

Why major infrastructure projects now depend on Public-Private Partnerships



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My attention has been drawn to a very interesting scenario where Kenyans are becoming cynical about the many projects initiated by the government, some of which end up in court, leading to delays in their implementation. It is interesting to note, for example, that the Universal Healthcare reforms, popularly known as SHA or SHIF, have been delayed for almost a year, ever since the three new pieces of legislation were assented to by President William Ruto on October 19, 2023, at State House, Nairobi. President Ruto had set March 1, 2024, as the commencement date,

yet this was delayed by a whopping seven months to October 1, 2024, due to a myriad of court cases and industrial action by doctors and other medical professionals.

Change is always resisted. The BETA Plan is a very progressive manifesto that identifies key priorities: agriculture and food security, universal healthcare, housing and urban development, micro, small, and medium enterprises, and the digital superhighway and the creative economy, as the main drivers of our economic development. These five pillars require not only enabling policies and legislation but also key projects that will help realize them. For example, the fertilizer subsidy program has worked wonders in reducing the cost of living. The lowering of the monthly contribution from Ksh 500 to Ksh 300 has increased the number of beneficiaries who are at the bottom of the pyramid. Additionally, the increase in contributions by salaried Kenyans ensures there

will be adequate resources to refinance our healthcare system. The housing program is also well-resourced through the housing levy, which has made the cost of owning a home as low as Ksh 500,000 for the hustlers. Indeed, the Hustler Fund has enabled over 22 million Kenyans to borrow over 51 billion so far, boosting their businesses and enterprises. However, there are some large projects whose financing cannot rely solely on taxation. This is due to the reduced borrowing capacity caused by pre-existing debt before the 5th administration came into power and the fallout from the finance bill. This has led the state to deploy Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) as an alternative for development financing. Kenyans have been led to believe that this is not a viable option through misinformation, disinformation, and propaganda. Vested interests are largely to blame for this, as they aim to derail progress in order to maintain the status quo.

Five Kakamega slums to benefit from Sh268m infrastructure upgrade

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Five informal settlements in Kakamega are currently undergoing infrastructure upgrades through the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP 2) at a total cost of Sh268 million.

The project is being implemented by the National Government and the County Government of Kakamega, with funding from the World Bank, the French Development Agency (AFD), and a grant from the European Union (EU).

The facelift is benefiting Amalemba and Kambi Somali informal settlements in Kakamega Municipality under Lot 2 of the contract, and Mjini, Lukoye, and Shibale informal settlements in Muiyia Municipality under Lot 1 of the contract.

The upgrade of Amalemba and Kambi Somali informal settlements in Kakamega Municipality has been allocated Sh116 million.

Amalemba Informal



The ongoing road upgrade at the Amalemba Informal settlement in Kakamega Municipality through the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project (KISIP 2). Photo by Moses Wekesa, KNA.

Settlement will benefit from the upgrading of 0.848 kilometers of Amalemba Salim Street and Abdi Mwewa Street main link road to bitumen standard, the construction of 1.696 kilometers of drainage, the construction of 0.992 kilometers of sewer line, and the installation of one high mast floodlight and 25 streetlights.

Kambi Somali Informal Settlement construction works include the upgrading of 0.19 kilometers of Kambi Somali Road One and Two to bitumen standard, the construction of 0.38 kilometers of

drainage, and the construction of 0.756 kilometers of sewer line.

For Mjini, Lukoye and Shibale Informal Settlements, the partners in the KISIP 2 Project have prioritized spending Sh152 Million in the upgrade of infrastructure.

Mjini Informal Settlement will benefit from upgrading to bitumen standard of 0.944-kilometer Masanga road and Masanga link road, construction of 0.944-kilometer drainage, installation of 26 streetlights and piped water connection to 100 households.



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The Authority hereby invites bids from eligible contractors for various Maintenance works for first, second and third (1st, 2nd & 3rd) Quarter for the FY 2024-2025 to be funded through the **Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF)**.

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CAA/OT/MANDA/0041/2024-2025	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System at Manda Airstrip	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 20/11/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Manda Airport	28/11/2024 at 11.00 a.m.
CAA/OT/MBD/0046/2024-2025	Lease of Space for Installation and Management of Massage Chairs at Terminal 1 B/C AT JKIA	Pre-bid/Site visit shall be held on 20/11/2024 at 10.00 a.m. at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	28/11/2024 at 11.00 a.m.

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