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# Mission statement

**Motivation**

The Good Council is committed to fostering social justice and democratic values in Turkana County, Kenya. Turkana is one of the most marginalized regions in the country, facing severe challenges related to poverty, limited access to education and healthcare, and low levels of civic engagement. Our motivation is to empower the people of Turkana by addressing these systemic inequalities through targeted initiatives that promote inclusivity, improve access to essential services, and enhance community participation in democratic processes.

SWOT Analysis

**Strengths:**

* **Strong Community Relationships:** The Good Council has built trust and strong relationships with local leaders and communities in Turkana, which will facilitate the implementation of our initiatives.
* **Experience in Rural Development:** Our team has extensive experience in executing development projects in rural and underserved areas, which will be crucial for success in Turkana.
* **Local Partnerships:** We have established partnerships with local NGOs and government bodies that are critical for effective resource mobilization and project execution.

**Weaknesses:**

* **Limited Infrastructure:** Turkana's infrastructure is underdeveloped, making logistics and service delivery challenging.
* **Resource Scarcity:** The region suffers from resource scarcity, including water and food, which could hinder project success.
* **Security Concerns:** Turkana has experienced conflict and instability, which could pose risks to the implementation of the project.

**Opportunities:**

* **Government Support:** The Kenyan government has prioritized the development of marginalized regions like Turkana, presenting opportunities for collaboration and funding.
* **Natural Resources:** Turkana's oil and mineral resources offer potential for economic development, which could be leveraged for community benefit.
* **Youth Engagement:** A large youth population eager for opportunities presents a chance to foster leadership and civic engagement.

**Threats:**

* **Environmental Challenges:** Droughts and climate change pose significant risks to the livelihoods of Turkana residents, which could impact project outcomes.
* **Political Instability:** Regional political dynamics may affect the continuity of support and collaboration from local authorities.
* **Economic Fluctuations:** Economic downturns could reduce the availability of funding and increase the community's reliance on external aid.

# The Cause

**Aim**

The primary aim of this project is to invest €25,000,000 over five years to improve social justice conditions, enhance democratic values, and reduce inequality in Turkana County. We seek to address the critical challenges faced by the residents of Turkana by improving access to education, healthcare, and civic participation, ultimately leading to a more just and equitable society.

**Rationale of the Project**

Turkana County, located in the northwestern part of Kenya, is one of the most underdeveloped and marginalized regions in the country. The county's residents face significant barriers to accessing basic services, including education and healthcare, which perpetuate cycles of poverty and disenfranchisement. Additionally, the region's political and social dynamics have historically limited civic participation, further exacerbating inequalities. Investing in Turkana is not only a matter of social justice but also a strategic initiative to promote sustainable development and strengthen democratic values in a region that has long been neglected.

**Needs Analysis of Turkana County**

Turkana County faces numerous challenges:

* **Education Deficits:** Many schools in Turkana are under-resourced, leading to low enrollment rates, high dropout rates, and poor educational outcomes.
* **Healthcare Access:** The region suffers from a severe lack of healthcare facilities and personnel, resulting in high rates of preventable diseases and maternal mortality.
* **Economic Marginalization:** High levels of poverty and unemployment, particularly among the youth, contribute to social instability and limit economic growth.
* **Civic Disengagement:** Low levels of political awareness and participation, partly due to historical marginalization and limited access to information, have led to weak representation and advocacy for the community's needs.

Data from the Kenyan National Bureau of Statistics and local reports underline the urgent need for targeted interventions to address these challenges and improve the quality of life for the residents of Turkana.

# The Action

**Plan of Action**

To achieve our goals, we will implement the following initiatives:

1. **Educational Enhancement:**
   * **School Infrastructure Development:** Build and renovate schools to provide conducive learning environments, with a focus on remote and underserved areas.
   * **Scholarships and Support Programs:** Offer scholarships and educational support for students from low-income families, especially girls and children with disabilities.
   * **Teacher Training:** Provide professional development for teachers to improve the quality of education in Turkana's schools.
2. **Healthcare Improvement:**
   * **Mobile Health Clinics:** Deploy mobile clinics to provide essential medical services to remote communities, focusing on maternal and child health.
   * **Community Health Worker Program:** Train and deploy community health workers to educate residents on preventive healthcare and provide basic medical services.
   * **Water and Sanitation Projects:** Implement water and sanitation projects to reduce the incidence of waterborne diseases.
3. **Civic Engagement and Empowerment:**
   * **Voter Education Campaigns:** Conduct voter education and awareness programs to encourage greater participation in local and national elections.
   * **Youth Leadership Training:** Develop programs that equip young people with the skills and knowledge to engage in civic activities and lead community initiatives.
   * **Community Forums:** Organize regular forums to facilitate dialogue between residents and local government officials, ensuring that the voices of the people are heard in decision-making processes.
4. **Economic Empowerment:**
   * **Vocational Training Programs:** Provide training in high-demand skills such as agriculture, construction, and renewable energy to create job opportunities.
   * **Microfinance Initiatives:** Offer microloans and business training to support local entrepreneurs, particularly women, in starting and growing small businesses.
   * **Livelihood Support:** Develop sustainable livelihood projects, such as community-based agriculture and livestock programs, to enhance food security and income generation.

**Implementation Strategy**

* **Local Partnerships:** Collaborate with local NGOs, government agencies, and community leaders to ensure that our initiatives are culturally appropriate and sustainable.
* **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework to track the progress of our initiatives, ensure transparency, and make adjustments as needed.

# The expected result

**Short-Term Impact**

* **Improved Educational Outcomes:** Increased school enrollment and retention rates, along with better academic performance, as a result of enhanced educational facilities and support.
* **Enhanced Healthcare Access:** Significant improvements in maternal and child health, reduced disease prevalence, and better overall health outcomes due to the deployment of mobile clinics and community health workers.
* **Greater Civic Participation:** Higher voter turnout and greater civic engagement among residents, particularly youth, leading to stronger representation and advocacy for community needs.
* **Economic Upliftment:** Creation of new jobs and businesses, increased household incomes, and improved food security through vocational training and microfinance initiatives.

**Long-Term Impact**

* **Social Equality:** A reduction in social and economic disparities, leading to a more equitable and inclusive community in Turkana.
* **Sustainable Development:** Long-term economic growth and development driven by a more educated, healthier, and economically empowered population.
* **Strengthened Democracy:** A more engaged and informed citizenry, contributing to the strengthening of democratic values and governance in Turkana.

Our initiatives are designed to create a ripple effect, where initial improvements lead to broader social and economic benefits. By addressing the root causes of inequality and promoting inclusive development, we aim to build a resilient and thriving Turkana County.

**Business plan**

**Budget**

The total budget for the five-year plan is €25,000,000, allocated as follows:

* **Education Enhancement:** €8,000,000
* **Healthcare Improvement:** €7,000,000
* **Civic Engagement and Empowerment:** €5,000,000
* **Economic Empowerment:** €4,000,000
* **Monitoring and Evaluation:** €1,000,000

**Deliverables**

* **Year 1:** Launch of mobile health clinics and initial educational support programs; voter education campaigns.
* **Year 2:** Expansion of healthcare services and vocational training programs; completion of school infrastructure projects.
* **Year 3:** Full implementation of all programs; launch of microfinance initiatives.
* **Year 4:** Continued support for all initiatives; increased focus on community engagement and sustainability.
* **Year 5:** Final evaluation, documentation of results, and transition to community-led management.