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## **KENYA'S PRESENTATION**

### **Session Five:**

## **Demographic Dividend and Sustainable Development: Kenya's Experience**

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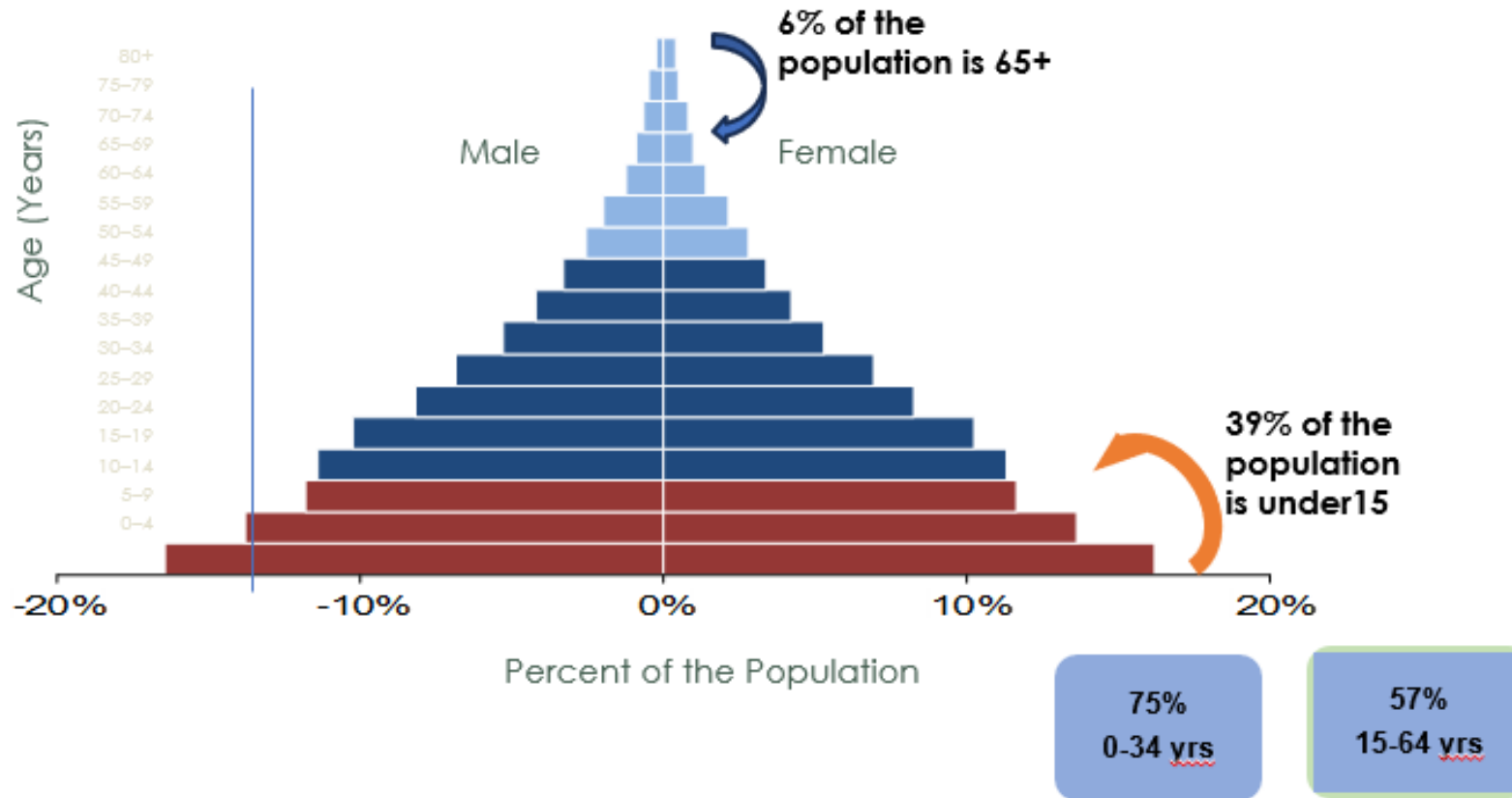
# Overview of DD in Kenya



# Overview of DD: Kenya is going through a demographic transition

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## Kenya's Population Pyramid



- This is a temporary opportunity to achieve a sustained faster economic development

### This opportunity result from

- a huge population of young persons,
- a decline in the fertility levels,
- strategic investments in health, education, economic, and governance sectors
- To achieve DD, dependency ratio must decline over time while the number of workers increases

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# DD Concept in Kenya

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- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the importance of DD agenda in helping countries achieve SDGs by 2030
- Kenya domesticated DD concept in 2013
- Kenya developed a demographic dividend model for Kenya in 2014
- Results from the modelling exercise showed that Kenya has the potential to harness the demographic dividend
- But strategic and deliberate investments must be made in health, education, economic and governance sectors

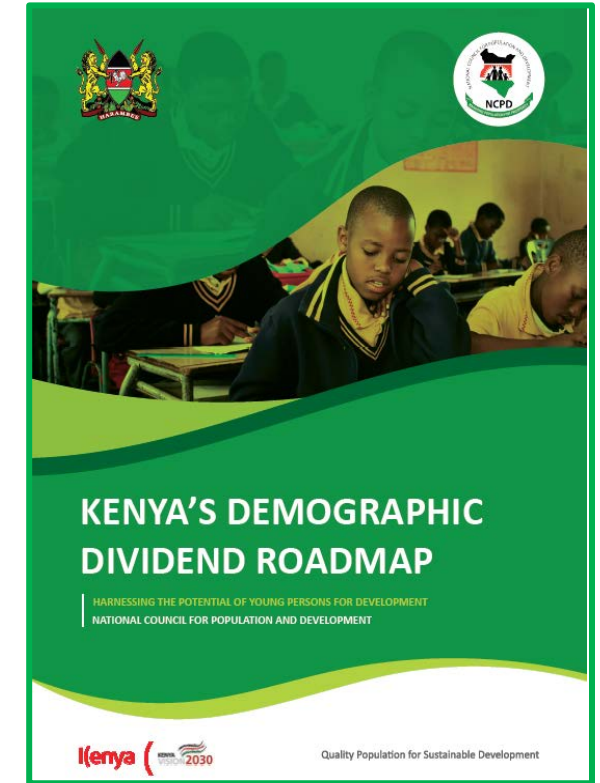
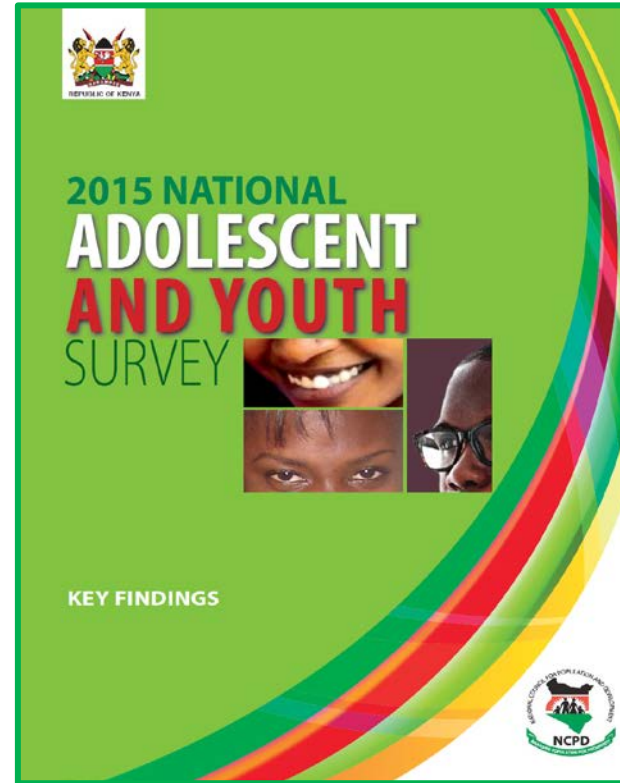




# National Adolescent and Youth Survey (2015)

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- A national NAYS survey carried out in 2015 to establish **health, education, skills development, income and employment opportunities, and governance issues** that need to be addressed to achieve DD
- Domesticated the AU DD roadmap within the Kenyan context
- In 2016, a national demographic dividend roadmap for harnessing DD was developed
- Roadmap highlights priority strategies and actions in each DD sector





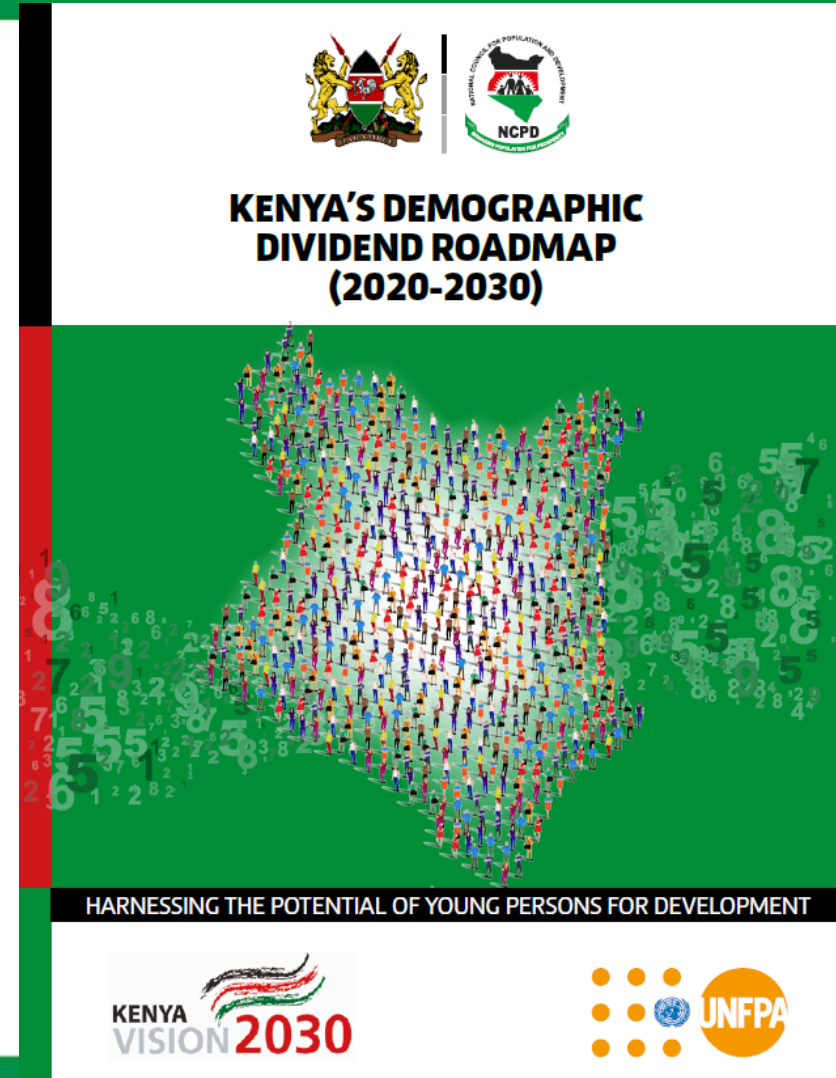
# Kenya's Demographic Dividend Roadmap (2020-2030)

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## Kenya's DD Roadmap Revised to include new development frameworks:

- MTP IV of Vision 2030
- ICPD25 Kenya Country Commitments
- Results of the 2019 Kenya Population Census Data
- Sector policies and programmes

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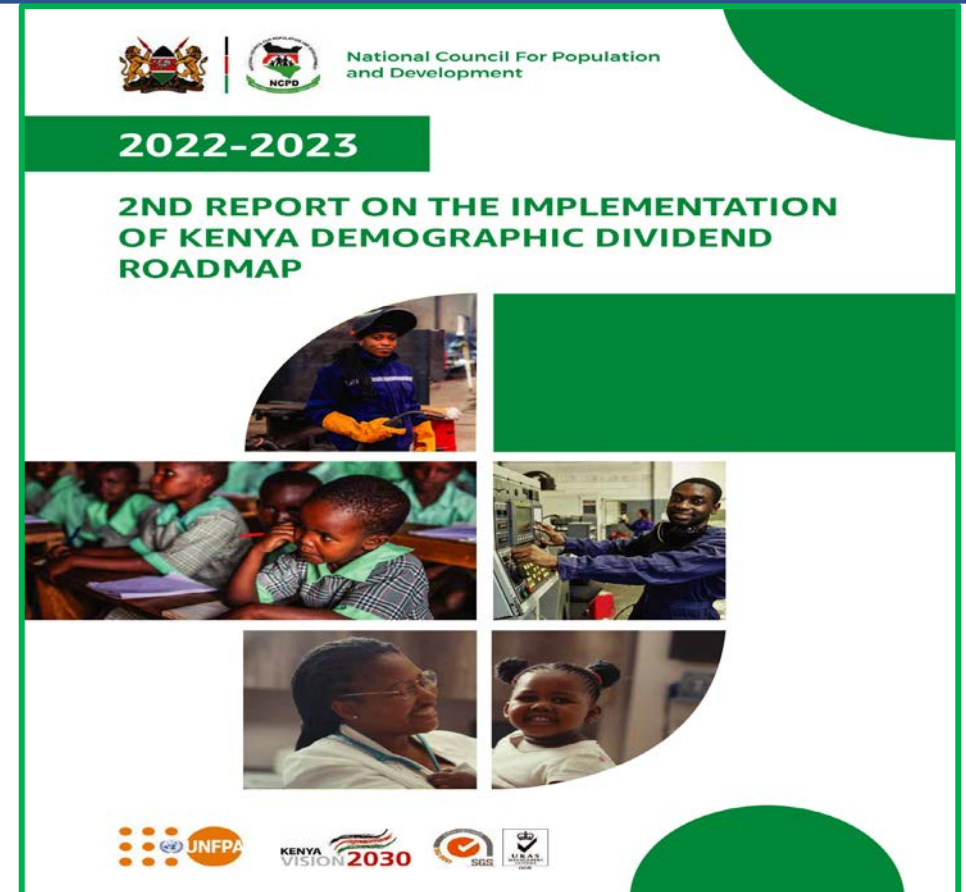
# Tracking and reporting DD Roadmap Implementation in Kenya

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## Mainstreaming DD into development planning:

- DD guidelines developed to Guide National and County Governments in coming up with County specific DD activities
- County Governments and respective Ministries responsible for health, education, economic and governance are required to utilize the national demographic dividend roadmap to identify activities that are relevant to their individual counties for incorporation into the County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs)
- NCPD through a national DD Steering Committee tracks and reports on implementation of DD
- Development of DD Effort Index to measure the level of existing efforts on DD implementation

DD report 2022-2023



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Youth profile in Kenya



# Youth definition

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UN defines youth as persons aged between the ages between 15 to 24 years

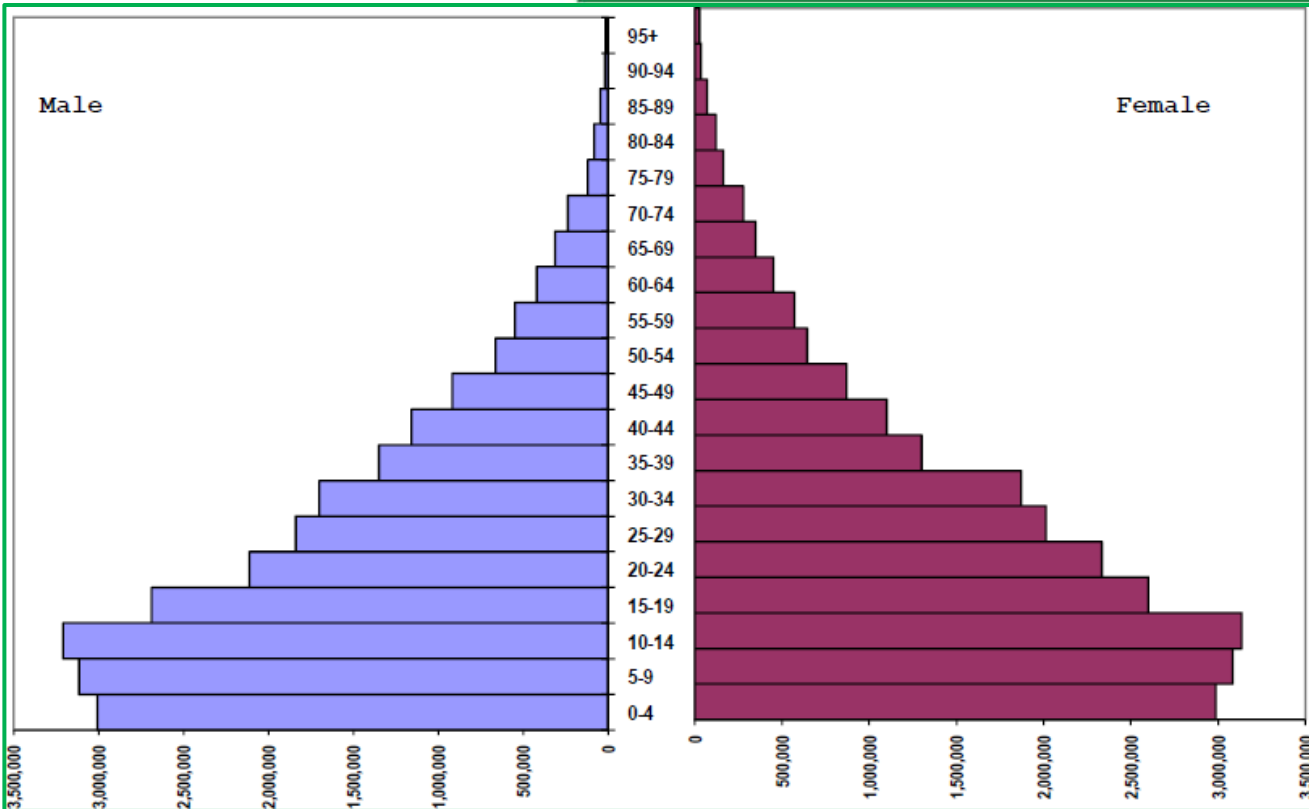
The CoK, 2010 and Kenya Youth Development Policy (KYDP), 2019 defines a Kenyan Youth as a person aged 18 and have not attained 35 years



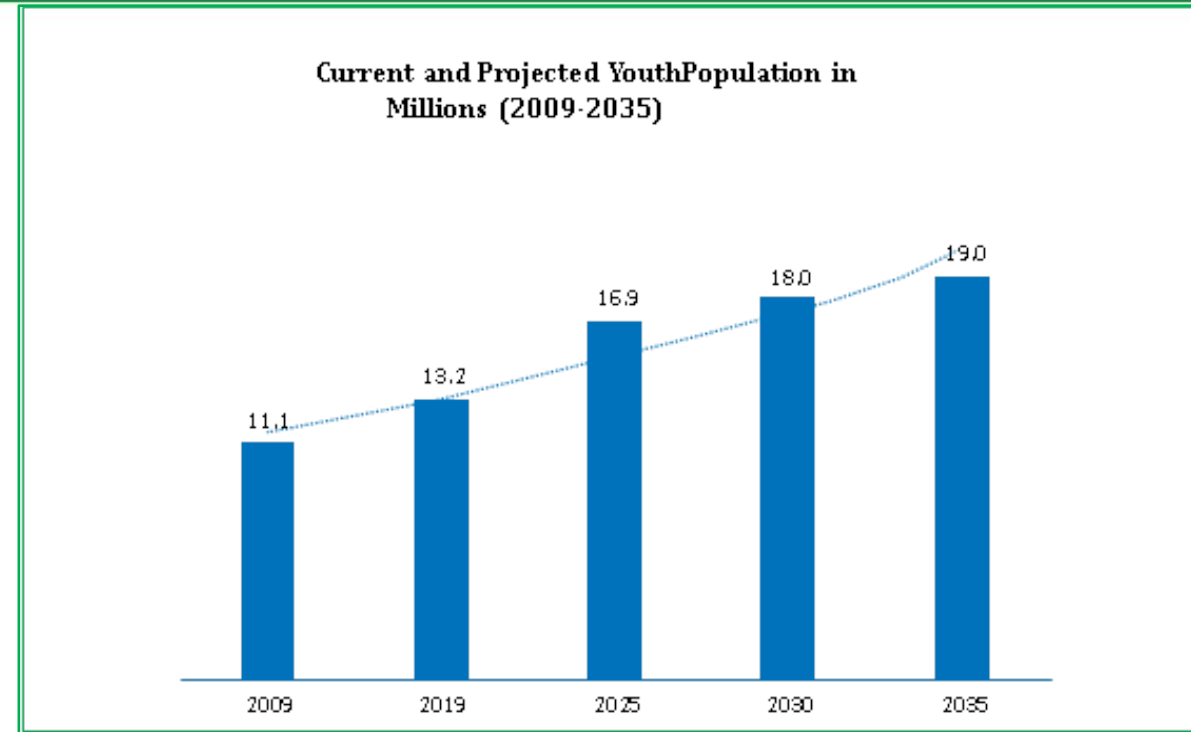


# Youth Population in Kenya (2019)

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Youth aged **18-34** constitute **29%** of the total population



The youth population grew from 3.2m in 1989 to **13m** in **2019** and is projected to increase to **19m** by **2035**

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Source: KNBS Population and Housing Census 2009, 2019

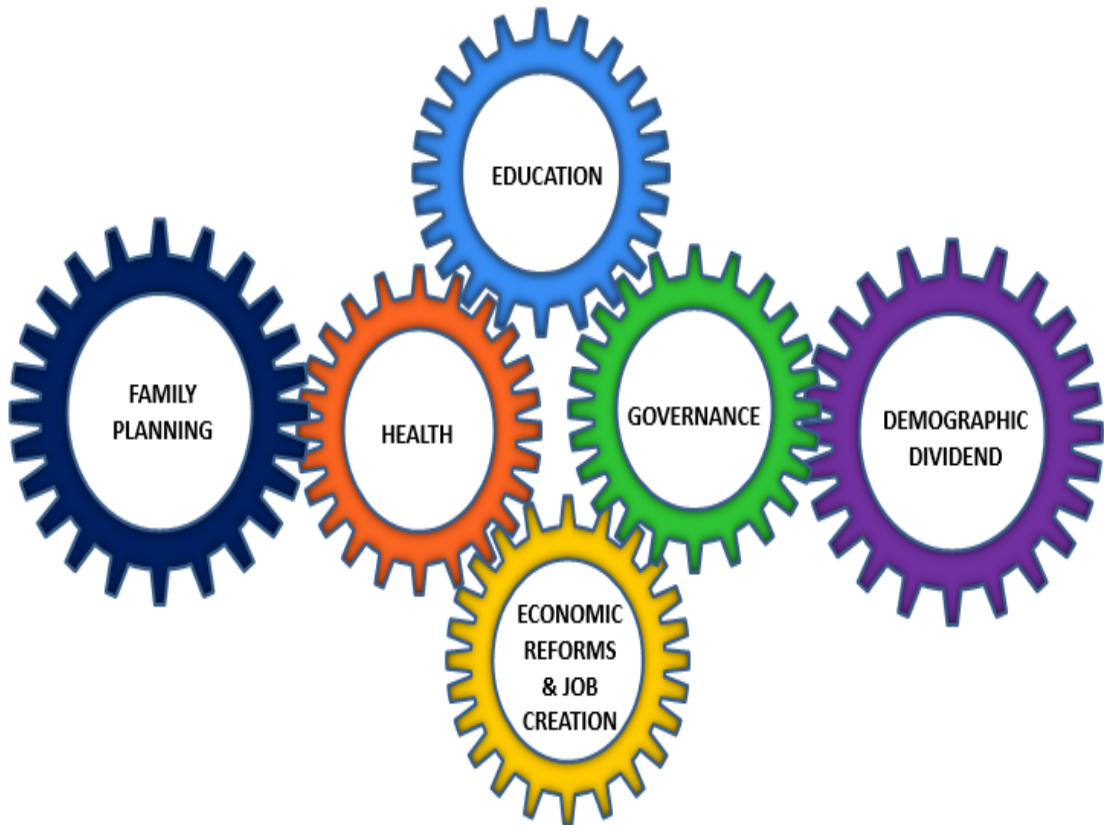


Interventions in harnessing the  
youth potential



# Legal and Policy interventions facilitating a Demographic Dividend

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## Key legal and policy frameworks

- Kenya Constitution Articles 55
- Kenya Vision 2030 and its Medium-Term Plans
- UHC Policy (2020-2030)
- Primary Health Act
- National Youth Council Act of 2009
- National Youth Policy 2007
- Kenya Youth Development Policy 2019
- Kenya National Population Policy for Sustainable Development
- National Curriculum Policy of 2018
- Technical and Vocational Education and Training Act of 2013
- National Employment Authority Act, 2016
- Youth Enterprise Development Fund State Corporations Act 2007
- Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) Act 2013
- Medium and Small Enterprise Act 2012



# Health and well being Interventions

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- Roll out of UHC
- Development of guidelines on integration of ASRH into primary, secondary and tertiary level
- Promote sustainable resource allocation for FP- Setting aside annual budget line
- Devolution of health functions and Investment in human and medical resources
- Operationalization of E-Health strategies operationalized e.g telemedicine guidelines, digital health bill, launch of eCHIS
- Campaigns and awareness on anti-FGM, Child marriage, Teenage pregnancy etc
- A comprehensive and expanded immunization programme to improve child survival
- Medical insurance for secondary school students



# Education and Skills Intervention

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- Enrollment of CBC system in Kenya in 2017
- Roll out CBC and CBET nationally to improve on teaching and training attainments by 2025
- Free primary and Day Secondary education
- Introduction and expansion of School Meals Programme to retain learners in school
- Provision of sanitary towel to school girls
- Promotion of Special Need Education at all levels of education
- Promotion of TVET by encouraging youth to display their skills and talents.
- Expansion of existing TVET institutions;
- Introduction of annual capitation to each trainee in the TVET institutions under the MoE; and,
- Enhancement of Higher Education Loans Board trainees' loan allocation.



# Employment and Entrepreneurship Interventions

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- Credit support programmes (The Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF), Women Enterprise Development Fund (WEDF), Uwezo Fund, Hustler fund)
- Placement of youth in employment locally and abroad through the National Employment Authority (NEA);
- Youth internships, apprenticeships and industrial attachment programme which provides on-job training opportunities to graduates -
- Putting in place Initiatives that promote access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) by the youth, women and PWDs
- Implementation of Talanta Hela Initiative which focuses on Talent Search, Nurturing and Commercialization
- Youth Employment and Opportunities Project (YEOP) which focus on skills training, internship programs, and job placement services.
- Ajira Digital Program which promotes digital entrepreneurship and remote work





# Governance, Rights and youth empowerment Interventions

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- Ratification ,domestication, and implementation the African Youth Charter (AYC)
- Establishment of independent youth commissions at the national and local levels to champion youth activities
- Establishment of Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association which promotes pro-youth legislations
- Establishment of Youth Empowerment Centers (YECs) at the constituency level



# Key achievements

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- Reduction in Teen pregnancies from 21% to 15% between 1993 and 2022
- FGM reduced from 38% to 15% between 1998 and 2022
- Maternal Mortality ratio dropped from 590 in 1990 to 355 in 2019
- Use of modern contraceptive increased from 27% in 1993 to 57% in 2022
- Rollup of CBC to grade 8
- Net enrolment rate at secondary education increased from 42.4% in 2019 to 70.5% in 2022
- Youth in formal employment increased from 22% in 2009 to 30% in 2019
- Over 15,000 youths have benefitted from Government internship since 2019
- TVET enrollment has increased from 430,598 in 2019 to 562,499 in 2022
- Election of youth in various positions during 2022 Elections: 1 Governor, 12 MPs, 5 County Women representative, and 317 MCAs



# Steps to Harness DD

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## Conclusion

*The participation and engagement of youth is critical for achieving sustainable and inclusive development. Youth integration can promote intergenerational equity, enhance program outcomes, and help build the skills and capacities of young people. It can also help address some of the challenges faced by young people, such as unemployment, marginalization, and social exclusion. Youth-led and youth-centered approaches have been found to be effective in a range of development issues, such as health, education, and economic empowerment (UNFPA, 2019).*

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