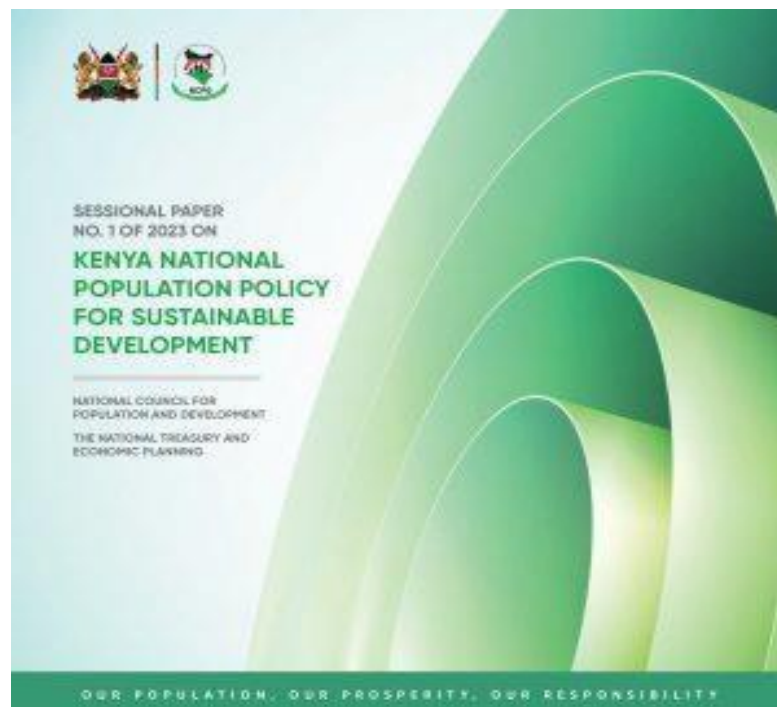




NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

**THEMATIC AREA: POPULATION POLICY AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES**



Population Policy and Programme Implementation: Opportunities, Challenges and Best Practices

Background

Population dynamics play a crucial role in shaping socio-economic development. Integrating population issues into development planning fosters sustainable resource use and enhances improved quality of life. The implementation of population policy and programmes contributes to reductions in population growth rate, reduction in fertility, mortality and improved life expectancy. These outcomes contribute significantly to achieving development goals that aim to attain a high quality population. However, the implementation of the population policy and programmes often faces challenges, including limited resources, weak governance, and fragmented partnerships.

This sub-theme seeks to address these gaps while highlighting opportunities to scale up best practices and leverage partnerships.

Objectives

1. Assess the current state of integrating population issues into development planning.
2. Share lessons learned and best practices in policy formulation.
3. Explore strategies and approaches for scaling up the implementation of population programmes.
4. Strengthen governance, accountability, and M&E frameworks for population initiatives.
5. Highlight the role of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in population policy implementation.

Key Areas of Focus

1. Integration of Population Issues in Development Planning: Current State, Opportunities, and Challenges

- Analyze how population dynamics are integrated into Vision 2030 and County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs).
- Highlight opportunities for improved alignment with Kenya's socio-economic goals.
- Examine challenges such as data gaps, resource constraints, and inadequate stakeholder engagement.

2. Policy Formulation/Development Process: Lessons Learnt and Best Practices ○

Review the evolution of population policies, including the successes and setbacks.

- Identify best practices from local and international contexts that inform effective policy development.

3. Implementation of Population Programmes: Scaling Up Best Practices ○ Discuss successful programme implementation that improve the quality of life of the population ○ Propose strategies for scaling up population programmes to address emerging demographic challenges.

4. Governance, Accountability, and M&E for Population Programmes

- Explore frameworks for strengthening accountability and transparency in population programme delivery.
- Emphasize the importance of robust monitoring and evaluation systems to track progress and improve outcomes.

5. Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships in Implementation of Population Policy ○ Highlight the role of PPPs in mobilizing resources, fostering innovation, and enhancing service delivery and policy implementation ○ Present case studies of successful PPPs in population and development sectors.

Expected Outcomes

- Identification of actionable strategies to integrate population issues into Kenya's development agenda.
- Policy recommendations for strengthening governance and accountability in population programme implementation.
- Practical insights on scaling up best practices and leveraging partnerships for sustainable development.

Conclusion

This sub-theme provides a platform to reflect on Kenya's population policy and programme implementation for improved quality of life and sustainable development. By focusing on integration, governance, and partnerships, stakeholders can drive impactful population and development strategies to meet the needs of present and future generations.