



Volume 01 | December 2022

Mandera



— ACHIEVEMENTS —

100

DAYS
in Office





Inauguration

The Swearing in ceremony of H.E. Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif and H.E. Deputy Governor Dr. Ali Maalim on 25th August 2022 at Mandera stadium



Governor Khalif's priority when he came to office was to mitigate on drought, seek national government support and humanitarian actors to come on board and cushion the community from the impact of the prolonged drought.

PRESS STATEMENT BY H.E. MOHAMED ADAN KHALIF, THE GOVERNOR OF MANDERA COUNTY, ON DROUGHT ISSUED ON SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022.

1 The drought situation is growing from bad to worse due to global climate change, resulting in four consecutive failed rainy seasons since 2020. Furthermore, the World Meteorological Organization has predicted that the fifth rainy season is also likely to fail.

This is a life-threatening prediction for

pastoralist communities and their livelihood. The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance is 500,000; this translates to half of Mandera County's population. Therefore, I appeal to His Excellency President William Ruto to declare the drought a national disaster; 2. As a county government, we are already working on emergency response through water trucking and food aid for vulnerable

households in conjunction with National Drought Management Authority and donors; 3. We currently supply 1.8 million litres of water to 192 villages daily. The drought is approaching its peak in mid-October, and we will require up to 4 million litres of water daily to save people and livestock over the

next 30 days.

Therefore, we need at least Ksh.75 million for water trucking, fuel subsidy, borehole repairs and maintenance. It will also allow us to set up a rapid response team to fix borehole breakdowns and facilitate emergency response; 4. There are currently about 80,000 households that are receiving cash transfers from various donors and the NDMA

(National Drought Management Authority). This, however, only covers some vulnerable families.

An estimated 22,000 additional households need cash transfers for the next three months. To protect these families from the adverse effects of climate change, we need Ksh 1.2 billion;

5. Despite our concerted efforts, Mandera is still experiencing acute water shortage, food insecurity, malnutrition, limited pastures and reduced livestock prices. Moreover, the high demand for livestock feeds, with 50kg of cereals going for Kshs.4,500-5,000, has pushed food prices higher.

We, therefore, ask the National government and the international community to come to our aid;



6. Mandera residents are primarily pastoralists, and they are losing a considerable number of their livestock due to starvation and drought-related diseases. The high livestock mortality rate is making the food insecurity challenge more severe. The cumulative livestock deaths in September across all the species stand at 365,283 Cattle, 160,721 Camels, 495,169 shoats and 29,314 donkeys from January 2022 to date;

7. The estimated number of livestock currently in urgent need of supplementary feeds, treatment and water across the county are: Cattle 452,724 (60% of the total population), Camel 386,448 (40% of the total population), Goats 1,365,841 (40% of the total population), Sheep 333,260 (40% of the total population) and Donkeys 105,660 (60% of the total population);

8. Drought has also affected our education sector as hungry students cannot concentrate in schools. Moreover, schools will re-

open when drought is at its peak, which calls for urgent contingency measures, including water supply to schools and complementing the food supply to 41 boarding schools and the 312 ECDE centers in our county. We need an estimated 370 million for this intervention;

9. Food insecurity has resulted in drought-related diseases affecting the pastoralists and their livelihoods.

Due to a decline in milk production, reduced milk consumption, poor dietary diversity and reduced food intake, 29% (108,735) of children under five years in Mandera face acute malnutrition. In addition, 4% and 33% of households scored poor or borderline food consumption scores, respectively. In addition, only 13.5% of the women ate healthily. Another 15,216 estimated caseloads of pregnant and lactating women require treatment;

10. My humble request to His Excellency the President is to initiate the following

measures to save lives and livelihoods; livestock off-take program by KMC (Kenya Meat Commission), releasing grains from the strategic food reserves, monitoring of food supply and urging private sectors not to take advantage of the current situation by inflating the cost of food commodities;

11. We are ready to work with the national government to eradicate food insecurity, reduce the cost of living and hunger-related deaths of our people, their livestock and wild animals. This collaboration will ensure that, moving forward, no Kenyan citizen will die from hunger and starvation;

12. Finally, I wish to pass our sincere thanks to partners who have been supporting us with interventions: NDMA, Racida, Islamic Relief, World Vision, DRC, Kenya Red Cross society, Napad, Care international and save the children. We appeal to them to scale up support to help our people cope with famine.



INTERVENTIONS BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT



William Samoei Ruto, PhD @WilliamsRuto · Sep 26

At State House, Nairobi, flagged off relief food to vulnerable households in Garissa, Mandera, Wajir, Marsabit, Baringo and Kajiado Counties.



William Samoei Ruto, PhD @WilliamsRuto · Sep 25

My deputy @rigathi will, Monday, convene a meeting of GoK involving county leaders/officials to harmonise urgent interventions to stem the severely adverse effects of ravaging drought in almost 20 counties that is putting about 3 million people at great risk.



H.E Mohamed Adan Khalif @MohamedAKhalif · Sep 26

We are thankful to H.E President William Ruto for his timely support. We appreciate the concerted efforts of all stakeholders in these challenging times. The relief food will make a big difference in reducing the food crisis in the country. Mandera is beyond grateful.

@WilliamsRuto



Livestock Feed

Development partner International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) donated 8 trucks of livestock feeds in response to the recent drought assistance appeal made by Mandera County government

ACHIEVEMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF WATER SERVICES



Coordination of Water Sector Efforts

There has been marked improvement in the coordination of water sector efforts both at WESCOORD and CSG due to the special interest shown by H.E. the Governor in chairing CSG meetings. This has increased the number of CSG and WESCOORD meeting held during the 100 days of these administration which has increased support received from partner Agencies over the period.

Water Trucking Services

The county Government of Mandera in collaboration with other Development Partners including NDMA, RACIDA, ISLAMIC RELIEF-K, Action against Hunger, Save the Children and Alite together undertook water trucking to 250 centres County-wide. These water trucking efforts targeted both human and livestock populations in areas where seasonal water sources had dried up and livestock camps within pasture reserves. Approximately 232,000 people and their livestock benefitted from these water trucking services.



Drilling of Emergency Boreholes

In the 1st 100 days, the County Government drilled 4 emergency Boreholes at El-ram, Birkan, Errestino and Kiliwehiri. Birkan and kiliwehiri Boreholes which yield 10M3/hr and 8M3/hr respectively have both been equipped and are fully operational serving an estimated population of about 16,256 people and their livestock.

During the same period the Department of Water Services with the support of UNICEF repaired 75 Boreholes which have broken down within the period under re-view. This brought the No of broken down Boreholes in the County down from 34 in August 2022 to only 1 presently.



Repair of Boreholes

A total population of 203,000 peoples, 69 schools and 57 health facilities benefitted from the restoration of water supplies following these repairs.

75 Boreholes repaired, 39 submersible motors replaced, 1060 draw pipes replaced in 23 Boreholes, 13 submersible pumps and 3,250m of submersible cables were also replaced.



Boreholes were fully equipped while New Gen-sets were provided for Bulla Haji, Orgay, Kiliwehiri and Borehole 11. DRC also provided new Gen-sets for Harbate and Damasa Boreholes, while the County Government Provided a new Gen-set for Wardagud Borehole. In addition, RACIDA has procured eight new Gen-sets and nine submersible pump-sets for Fino, Waranqara, Hullow, Malkamari, Shimbir Fatuma, Kob Adadi west, Lan Qurac, Harsanga and Deg Marer (pumpset only). This equipment was handed over to the County Department of Water Services in December 2022.

Rehabilitation of Water supplies

With the support of UNICEF, the County Department of water services has completed the rehabilitation of 6 rural water supply facilities and one school WASH project County-wide. These include; Neboi, Bur Abor, Yabicho, 100M3 elevated steel tank at Rhamu water supply, 40M3 elevated steel tank at Elele and 50M3 elevated steel tank at Falama and Mandera school for the Blind. These efforts together benefitted a total population of 45,113 people. In addition, two proposals amounting to Kshs 14,490,000 have been approved for funding from UNICEF for the rehabilitation of Afalo, Bur Abor and Wachile Rural water supplies and the improvement of Degmarer and Al-Hidaya school WASH facilities.

Support to Rapid Response Maintenance Teams

The County Department of Water Services has established three Rapid Response Maintenance Teams on duty 24/7 to attend to any reported breakdowns county-wide. The three teams comprise 16 officers; among them are four plumbers, three electricians, three drivers, three Mechanics and three

Engineering Assistants. During the last 100 days, the teams repaired 70 Borehole breakdowns and equipped 9 Boreholes. Therefore, we are happy to report that all our infiltration Gallery wells and Boreholes in the County are operational except Bulla Haji IGW, whose spare part is awaited from UNICEF.

Development of a County Ground Water Inventory

Under the Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Project, the Department supported a consultant hired to develop a county groundwater inventory. During the period under review, the training of field data collectors and a visit to all Boreholes to collect data were completed, and the consultant is presently compiling and analyzing these data. In addition, the County Sub-PIU has developed a one-year work plan for the projects, which will be submitted to PIU for review, approval and support.

Takaba Water Supply Master Plan

In the last three months, a consultant hired by UNICEF, Tertiary Consulting Engineers, concluded the formulation of a 25 years water master plan for Takaba town and its environs, the Development of preliminary designs & costings and the Proposed Management model for the proposed urban water supply scheme. The study outputs have been finalised and are ready to be launched in Takaba town early next month.

Aquifer Mapping

UNICEF has also supported the County Government in carrying out satellite-supported groundwater mapping. So far, the preliminary findings of the process show promising results, but the final outputs of the exercise will be shared early next year.

Desilting of Earth pans

The county department of water services has constructed 60,000m³ Earth pans in Alungu and kosaye. With the support of development partners (NDMA & ISLAMIC RELIEF) the department of water services has also constructed 20,000m³ Earth pan in kubi and desilted 30,000m³ Alungu Earth pan during the period under review.

Equipping of Boreholes

With support from UNICEF, Garbaab and Degmarer



Meeting With Devolved Unit

The meeting aimed to improve service delivery for the citizens by strategising and prioritising the needs of the citizens. Governor Khalif reminded the Administrators of the bottom-up approach that his administration will use to address the needs of Mandera residents.



Meeting with Drivers/transport department

H.E. Mohamed Adan Khalif held an open meeting with the transport department to discuss ways to improve county government transport and vehicle maintenance for better service delivery.



British High Commissioner to Kenya visits Elwak, Mandera

British High Commissioner to Kenya Ms. Jane Marriott, Dr Stephen Jackson, the UN resident coordinator and the security team from the Jubaland State of Somalia visited Elwak town, in Mandera South constituency. Matters discussed included drought impact and mitigation and the opening of the Kenya and Somalia border. The team visited the Elwak Regional market to witness the region's robust market and highlight the need to re-open the Kenya and Somalia border.

The visit was also meant to showcase Mandera as a secure investment hub and not as negatively portrayed. She invited investors to emulate her trip and visit Mandera.



Unicef

Governor Khalif held a meeting with Mr Mahboob Ahmed Bajwa, WASH Chief and current Deputy Country Representative, UNICEF Kenya at Windsor Hotel in Nairobi where they discussed the drought emergencies and UNICEF's ongoing and planned support for Mandera county.



Borehole Equipment

Borehole 11 community received a new Genset Courtesy of UNICEF Kenya, as part of the drought mitigation measures.

30 KVA Perkins Genset to Wargadud to respond to severe drought. This is line with my promise to Wargadud residents during the campaign. In Sha Allah we shall respond to other centres experiencing similar challenges.



NDMA meeting

Governor Khalif held an in-depth meeting with National Drought Monitoring Authority (NDMA) officials with a view to fast tracking interventions to cushion Mandera residents from the devastating drought.



Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency (TIKA)

Governor Khalif visited the Turkish Cooperation & Coordination Agency (TIKA) office in Nairobi where he met with the agency's Nairobi Coordinator, Mr Eyup Yavuz to discuss current ravaging drought situation in our Mandera and explore long-term solutions in addressing cyclic drought amongst other matters.



County Assembly opening

Mandera County Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif officially opened the 3rd County assembly of Mandera. He exhibited positive collaboration between the county assembly and the executive. He challenged the leaders to join hands and embark on service.



CIDP Public Participation on CIDP 2023-2027

The implementation of the second generation CIDP2018-2022 is coming to an end in FY 2022/23. The department of Economic Planning led by Chief Officer Fartun Bulle and her team implored the guidelines developed by National Treasury is coming up with the Third generation CIDP 2023/27 where bottom up approach of data collection has been done with Mandera residents. Public participation was conducted in 464 villages where their most pressing needs were taken into account. The draft document is now validated by sectors and government entities awaiting first publishing for review.



Vulnerable Mapping, Relief food flag off & distribution

Governor Khalif flagged off 750 metric tons of foodstuff and 180,000 litres of cooking oil. This intervention will cover about 60,000 Vulnerable House Holds and People living with disability. Other beneficiaries are boarding secondary schools, special needs schools and registered orphanage.



World Bank, Water Resource Authority

Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif held a meeting with representatives from World Bank, Water Resources Authority, Water Sector Trust Fund and Ministry of Water to deliberate on matters of effects of climate change and course of action in management of ground water resource, assessment and performance of the existing water facilities, identifying prime areas to carry out experimental boreholes and testing of its sustainability.



CECMs oath taking

Governor Khalif witnessed the Oath taking ceremony of the recently appointed County Executive Committee Members for ten ministries, County Secretary & Head of Public Service and County Attorney.



Education taskforce

Governor Khalif has formed a taskforce to review and propose reforms in the county Early Childhood Development, Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

This is the second taskforce that will look into the problems facing the education sector and is expected to present its recommendation after within 90 days. Governor Khalif intimated that his government will implement the Task Force recommendation. The Presidential working party on Education taskforce held public participation at Mandera Secondary school. The terms of reference are on basic education to undertake summative evaluation and assessment.



Health taskforce visit

Health Reform Task Force has been mandated to collect adequate information from health department and identify areas of success, challenges and possible gaps for a quality public healthcare services.



Turkey Visit

Mandera County Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif and his team visited Turkey to seek short and long-term support for Mandera residents in drought mitigation. In addition to the prudent use of the available resources to deal with development prerequisites, the need to seek aid from friends both within our borders and beyond is necessary.



Meeting with Mandera Students

Mandera County governor met with Mandera-sponsored students studying at Üsküdar University in Istanbul, Turkey, courtesy of Mandera Girl Child Education Affirmative Action, where top girls are sponsored to study in Turkey courses that are traditionally male dominated.



Working towards a polio free future

The department of health with support from ADRA held an event to educate the community on the importance of the polio vaccine. Mandera, a county with porous borders and a mobile population, is still at risk of its children contracting polio. Let's keep working towards a polio-free future.



UNICEF: Upscaling Interventions

The department of Health Services Mandera in partnership with UNICEF conducted a meeting on performance review of areas that are currently under support and upscaling of ongoing interventions.



Development of Health Bill

Deputy Governor Ali Maalim on behalf of the Governor Mohamed Khalif, joined the health task force briefing of all the sub-counties. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Khama Rogo along with senior health professionals.



Drought Emergency Response

Governor H.E. Mohamed Adan Khalif and Deputy Governor H.E. Ali Maalim met Water Fund Chairperson Mr Bill Lay, Trustee Siyad Hassan and Ag. CEO Willis Ombai. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the new County leadership to Water Fund Programmes. In addition, the water Fund highlighted past, ongoing and future support to Mandera County Government. Further discussion focused on potential support towards a drought emergency response for the adversely affected population and their livestock.



Mashujaa Day

Pomp and glamour as Mandera County celebrates 2022 Mashujaa Day



Governor, HR departmental meeting

Governor Khalif invited human resource officials to a meeting to discuss capacity building, improving service delivery of the welfare section and updating records of county employees to ensure county staff report to work. He reiterated that his administration would not entertain ghost workers.



First Cabinet meeting

H.E. Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif chaired the first cabinet meeting following the swearing-in of the County Executive Committee Members. County Secretary and County Attorney.



County Steering Committee bi-monthly meeting

Deputy Governor Dr. Ali Maalim chaired the CSG bimonthly meeting. In attendance were DCC Mandera East Mr Murindatt, County Coordinator NDMA, County leadership and representatives of the Development Partners, where they discussed the drought alarm stage and recovery progress.



CECM induction KSG

Governor Khalif opened an induction course for the CECMs at Kenya School of Government in Lower Kabete. He was received by the School's Director General Prof. Ludeki Chweya and his team. The course is aimed at developing professional competencies, public service values and capabilities for research-based policy making.



President Insan Vakfi (Turkey) visits Mandera county

Mr. Sinan Aktas, was hosted in Mandera by the County Secretary. This comes after Governor Mohamed Khalif visited Turkey to seek support from the Turkish government and other partners. He visited Border Point 1 farms, Suftu water point and Mandera Islamic Orphanage Centre to identify gaps and opportunities for investment and possible areas for growth and partnership. Mr. Aktas promised ten Scholarships to Mandera needy students to study in Turkey Universities. He also committed to support orphanages with learning materials, food and general supplies. On dealing with water shortages, he said plans are underway to supply water drilling equipment and pumps in worst hit areas.



World AIDS Day

This year's celebration was presided by the Mandera County Deputy Governor H.E. Ali Maalim, CEC Health, Assistant County Commissioner Mandera East and other county officials. The theme for 2022 is 'sawazisha' meaning **End the triple threat as a prompt-call to end new HIV infections, sexual and GBV and adolescent pregnancies.**



Combating terror threats and inter-klan conflicts

Interior CS Kindiki Kithure hosted Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif and other elected leaders from Mandera for discussions on combating terror threats and inter-klan conflicts in the County. The meeting also discussed unique security threats posed by the region's proximity to the border with Somalia and particularly the Al-Shabaab terror group. Also discussed were the ravaging drought and attendant security challenges and the leaders' role in inclusivity-driven immediate and long-term mitigation and solutions.



Border Point1 water supply project

Deputy governor H.E. Ali Maalim while representing the governor, launched proposed improvement of Border Point1 water supply project funded by water sector trust fund and MCG at GSU camp BP1. Mandera County Government will continue prioritizing supply of clean water to its residents.



Mental Health Awareness

Mental Health in its various forms affects many individuals in our communities. Deputy Governor Dr. Maalim joined campaign awareness hosted by Mander Mental Health and Disability AID. It is evident that known cases of mental illness suffer stigma and neglect thus creating awareness about Mental Health is key in breaking barriers and giving support to persons living with the condition.



Turkey Media Visit

Following Governor Khalif's visit to Turkey to seek support, the Turkish team sent Hussein Hassan, a seasoned journalist to visit Mander and witness and document the actual drought devastation. Mander County Senior management led by CECM for Water Mohamed Ali and Head of Efficient and Monitoring Okash Abdullahi took him through to sub-counties to document the impact of the severe drought, IDPs, drought related health implications like malnutrition and cholera as a result of consuming polluted water.

100 DAYS in Office



Mandera County Government
P.O. Box 13-70300
Mandera, Kenya
Tel: +254 0462104000,
+254 0462104000
Email: info@mandera.go.ke

Mandera County Liaison Office
Tourism Trust Fund Building, Ground Floor, Bishop Road
P.O.BOX 28855-01000
Nairobi
Email: nairobiliaisonoffice@mandera.go.ke

