

***Activities relating to Outcome 3: Marginalisation is addressed to reduce regional disparities in development and access to basic services:***

**3.1 Effective Equalisation Fund Policy and criteria**

Support to the Commission on Revenue Allocation and Equalisation Fund Advisory Board to review and update the Equalisation Fund Policy and develop a clear project identification criteria. This will include among others drawing on the experience of EU member states such as Germany and Italy on equalisation of their regions as well as the Commission's experience in implementing the cohesion policy and lessons Kenya can draw from the EU's experience.

**3.2 Operationalised Equalisation Fund**

Support the National Treasury and Equalisation Fund Board to roll out the equalisation fund by addressing bottlenecks that hinder its operationalisation.

**3.3 Legislation and operationalised county policies and laws on inclusion and ensuring the inclusion of women in all their diversity**

Supporting counties to develop inclusion laws, mentoring counties on use of Human Rights Based Approach to development.

**3.4 Enhanced delivery of basic services in marginalised areas**

Capacity building of select County Executives to establish and operationalise decentralised and inclusion structures within their counties.

**3.5 Human Rights Based Approach integrated in delivery of county services**

Strengthening capacity of select County Assemblies on oversight of inclusion, including of women in all of their diversity and supporting documentation and learning forums among counties on inclusion.

### 3.3 Mainstreaming

**Environmental Protection & Climate Change**

At this stage the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening undertaken by the EUD points to the project having little or no impact on the environment or on climate change given the nature of the proposed activities. This action will endeavour to collaborate in as much as possible with the World Bank, Sweden and DANIDA funded-Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) Programme which seeks to strengthen systems and capacities of Counties for locally driven climate action by promoting partnerships between governments, communities, and civil society to support and promote the adoption of climate smart and socially inclusive solutions tailored to local needs and in line with the priorities of local communities.

**Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls**

As per the OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as **G1**. This implies that the desired impact of this action will be realised with a significant emphasis on gender and the rights of women, in all their diversity. The action will thus apply a gender lens to all of its activities and its internal decision-making. Support to policy development and capacity building will put a particular emphasis on how these impact women and men, boys and girls, including people living with disabilities and other groups living in vulnerable situations. Action plans and strategies will be conducted in a gender-sensitive and inclusive manner. Additionally, the action will pay special attention to counties with women leadership and will seek collaborations where possible with counties led by Female Governors. The Country level implementation plan for Kenya 2021-2025 fully integrates the Gender priorities foreseen in the Human Rights and Democracy Country Strategy (2021-2024) and the CSO Roadmap (2022-2025)

**Human Rights**

The action is aligned to the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024, on the fair administration of justice and democratic institutions, while supporting the implementation of the Human Rights and Democracy country strategy 2021-2024.

The action will be designed and implemented with a rights-based approach, focusing on a rights-holder/user centric approach to access to service delivery. It will directly contribute to improved access to services and realisation of rights, notably the right to basic services. In line with the RBA working principles, CSOs and CBOs will be an integral part of the action, and will be engaged in holding duty bearers to account in the delivery of devolved