



LAMU COUNTY



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The Go Blue Project Result Area 2 is jointly implemented by United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Project aims at enhancing land-sea planning and management by addressing key socio-economic and environmental challenges while stimulating benefits from the blue economy. By promoting the economic growth of coastal urban residents and the preservation of coastal and marine resources, the project seeks to assist in the nation's transition to a sustainable blue economy. Undoubtedly, a vital element in the sustainability of blue economic development is the maintenance of healthy marine and coastal ecosystems. However, these important ecosystems are decreasing at an alarming rate because of growing, and increasingly frequent stresses.

Objectives

- Implement an integrated, ecosystem-based approach to land-sea planning and management by formulating land-sea planning guidelines.
- Ensure participation and inclusivity of women and young people and creation of jobs.
- Enhance institutional and individual capacities for a sustainable blue economy in coastal urban areas.



Mangroves in Lamu County. Credit: UNEP

Planned Activities

■ Mainstreaming Blue Carbon

In collaboration with the County Government of Lamu and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Go Blue project will create a community mangrove project and build skills for sustainable blue carbon management with the aim of conserving coastal and marine ecosystems while tapping into the economic benefits. This initiative builds upon Mikoko Pamoja, the world's first blue carbon project covering 100ha. The Go Blue Lamu Blue Carbon project is targeting 2,000ha which is expected to bring in approximately \$450,000 per year from the carbon market for community development and conservation.

■ Lamu waterfront public space regeneration

The project aims to transform Lamu's waterfront into a sustainable public space that supports the blue economy value chain, promotes green transport as well as the existing culture and local heritage. This transformation will involve participatory site planning, culture-sensitive designing, and sustainable construction, including the installation of street furniture and urban amenities in the public space near King Fahd Hospital. The project will turn Lamu's waterfront into a green public space that boosts the blue economy, eco-friendly transport, and local culture. This involves planning with the community, culture-sensitive designing, and sustainable construction near King Fahd Hospital, including street furniture and urban amenities.



Public space designs for Lamu County. Credit: UN-Habitat

■ County Data Station.

Strengthening of the County GIS (Geographic Information Systems) lab and creation of a data station in the Lands Department County Offices, which will host data on spatial planning, environment, blue economy, WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene), etc. and will be useful across all county departments, enabling informed decision making and efficient resource allocation..

■ Enhancing Technical Capacity of staff

The project will develop the technical capacity of county staff in data and information management. Key personnel will receive training to effectively utilize the data centre, enabling them to map natural resources, plan human settlements, and enforce development control measures. The project will enhance county staff's ability to manage data and information. Key personnel will be trained to use the data centre effectively, enabling them to map resources, plan settlements, and enforce development controls.

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