial instruments**

IPSAS 41 addresses the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities, introduces new rules for hedge accounting and a new impairment model for financial assets. *The entity does not have any hedge relationships and therefore the new hedge accounting rules have no impact on the Company's financial statements.* A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. At initial recognition, the entity measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through surplus or deficit, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

**Financial assets**

**Classification of financial assets**

The entity classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through net assets/ equity or fair value through surplus and deficit on the basis of both the entity's management model for financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. A financial asset is measured at amortized cost when the financial asset is held within a management model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding. A financial asset is measured at fair value through net assets/ equity if it is held within the management model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cashflows and selling financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. A financial asset shall be measured at fair value through surplus or deficit unless it is measured at amortized cost or fair value through net assets/ equity unless an entity has made irrevocable election at initial recognition for particular investments in equity instruments.

**Subsequent measurement**

Based on the business model and the cash flow characteristics, the entity classifies its financial assets into amortized cost or fair value categories for financial instruments. Movements in fair value are presented in either surplus or deficit or through net assets/ equity subject to certain criteria being met.

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**Amortized cost**

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, and that are not designated at fair value through surplus or deficit, are measured at amortized cost. A gain or loss on an instrument that is subsequently measured at amortized cost and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss when the asset is de-recognized or impaired. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method.

**Fair value through net assets/ equity**

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at fair value through net assets/ equity. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through net assets, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognized in surplus/deficit. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method.

**Fair value through surplus or deficit**

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or fair value through net assets/ equity are measured at fair value through surplus or deficit. A business model where the entity manages financial assets with the objective of realizing cash flows through solely the sale of the assets would result in a fair value through surplus or deficit model.

**Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognized at fair values less allowances for any uncollectible amounts. Trade and other receivables are assessed for impairment on a continuing basis. An estimate is made of doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at the year end.

**Impairment**

The entity assesses, on a forward-looking basis, the expected credit loss ('ECL') associated with its financial assets carried at amortized cost and fair value through net assets/equity. The entity recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. Critical estimates and significant judgments made by management in determining the expected credit loss (ECL) are set out in *Note 18*.

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**Financial liabilities**

**Classification**

The entity classifies its liabilities as subsequently measured at amortized cost except for financial liabilities measured through profit or loss.

**d) Inventories**

Inventory is measured at cost upon initial recognition. To the extent that inventory was received through non-exchange transactions (for no cost or for a nominal cost), the cost of the inventory is its fair value at the date of acquisition.

Costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and conditions are accounted for, as follows:

- Raw materials: purchase cost using the weighted average cost method
- Finished goods and work in progress: cost of direct materials and labour and a proportion of manufacturing overheads based on the normal operating capacity, but excluding borrowing costs

After initial recognition, inventory is measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. However, to the extent that a class of inventory is distributed or deployed at no charge or for a nominal charge, that class of inventory is measured at the lower of cost and current replacement cost. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of operations, less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale, exchange, or distribution. Inventories are recognized as an expense when deployed for utilization or consumption in the ordinary course of operations of the Entity.

**e) Provisions**

Provisions are recognized when the Entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the Entity expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognized as a separate asset only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of financial performance net of any reimbursement.

**f) Social Benefits**

Social benefits are cash transfers provided to i) specific individuals and / or households that meet the eligibility criteria, ii) mitigate the effects of social risks and iii) Address the need of society as a whole. The entity recognises a social benefit as an expense for the social benefit scheme at the same time that it recognises a liability. The liability for the social benefit scheme is measured at the best estimate of the cost (the social benefit payments) that the entity will incur in fulfilling the present obligations represented by the liability.

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**g) Contingent liabilities**

The Entity does not recognize a contingent liability but discloses details of any contingencies in the notes to the financial statements, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential is remote.

**Contingent assets**

The Entity does not recognize a contingent asset, but discloses details of a possible asset whose existence is contingent on the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Entity in the notes to the financial statements. Contingent assets are assessed continually to ensure that developments are appropriately reflected in the financial statements. If it has become virtually certain that an inflow of economic benefits or service potential will arise and the asset's value can be measured reliably, the asset and the related revenue are recognized in the financial statements of the period in which the change occurs.

**h) Nature and purpose of reserves**

The Entity creates and maintains reserves in terms of specific requirements.

**i) Changes in accounting policies and estimates**

The Entity recognizes the effects of changes in accounting policy retrospectively. The effects of changes in accounting policy are applied prospectively if retrospective application is impractical.

**j) Employee benefits – Retirement benefit plans**

The Entity provides retirement benefits for its employees and directors. Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. The contributions to fund obligations for the payment of retirement benefits are charged against income in the year in which they become payable.

Defined benefit plans are post-employment benefit plans other than defined-contribution plans. The defined benefit funds are actuarially valued tri-annually on the projected unit credit method basis. Deficits identified are recovered through lump sum payments or increased future contributions on proportional basis to all participating employers. The contributions and lump sum payments reduce the post-employment benefit obligation.

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**k) Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially accounted for at the ruling rate of exchange on the date of the transaction. Trade creditors or debtors denominated in foreign currency are reported at the statement of financial position reporting date by applying the exchange rate on that date. Exchange differences arising from the settlement of creditors, or from the reporting of creditors at rates different from those at which they were initially recorded during the period, are recognized as income or expenses in the period in which they arise.

**l) Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are capitalized against qualifying assets as part of property, plant and equipment. Such borrowing costs are capitalized over the period during which the asset is being acquired or constructed and borrowings have been incurred. Capitalization ceases when construction of the asset is complete. Further borrowing costs are charged to the statement of financial performance.

**m) Related parties**

The Entity regards a related party as a person or an entity with the ability to exert control individually or jointly, or to exercise significant influence over the Entity, or vice versa. Members of key management are regarded as related parties and comprise the directors, the CEO and senior managers.

**n) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash at bank, short-term deposits on call and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank account balances include amounts held at the Central Bank of Kenya and at various commercial banks at the end of the financial year. For the purposes of these financial statements, cash and cash equivalents also include short term cash imprests and advances to authorised public officers and/or institutions which were not surrendered or accounted for at the end of the financial year.

**o) Comparative figures**

Where necessary comparative figures for the previous financial year have been amended or reconfigured to conform to the required changes in presentation.

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**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**5. Significant judgments and sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the Entity's financial statements in conformity with IPSAS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the end of the reporting period. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods.

State all judgements, estimates and assumptions made e.g.

**a) Estimates and assumptions –**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Entity based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. However, existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Entity. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur. IPSAS 1.140.

**b) Useful lives and residual values**

The useful lives and residual values of assets are assessed using the following indicators to inform potential future use and value from disposal:

- The condition of the asset based on the assessment of experts employed by the Entity
- The nature of the asset, its susceptibility and adaptability to changes in technology and processes
- The nature of the processes in which the asset is deployed
- Availability of funding to replace the asset
- Changes in the market in relation to the asset

**c) Provisions**

Provisions were raised and management determined an estimate based on the information available. Additional disclosure of these estimates of provisions is included in Note xxx.

Provisions are measured at the management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and are discounted to present value where the effect is material.

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**6. Public contributions and donations**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Donation From Development Partners	-	-
Contributions From the Public	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

*(Provide brief explanation for this revenue)*

**7. Transfers from County Government**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Transfers From County Govt. –Operations	130,000,000	67,500,000
Payments By County On Behalf Of The Entity	-	-
Unconditional Development grants	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,000,000</b>	<b>67,500,000</b>

**8. Fines, penalties and other levies**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Late Payment Penalties	-	-
Fines	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9. Interest income**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Interest Income from Mortgage Loans	-	-
Interest Income From Car Loans	-	-
Interest Income From Investments in financial assets	-	-
Interest Income On Bank Deposits	-	-
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

*(Provide brief explanation for this revenue)*

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**10. Other income**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Insurance Recoveries	-	-
Income from Sale of Tender Documents	-	-
Bad debts recovered	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	-	-

*(NB: All income should be classified as far as possible in the relevant classes and other income should be used to recognise income not elsewhere classified. Disclose write backs if any or recoveries from write offs).*

**11. Employee Costs**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Salaries And Wages	-	-
Staff Gratuity	-	-
Staff Training Expenses	-	-
Social Security Contribution	-	-
Other <i>(Specify)</i>	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-

**12. Use of Goods and Services**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs.	Kshs.
General Office Expenses	-	-
Loan Processing Costs	-	-
Professional Services Costs	-	-
Administration Fees	3,504,900	3,848,100
Bank Charges	2,688	6,408
Electricity And Water Expenses	-	-
Fuel And Oil Costs	5,371,000	9,030,000
Insurance Costs	2,917,811	-
Postage And Courier	-	-
Printing And Stationery	236,000	162,785
Rental Costs	-	-
Security Costs	-	-
Telephone And Communication Expenses	-	-

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Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs.	Kshs.
Motor Vehicle Repairs	5,015,701	6,587,741
Audit Fees	-	-
Provision For Doubtful Debts	-	-
Conservancy Disbursements	98,534,200	99,149,850
Social benefit expenses*	-	-
Other ( <i>Specify</i> ) Construction Projects	-	2,136,280
Other ( <i>Specify</i> ) Supply of Tyres and Tubes	2,893,242	-
Other ( <i>Specify</i> ) Supply of Foodstuffs	2,381,962	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,857,504</b>	<b>120,921,164</b>

*Social benefit schemes include benefits such as cash transfers for unemployment or elderly in line with IPSAS 42*

**13. Depreciation and Amortization Expenses**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs.	Kshs.
Property Plant and Equipment	-	-
Intangible Assets	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**14. Finance costs**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Interest On Bank Overdrafts	-	-
Interest On Loans From Banks	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**15. Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-
Intangible Assets	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**16. Gain/ (loss) on Fair Value Investments**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Investments at Fair Value- Equity investments	-	-
Fair value – Investment property	-	-
Fair value- other financial assets (specify)	-	-
<b>Total Gain</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**17. Cash and cash equivalents**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Xxx Car Loan Account	-	-
Xxx County Mortgage Account	-	-
Fixed Deposits Account	-	-
On – Call Deposits	-	-
Current Account	313,837	677,703
Others ( <i>Specify</i> )	-	-
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalentents</b>	<b>313,837</b>	<b>677,703</b>

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Detailed analysis of the cash and cash equivalents are as follows:

Financial Institution	Account number	2024-2025	2023-2024
		Kshs	Kshs
<b>a) Fixed Deposits Account</b>			
Kenya Commercial Bank		-	-
Equity Bank, Etc.		-	-
<b>Sub- Total</b>		-	-
<b>b) On - Call Deposits</b>			
Kenya Commercial Bank		-	-
Equity Bank - Etc.		-	-
<b>Sub- Total</b>		-	-
<b>c) Current Account</b>			
Kenya Commercial Bank	1281158208	<b>313,837</b>	<b>677,703</b>
Bank B		-	-
<b>Sub- Total</b>		<b>313,837</b>	<b>677,703</b>
<b>d) Others(Specify)</b>			
Cash In Transit		-	-
Cash In Hand		-	-
<b>Sub- Total</b>		-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>313,837</b>	<b>677,703</b>

**18. Receivables from exchange transactions**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>Current Receivables</b>		
Current Portion of Long term Receivables from Non exchange Transaction	30,750,000	
Current Loan Repayments Due		
Other Exchange Debtors	-	-
Less: Impairment Allowance	-	-
<b>Total Current Receivables</b>	<b>30,750,000</b>	-
	-	-
<b>Non-Current Receivables</b>		
Long Term Loan Repayments Due		
<b>Total Non- Current Receivables</b>	-	-
<b>Total Receivables From Exchange Transactions</b>	-	-

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**Additional disclosure on interest receivable**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>Interest Receivable</b>		
Interest receivable from current portion of long-term loans of previous years	-	-
Accrued interest receivable from of long-term loans of previous years	-	-
Interest receivable from current portion of long-term loans issued in the current year	-	-
<b>Current loan repayments due</b>		
Current portion of long-term loans from previous years	-	-
Accrued principal from long-terms loans from previous periods	-	-
Current portion of long-term loans issued in the current year	-	-

**19. Prepayments**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Prepaid Rent	-	-
Prepaid Insurance	-	-
Prepaid Electricity Costs	-	-
Other Prepayments ( <i>Specify</i> )	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-

**20. Inventories**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Consumable Stores	-	-
Spare Parts And Meters	-	-
Catering	-	-
Other Inventories ( <i>Specify</i> )	-	-
<b>Total Inventories</b>	-	-

Detailed disclosure on inventories

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	2024-2025	2023-2024
Opening balance	-	-
Additional Inventory in the year	-	-
Inventory expensed in the year	-	-
Write-downs in the year	-	-
Others specify	-	-
Closing balance	-	-

**21. Investments in financial assets**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>a. Investment in Treasury bills and bonds</b>		
Financial institution		
CBK	-	-
CBK	-	-
Sub- total	-	-
<b>b. Investment with Financial Institutions/ Banks</b>		
Bank x	-	-
Bank y	-	-
Sub- total	-	-
<b>c. Equity investments (specify)</b>		
Equity/ shares in Entity xxx	-	-
Sub- total	-	-
<b>Grand total</b>	-	-

*(Entity should disclose whether the fixed investment financial assets are measured at amortised cost or at fair value through changes in net assets/ equity) Investments in equity should be measured at fair value through surplus or deficit. Other information to be disclosed includes: the interest rates, maturity dates, valuation methodology, and impairment of these investments.*

**Movement of Equity Investments**

Impairment allowance/ provision	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
At the beginning of the year	-	-
Purchase of investments in the year	-	-
Sale of investments during the year	-	-
Gain/(loss) in fair value of investments through surplus or deficit	-	-
<b>At the end of the year</b>	-	-

**e) Shareholding in other entities**

*For investments in equity share listed above, list down the equity investments under the following categories:*

Name of Entity where investment is held	No of shares	Nominal value of shares	Fair value of shares	Fair value of shares
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	<b>Direct shareholding</b>	<b>Indirect shareholding</b>	<b>Effective shareholding</b>		<b>Current year</b>	<b>Prior year</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Kshs</b>	<b>Kshs</b>	<b>Kshs</b>
Entity A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entity B	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entity C	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**22. Property, plant, and equipment**

	Land	Buildings	Motor vehicles	Furniture and fittings	Computers and office equipment	Total
Rate		X%	X%	X%	X%	
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers/Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation Adjustments						
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer/Adjustments						
Revaluation Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Depreciation And Impairment</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation						
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment						
Transfer/Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Book Values</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**23. Intangible assets**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>Cost</b>		
<b>At Beginning of The Year</b>	-	-
Additions	-	-
<b>At End of The Year</b>	-	-
<b>Amortization And Impairment</b>		
<b>At Beginning of The Year</b>	-	-
Amortization	-	-
<b>At End of The Year</b>	-	-
Impairment Loss	-	-
<b>At End of The Year</b>	-	-
<b>NBV</b>	-	-

**24. Investment Property**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>At beginning of the year</b>	-	-
Additions	-	-
Disposal during the year	-	-
Depreciation	-	-
Impairment	-	-
Gain/(loss) in fair value (if fair value is elected)	-	-
<b>At end of the year</b>	-	-

*(For investment property held at fair value, changes in fair value should go through the statement of financial performance. Where cost model is elected, depreciation and impairment should not be charged. Investment measured at fair value should be evaluated at the end of the reporting period for changes in fair value.). Entity should disclose the independent valuers, rental income from the investment property if any and the direct costs attributed to the investment property. Any charges on the investment property as well as any difficulty in classifying this asset as an investment property.*

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**25. Trade and other payables from exchange transactions**

Description	2024-2025		2023-2024	
	Kshs		Kshs	
Trade Payables from Non Exchange Transactions	21,243,638		-	
Refundable Deposits	-		-	
Accrued Expenses	-		-	
Other Payables	-		-	
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<b>21,243,638</b>		<b>-</b>	
Ageing analysis (Trade and other payables)	Current FY	% of the Total	Comparative FY	% of the Total
Under one year	-	%	-	%
1-2 years	-	%	-	%
2-3 years	-	%	-	%
Over 3 years	-	%	-	%
<b>Total (tie to above total)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	

(NB: Amount under deposits and retentions should tie to cash held in deposit account)

**26. Provisions**

Description	Leave provision	Gratuity Provision	Other provision	Total
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
<b>Balance b/f</b>	-	-	-	-
Additional provisions	-	-	-	-
Provision utilised	-	-	-	-
Change due to discount and time value for money	-	-	-	-
<b>Total provisions year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Current Provisions	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Provisions	-	-	-	-

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**27. Borrowings**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>Balance At Beginning of The Period</b>	-	-
External Borrowings During the Year	-	-
Domestic Borrowings During the Year	-	-
Repayments of External Borrowings During the Period	-	-
Repayments of Domestic Borrowings During the Period	-	-
<b>Balance At End of The Period</b>	-	-

The table below shows the classification of borrowings into external and domestic borrowings:

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>External Borrowings</b>		
Dollar Denominated Loan From 'X Organization'	-	-
Sterling Pound Denominated Loan From 'Y Organization'	-	-
Euro Denominated Loan from Z Organization'	-	-
<b>Domestic Borrowings</b>		
Kenya Shilling Loan From KCB	-	-
Kenya Shilling Loan from Barclays Bank	-	-
Kenya Shilling Loan from Consolidated Bank	-	-
Borrowings From Other Government Institutions	-	-
<b>Total Balance at End of The Year</b>	-	-

The table below shows the classification of borrowings long-term and current borrowings:

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Short Term Borrowings (Current Portion)	-	-
Long Term Borrowings	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-

*(NB: the total of this statement should tie to note 22 totals. Current portion of borrowings are those borrowings that are payable within one year or the next financial year. Additional disclosures on terms of borrowings, nature of borrowings, security and interest rates should be disclosed). Borrowings should be measured at amortised cost as per IPSAS 41)*

**28. Employee benefit obligations**

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Description	Defined benefit plan	Post employment medical benefits	Other Provisions	Insert Current FY	Insert Comparative FY
	<b>Kshs</b>	<b>Kshs</b>	<b>Kshs</b>	<b>Kshs</b>	<b>Kshs</b>
Current Benefit Obligation	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Benefit Obligation	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**29. Social Benefit Liabilities**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	<b>Kshs</b>	<b>Kshs</b>
Health social benefit scheme	-	-
Unemployment social benefit scheme	-	-
Orphaned and vulnerable benefit scheme	-	-
Elderly social benefit scheme	-	-
Bursary social benefits	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-
Current social benefits	-	-
Non- current social benefits	-	-
<b>Total (tie to totals above)</b>	-	-

*Social benefit schemes include benefits such as cash transfers for unemployment or elderly in line with IPSAS 42. They are incurred to mitigate against a certain social risk e.g poverty, age, unemployment among others.*

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**30. Cash generated from operations.**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) For the Year Before Tax</b>	<b>(363,866)</b>	<b>(53,421,164)</b>
<b>Adjusted For:</b>		
Depreciation	-	-
Amortization	-	-
Gains/ Losses On Disposal Of Assets	-	-
Interest Income	-	-
Finance Cost	-	-
<b>Working Capital Adjustments</b>		
Increase In Inventory	-	-
Increase In Receivables	-	-
Increase In Payables	-	-
<b>Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities</b>	<b>(363,866)</b>	<b>(53,421,164)</b>

*(The total of this statement should tie to the cash flow section on net cash flows from operating activities)*

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**31. Related party balances**

**a) Nature of related party relationships**

Entities and other parties related to the Fund include those parties who have ability to exercise control or exercise significant influence over its operating and financial decisions. Related parties include management personnel, their associates and close family members. The fund/scheme is related to the following entities:

- a) The County Government;
- b) The Parent County Government Ministry;
- c) Key management;
- d) Board of Trustees; etc.

**b) Related party transactions**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Transfers From Related Parties'	-	-
Transfers To Related Parties	-	-

**c) Key management remuneration**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Board Of Trustees	-	-
Key Management Compensation	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**d) Due from related parties**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Due From Parent Ministry	-	-
Due From County Government	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**e) Due to related parties**

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Due To Parent Ministry	-	-
Due To County Government	-	-
Due To Key Management Personnel	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-

**32. Contingent assets and contingent liabilities**

Contingent Liabilities	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Court Case Xxx Against the Fund	-	-
Bank Guarantees	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-

*(Give details)*

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**33. Financial risk management**

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including credit and liquidity risks and effects of changes in foreign currency. The Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on unpredictability of changes in the business environment and seeks to minimise the potential adverse effect of such risks on its performance by setting acceptable levels of risk. The Fund does not hedge any risks and has in place policies to ensure that credit is only extended to customers with an established credit history.

The Fund's financial risk management objectives and policies are detailed below:

**a) Credit risk**

The Fund has exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, and deposits with banks, as well as trade and other receivables and available-for-sale financial investments. Management assesses the credit quality of each customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. Individual risk limits are set based on internal or external assessment in accordance with limits set by the directors. The amounts presented in the statement of financial position are net of allowances for doubtful receivables, estimated by the entity's management based on prior experience and their assessment of the current economic environment. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements representing the entity's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral obtained is made up as follows:

Description	Total amount Kshs	Fully perform ing Kshs	Past due Kshs	Impaired Kshs
<b>At 30 June 2025</b>				
Receivables From Exchange Transactions	-	-	-	-
Receivables From Non-Exchange Transactions	-	-	-	-
Bank Balances	313,837	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>313,837</b>	-	-	-
<b>At 30 June 2024</b>	-			
Receivables From Exchange Transactions	-	-	-	-
Receivables From Non-Exchange Transactions	-	-	-	-
Bank Balances	677,703	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>677,703</b>	-	-	-

*(NB: The totals column should tie to the individual elements of credit risk disclosed in the entity's statement of financial position)*

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The customers under the fully performing category are paying their debts as they continue trading. The credit risk associated with these receivables is minimal and the allowance for uncollectible amounts that the entity has recognised in the financial statements is considered adequate to cover any potentially irrecoverable amounts.

The entity has significant concentration of credit risk on amounts due from xxxx

The board of trustees sets the Fund's credit policies and objectives and lays down parameters within which the various aspects of credit risk management are operated.

**b) Liquidity risk management**

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Fund Administrator, who has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the entity's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The entity manages liquidity risk through continuous monitoring of forecasts and actual cash flows.

The table below represents cash flows payable by the Fund under non-derivative financial liabilities by their remaining contractual maturities at the reporting date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

Description	Less than 1 month	Between 1-3 months	Over 5 months	Total
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
<b>At 30 June 2025</b>				
Trade Payables	-	-	-	-
Current Portion Of Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefit Obligation	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30 June 2024</b>				
Trade Payables	-	-	-	-
Current Portion Of Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefit Obligation	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-

**c) Market risk**

The board has put in place an internal audit function to assist it in assessing the risk faced by the entity on an ongoing basis, evaluate and test the design and effectiveness of its internal accounting and operational controls.

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Market risk is the risk arising from changes in market prices, such as interest rate, equity prices and foreign exchange rates which will affect the entity's income or the value of its holding of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. Overall responsibility for managing market risk rests with the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

The Fund's Finance Department is responsible for the development of detailed risk management policies (subject to review and approval by Audit and Risk Management Committee) and for the day-to-day implementation of those policies.

There has been no change to the entity's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk.

**i. Foreign currency risk**

The entity has transactional currency exposures. Such exposure arises through purchases of goods and services that are done in currencies other than the local currency. Invoices denominated in foreign currencies are paid after 30 days from the date of the invoice and conversion at the time of payment is done using the prevailing exchange rate.

The carrying amount of the entity's foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Description		Other currencies	Total
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
<b>At 30 June 2024</b>			
Financial Assets	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-
Cash	-	-	-
Debtors/ Receivables			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Trade And Other Payables	-	-	-
Borrowings	-	-	-
<b>Net Foreign Currency Asset/(Liability)</b>	-	-	-

*The Fund manages foreign exchange risk from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities by projecting for expected sales proceeds and matching the same with expected payments.*

**Foreign currency sensitivity analysis**

The following table demonstrates the effect on the Fund's statement of financial performance on applying the sensitivity for a reasonable possible change in the exchange rate of the three main transaction currencies, with all other variables held constant. The reverse would also occur if the Kenya Shilling appreciated with all other variables held constant.

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Description	Change in currency rate	Effect on surplus/ deficit	Effect on equity
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
<b>2025</b>			
Euro	10%	-	-
USD	10%	-	-
<b>2024</b>			
Euro	10%	-	-
USD	10%	-	-

**ii. Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the entity's financial condition may be adversely affected as a result of changes in interest rate levels. The entity's interest rate risk arises from bank deposits. This exposes the Fund to cash flow interest rate risk. The interest rate risk exposure arises mainly from interest rate movements on the Fund's deposits.

***Management of interest rate risk***

To manage the interest rate risk, management has endeavoured to bank with institutions that offer favourable interest rates.

***Sensitivity analysis***

The Fund analyses its interest rate exposure on a dynamic basis by conducting a sensitivity analysis. This involves determining the impact on profit or loss of defined rate shifts. The sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign exchange rates, remain constant. The analysis has been performed on the same basis as the prior year. Using the end of the year figures, the sensitivity analysis indicates the impact on the statement of comprehensive income if current floating interest rates increase/decrease by one percentage point as a decrease/increase of Kshs xxx (20xx: Kshs xxx ). A rate increase/decrease of 5% would result in a decrease/increase in profit before tax of Kshs xxx (20xx – Kshs xxx).

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**d) Capital risk management.**

The objective of the Fund's capital risk management is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. The entity capital structure comprises of the following funds:

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Kshs	Kshs
Revaluation reserve	-	-
Revolving fund	-	-
Accumulated surplus	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	-	-
Total borrowings	-	-
Less: cash and bank balances	-	-
Net debt/(excess cash and cash equivalents)	-	-
<b>Gearing</b>	-	-

**34. Events after the reporting period**

There were no material adjusting and non- adjusting events after the reporting period.

**35. Ultimate and Holding Entity**

The entity is a County Public Fund established by Samburu County Conservancies Fund Act, 2019 on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 under the Department of Tourism and Marketing. Its ultimate parent is the County Government of Samburu.

**Currency**

The financial statements are presented in Kenya Shillings (Kshs)

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**20. Annexes**

**Annex I: Progress on Follow Up Of Prior Year Auditor’s Recommendations**

The following is the summary of issues raised by the external auditor, and management comments that were provided to the auditor.

<b>Reference No. on the external audit Report</b>	<b>Issue / Observations from Auditor</b>	<b>Management comments</b>	<b>Status: (Resolved / Not Resolved)</b>	<b>Timeframe: (Put a date when you expect the issue to be resolved)</b>
1.0	Unsupported Disbursement to Kirisia Nkoteiya Conservation area. The Statement of Financial Performance and note 7 to the Financial Statements reflects Ksh. 120,921,164 in respect to use of goods and services, out of which Ksh. 85,574,800 was paid in respect to conservancy disbursement which includes an amount of Ksh 7,074,000 that were disbursed to the kirisia nkoteiya conservancy area. Review of the expenditure returns revealed that an advance payment of Ksh 1,764,000 was made on 19 September, 2023 without seeking	Mr. Chairman, during the FY 2022/23 the Samburu County Community Conservancies funds were requested from The National Treasury /Exchequer on July 2022, for the implementation of the planned activities, programs and projects for the FY 2022/2023. However, 80% of the said amount Ksh 116,625,195 was released on 21 <sup>st</sup> December, 2022 and another 20% Ksh 29,875,000 was released on 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023 towards end of the financial year. Hence the delay in the released of the expected funding in good time affected the budget absorption and the implementation of some activities, programs and project for the Conservancies	<b>RESOLVED</b>	

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	<p>commitment towards scout's salaries for the period of July to December 2023. In addition, the payments also included unsupported payments in respect of camp and motor vehicle repairs amounting to Ksh 470,000. In the circumstances the accuracy and completeness of conservancy disbursements of Ksh 7,074,000 could not be confirmed.</p>	<p>Fund. Therefore, at the beginning of the financial year FY 2023/2024, The fund account had a balance brought forward unspent amount of Ksh 54,098,866 (annexure 4a). The Samburu County Community Conservancies Board therefore made a commitment and a decision that considering delay on the release of funds in the first and second quarter of the FY 2022/2023 and challenges facing Conservancies in the implementation of their programs and activities and with consideration that the fund account still had some balances that were not fully utilized on 2022/2023 FY. Ksh 54,098,866 were approved by the board for reallocation to cater for conservancies disbursement and other expenditure and expenses for July to December amounting to Ksh</p>		

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		<p>1,764,000 send to Kirisia Nkoteiya Conservation area. (Annexure 4b).</p> <p>Also during the FY 2023/2024 the Samburu County Community Conservancies Funds were requested form The National Treasury /Exchequer on July 2023, for the implementation of the planned activities, programs and projects for 2023/2024 FY. However, 50% of the said funds amounting to Ksh 67,500,000 was released on 4<sup>Th</sup> April 2024 and other 50% Ksh 67,500,000 was never released to date. Hence under disbursement and delay in the released of the expected funding in good time affected the budget absorption, and implementations of some programs and projects that were planned for the year.</p> <p>Attached as <b>annexure 1b</b> are CRF bank statement</p>		

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		<p>extracts showing that the 50% of the funds were approved for the transfer on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. similarly, an extract of the Operational Account bank statement showed the transfer of the entire amount to the fund account on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.</p> <p>We have also provided the following documents in the annexes for your consideration verification and analysis and to support the payments made for the motor vehicle repairs and camp maintenance for Kirisia Nkoteiya Conservation area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved payments (annexure 4c)</li> <li>2. Payment vouchers (annexure 4d)</li> <li>3. Bank statements (annexure 4e)</li> </ol>		
2.	<p><b>Unexplained fuel and oil cost</b> The statement of financial</p>	<p>Mr. chairman, currently there are no vehicles that are directly owned by the Samburu County Community</p>	<b>RESOLVED</b>	

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	<p>performance and note 7 to the financial statements reflects use of goods and services expenditure of Ksh 120,921,163 which includes fuel and oil cost of Ksh 9,030,000. However, the fund owned no motor vehicles as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and the details of the motor vehicle fueled and their work tickets were not availed. In the circumstances the accuracy of fuel and oil cost Ksh 9,030,000 could not be confirmed.</p>	<p>Conservancies Fund. The motor vehicles that are presently used and attached to the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund and Community Conservancies are owned by the Department of Tourism, Marketing and Community Conservancies. A sub sector within the department of Cooperative, Trade, Investments, Tourism and the Enterprise development in the County Government of Samburu. The sub-sector for Tourism, Marketing and Community Conservancies is the parent department for the fund.</p> <p>They were also Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) that was signed between the County Government of Samburu and Community Conservancies on the conservancies support, with specific terms on utility usage, vehicle maintenance and operations.</p>		

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		<p>Attached as Annexure 5a are the motor vehicles <b>logbooks</b> indicating the County Government of Samburu as the registered owner of the said motor vehicle. Additionally, we have attached as Annexure 5b, the work tickets for motor vehicle and Annexure 5c the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the Community Conservancies and the County Government of Samburu.</p>		
3.0	<p><b>Unexplained motor vehicle repairs cost</b>  The statement of financial performance and note 7 to the financial statements reflects use of goods and services expenditure of Ksh 120,921,163 which includes motor vehicle repair cost of Ksh 6,587,741. However, the fund owned no motor vehicles as</p>	<p>The motor vehicles that are presently used and attached to the fund are owned by the department of Tourism, Marketing and Community Conservancies a sub-sector within the department of Cooperative, Trade, Investments, Tourism and Enterprise development in the County Government of Samburu. The sub-sector for Tourism, Marketing and Community Conservancies is the parent department for the fund.</p>	<b>RESOLVED</b>	

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	<p>at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.                      In the circumstances, the accuracy of motor vehicle repair costs of Ksh 6,587,741 could not be confirmed.</p>	<p>They were also Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) that was signed between the County Government of Samburu and Community Conservancies support with specific terms on utility usage, vehicle maintenance and operations.</p> <p>Attached as Annexure 6a are the motor vehicles <b>logbooks</b> indicating the County Government of Samburu as the registered owner of the said motor vehicle. Additionally, we have attached as Annexure 6b, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Community Conservancies and the County Government of Samburu.</p>		
	<b>Emphasis of Matter</b>			
1.2	<p><b>Budgetary Control and Performance</b>                      The statements of comparison of budget and</p>	<p>Mr. chairman, during the Financial Year 2023/2024 FY, the approved budget estimates for the Samburu County</p>	RESOLVED	

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	<p>actual amount reflects final revenue budget actual amounts received on comparable basis of Ksh 135,000,000 and Ksh 67,500,000 respectively, resulting to underfunding of Ksh 67,500,000 or 50% of the budget.</p> <p>In the circumstances, the underfunding may have impacted negatively on the implementation of the community conservancies planned programs and service delivery to the public. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.</p>	<p>Community Conservancies Fund was Ksh 135,000,000. However, during the first supplementary that was done on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Ksh 38,463,384 was reallocated to other activities and programs countywide, that were not part of the programs and priorities planned for the community conservancies support program. Out of the remaining amount of Ksh 86,536,176 from the approved estimates Ksh 67,500,000 was released by the national treasury/exchequer on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the balance of Ksh 29,036,176 was requested by the fund but they were not disbursed or released to the fund to date.</p> <p>Hence the underfunding and delay in the released of the expected funding for the Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund in good time affected the budget absorption and impacted negatively on the implementation</p>		

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		<p>of strategic priorities main conservancy activities, programs and projects of the community conservancies that were planned for the FY 2023/24 and therefore affected the service delivery of the public.</p> <p>Attached as Annexure 7a are CRF bank statement extract showing that the 50% of the funds were approved for transfer on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Similarly, an extract of the Samburu County Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2024 (Annexure 7b) and the Samburu County Appropriation Act, 2023 (annexure 7c) that shows the amount that was supplemented from the fund ,and an extract of the Operational Account bank statement (annexure 7d) showed the transfer of Ksh 67,500,000 to the fund account on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.</p>		
	<b>Basis for Conclusion</b>		NOT RESOLVED	

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	<p><b>Lack of an Approved Staff Establishment in the Conservancies staffing Structures</b></p> <p>The statements of financial performance and note 7 to the financial statements reflects Ksh 120,921,164 in respect to Use of Goods and Services out of which Ksh 85,574,800 was paid in respect to Conservancy disbursement. Review of the budgets for the seventeen (17) Conservancies revealed that eight (8) Conservancies incurred a total of Ksh 29,162,000 in respect of payment of salaries to Conservancy managers and scouts in charge per unit.</p>	<p>Mr. chairman, All Community Conservancies supported by Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund are well established within the necessary legal frame works and the structures within the devolved units and the Community Conservancies. All Community Conservancies have an established and approved staffing structure that guides on the standard operation procedure staffing levels recruitment procedure and requirement.</p> <p>We have provided the following documents in annexes for your consideration, verification and analysis.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff Grading framework and staff establishment (Annexure 8e)</li> <li>2. Standard Operation Procedure (Annexure 8f).</li> </ol>		

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	<p>However, available information shows that the Conservancy fund did not have a structured approved Conservancy staff establishment. As a result, the audits could not ascertain whether the payees indicated in the monthly salary payment schedules were in deed staff of the Conservancies. In the absence of a structured grading framework and a staff establishment, it was not clear as to how the management designated positions of the conservancies managers, warden and scouts.</p>			

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***Guidance Notes:***

- (i) Use the same reference numbers as contained in the external audit report.
- (ii) Obtain the “Issue/Observation” and “management comments”, required above, from final external audit report that is signed by Management.
- (iii) Before approving the report, discuss the timeframe with the appointed Focal Point persons within your Fund responsible for implementation of each issue.
- (iv) Indicate the status of “Resolved” or “Not Resolved” by the date of submitting this report to National Treasury.

Fund Manager/Accounting Officer (enter title of head of Fund)

Date..........

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**Annex II: Inter-Fund Confirmation Letter**

*[Insert your Letterhead]*

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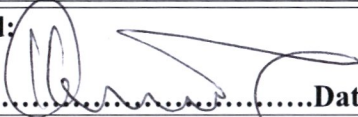
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*MARALAL*

The Samburu County Conservancies Fund wishes to confirm the amounts disbursed to you as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 as indicated in the table below. Please compare the amounts disbursed to you with the amounts you received and populate the column E in the table below Please sign and stamp this request in the space provided and return it to us.

Confirmation of amounts received by Samburu County Persons Living with Disability Fund as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025							
Reference Number	Date Disbursed	Amounts Disbursed by Samburu County Treasury (Kshs) as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025				Amount Received by Samburu County Community Conservancies Fund (KShs) as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 (E)	Differences (KShs) (F)=(D-E)
		Recurrent (A)	Development (B)	Inter-Ministerial (C)	Total (D)=(A+B+C)		
	26-Nov-24		19,000,000		19,000,000		
	20-Dec-24		36,250,000		36,250,000		
	17-Apr-25		44,000,000		44,000,000		
<b>Total</b>			<u>99,250,000</u>		<u>99,250,000</u>	<b>99,250,000</b>	
In confirm that the amounts shown above are correct as of the date indicated.							

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Head of Accountants department of beneficiary Fund:  
Name ROBERT MUANA Sign  Date 16/10/2025

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**Annex III: Reporting of Climate Relevant Expenditures**

Project Name	Project Description	Project Objectives	Project Activities					Source Of Funds	Implementing Partners
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		

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### Annex IV: Reporting on Disaster Management Expenditure

Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V	Column VI	Column VII
Programme	Sub-programme	Disaster Type	Category of disaster related Activity that require expenditure reporting (response/recovery/mitigation/preparedness)	Expenditure item	Amount (Kshs.)	Comments