

Open Government Partnership Kenya Nation Action Plan Progress Report

Background

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a multi-stakeholder coalition of leading governments and civil society organisations working to advance transparency and accountability in government with the goals of increasing the responsiveness of government to citizens, countering corruption, promoting economic efficiencies, harnessing innovation, and improving the delivery of services.

Kenya joined the Open Government Partnership in 2012. Currently, Kenya's OGP Action Plan focuses on three grand challenges: improving public service, increasing public integrity and more effectively managing public resources.

Progress on Action Plan Commitments: May 2013

Below is an update on the progress made on commitments as of May 2013

	Challenge	Target	Progress
1	Improving Public Services		
a	Electoral boundaries Improving service delivery by government, both National and Devolved Government by engaging the public in defining County and Constituency Electoral boundaries (including Parliamentary Constituency names) as a means of bringing government closer to citizens. Public Participation has to be inclusive through available channels: web, mobile, radio, TV and public hearings.	June 2012	Completed The new boundaries were developed and gazetted through a consultative process by the IEBC
b	End-to-end service delivery portal Fast track and finalize the Government of Kenya's End-to-End initiative as an integrated service delivery portal for the improvement of Government Service Provision to Citizens.	2013	Strategy complete Implementation pending

c	Open Data Portal Promoting transparency, accountability in government services by providing published datasets online, and in simplified formats that relate to public expenditures and disbursements in health, education, water and other essential services on the Kenya Open Data Portal.	May 2012	Ongoing 2011: 200 datasets 2012: 450 datasets 2013 target: 700 datasets www.opendata.go.ke
d	Public Complaints Portal (Health and Education) Promote transparency, accountability and public participation in the area of essential services, especially education and health by developing a collaborative CSO-Government public complaints portal. The portal will be an affirmation of the spirit of the new constitution that recognizes the rights but also responsibility of citizens in improving services.	August 2012	Ongoing Ombudsman online Specific portals for health and education pending

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2	Improving Public Integrity		
a	Public vetting of judges and case allocation system Promoting transparency in the administration of justice by public vetting of judges and integrating new technologies within the judiciary to improve expediency in judgments. The Government of Kenya through the Minister of Justice and the Chief Justice will introduce software that randomly allocates cases to judges to reduce corruption in handling and allocation of cases.	Dec 2012	Complete The Vetting of Judges and Magistrates (Amendment) 2012 Bill Pending Case Allocation System

b	Voting Information Online Promote transparency and accountability in the management of elections by making available voter register, constituency and boundary information in electronic format online, improving the transmission of election results through technology and making them available online in open data format.	March 2013	Complete Mapped Poll Stations Registered Voters Electronic Transmission Serious challenges Technical failure in implementation of electronic transmission
c	Kenya Action Plan Online Promote transparency, accountability and public participation in Open Government Partnership initiatives by developing and making available for public scrutiny, the Kenya Open Government Partnership process online.	March 2012	Complete

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3	More effectively managing public resources		
a	Increase OBI Ranking Improve the management of public resources by increasing Kenya's ranking in the Open Budget Index (OBI) from providing "more information" to "significant information"	December 2012	Ongoing 2012 Rank: 49/100 2010 Rank: 49/100 Despite score remaining constant, citizens have increased access to information to participate in decision making and accountability

b	<p>Public participation in budget process</p> <p>Promote transparency and accountability on budget information by involving the public in budget preparation using technology channels, publishing data on proposed and approved budgets and Citizen's budgets in machine readable format.</p>	September 2012	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Budget and audited accounts available on open data. Better tools for access needed. Proposed budget and additional information for active participation needed</p>
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