Demographic Dividend in Kenya

Progress, Challenges and Opportunities

National Council for Population and Development
Outline

• Overview Kenya’s population size, structure and growth
• Domestication of DD in Kenya
• Challenges to Kenya’s DD Efforts
• Opportunities for Achievement of DD

Population has quadrupled over 50 years

Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
With a 3% growth rate, population will reach about 60 million by 2030.
43% of the population is under age 15.
Trends in Kenya’s Total Fertility Rate (1978 – 2014)

Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Quality Population for Sustainable Development
Demographic Dividend Model for Kenya

- NCPD and Futures Group developed a demographic dividend model for Kenya in 2014
- DD multi-sectoral Technical Working Group gave technical input to the model
- DD Steering Committee validated the results from the modelling exercise
- Results of this modelling exercise were launched on 15th July 2014
- Key result: Kenya’s GDP can be increased 12 fold by the year 2050 with strategic investments in health, education, and governance
For Kenya to attain the DD, each county must make a contribution.

Aim: Identify key issues that need to be addressed if Kenya is to harness the potential of its young people.

Data collected from each of the 47 counties through FGDs and Key informant interviews.

National and county specific reports for this survey were developed and launched in 2016.

Kenya’s DD window opens 2037.
Key health issues affecting young persons

• Drugs and substance abuse (DSA)
• STI including HIV
• Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
• Teenage pregnancy
National Demographic Dividend Forum

- This forum was convened on 18th and 19th October 2016
- Main objective of the forum was create awareness among policy makers and enhance support for the country’s DD agenda
- Thematic policy briefs developed to deepen DD understanding among policy makers
Regional Symposium on Demographic Dividend

• NCPD and UNFPA hosted this symposium in Nairobi from 24th to 26th August 2015
• Objective: Demographic Dividend knowledge sharing among the Eastern and Southern Africa countries
• A total of 16 countries from the continent participated in this forum
Kenya’s Demographic Dividend Roadmap (2018 – 2022)

- Domesticated the AU DD roadmap within the Kenyan context
- Roadmap highlights priority strategies and actions in each DD sector
- Guide County Governments in coming up with County specific DD activities
- Provides a basis for developing an implementation plan and a monitoring and evaluation framework for DD activities in Kenya
- Disseminated to Principal Secretaries
Incorporation of Demographic Dividend in Development Plans

- Guidelines for incorporation of DD in national, sectoral and county plans developed and disseminated in 2017
- DD incorporated in the various development plans for 2018 - 2022
Opportunities

• Kenya’s declining fertility
• Government’s Big 4 Agenda
  • Universal health coverage
  • Employment creation
  • Food security
  • Housing
• Government’s focus on addressing youth issues
  • Kenya youth development policy
  • Access to credit facilities
  • Training and skills development
Opportunities

• Existence and implementation of ageing and older persons policy
• Renewed efforts to curb corruption
• Inclusion of DD in development plans
Challenges

• Low understanding of demographic dividend among policy makers and programmers
• Absence of standard DD indicators for monitoring and evaluation
• Unplanned pregnancies
• Drug and substance abuse among youth
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