



PRESS RELEASE

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NANDI Joins Global Partnership to Promote Open Government

Kapsabet, Kenya - The **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NANDI** has been selected to join the [Open Government Partnership](#) (OGP), an organization that brings together governments and civil society leaders to create more transparent, inclusive, and participatory government. As a new member of OGP, **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NANDI** will work with local civil society organizations and other OGP members to advance the open government agenda locally and transform the way the government serves its citizens.

On his part, the Governor **H.E. STEPHEN ARAAP SANG** welcomed the addition of **NANDI COUNTY** to the Partnership and hopes to learn from OGP members at the national and local level to advance the open government movement. **“I am elated by this news of our selection into this global body that advances Open Government. We look forward to learning from best practices in these other jurisdictions to ensure we advance service provision to our people”**

MS. IRENE OTIENO the NATIONAL COORDINATOR, **NATIONAL TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION (NTA)** noted the importance of civil society and government collaboration to create reforms that respond to the needs of citizens in **NANDI COUNTY** and that OGP offers the right platform to achieve this. **“We are proud to partner with Nandi County in this noble cause, we look forward to co-creating many initiatives that will advance Open Governance in this region”**

Civil society organizations and reformers in government have championed open government approaches in **NANDI COUNTY**. The **Nandi County Call Centre, Social Audit, Citizen Scorecards** and **Innovative technologies** like **Geo-Spatial** and **Project Management** are transforming service

delivery and opening up government. As a new member of OGP, **NANDI COUNTY** hopes to scale up these efforts in partnership with local stakeholders and incorporate lessons learned from other OGP members.

OGP is welcoming 55 other new local members composed of 64 local governments from 32 countries to join [OGP Local](#). This expansion, the largest in OGP history, comes at a critical moment as cities and local communities are at the forefront of efforts to respond to COVID-19 while also facing strained budgets and climate insecurity. The 56 new members were selected out of a pool of [112 applications](#).

Members of OGP Local have been at the forefront of innovation, taking bold steps to address persistent challenges. For example, in [Buenos Aires, Argentina](#), government and civil society partnered to ensure marginalized communities have access to reproductive health and, in [Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana](#), citizens can digitally access information on applications for infrastructure projects empowering them to fight corruption and illegal construction activities. Following the success of the first 20 OGP local members, the OGP Steering Committee agreed to expand the cohort in 2020.

OGP's Chief Executive Officer, Sanjay Pradhan, warmly welcomed the addition of the new members to the Partnership: "Local leaders - in government and civil society - are often closest to the people they serve. Open local government can deliver a transformative impact in people's lives and build trust.

Assessed by OGP and chosen by a diverse Selection Committee composed members of the OGP Steering Committee, current OGP Local members and civil society representatives, [NAME OF JURISDICTION] was selected based on the assessment of criteria outlined in the [call for proposals](#), as well as other factors considered to ensure a regionally diverse group, with different types and size of entities, and unique strengths to complement the objectives of OGP Local.

OGP received more than 100 joint applications from governments and civil society organizations at the local level in 2020 expressing their interest in joining OGP Local. All applicants have been invited to join OGP Local's Community of Practice and contribute to develop OGP's knowledge base of local open government and participate in OGP peer exchange activities to scale up reforms at the national and local levels for all OGP members.

About OGP:

In 2011, government leaders and civil society advocates came together to create a unique partnership—one that combines these powerful forces to promote accountable, responsive and inclusive governance.

Seventy-eight countries and a growing number of local governments—representing more than two billion people—along with thousands of civil society organizations are members of the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

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