

USAID Tujenge Jamii Project

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

PROJECT PROFILE



Our Work

USAID Tujenge Jamii Project (UTJ) is a five-year (2021-2026) USAID-funded project supporting HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment, Maternal Child Health, Reproductive Health, WASH and Nutrition services in Nakuru. Our activities are structured with a purpose of increasing the use of quality county-led, county-owned and county-managed health and social services. The project objectives are to:

- 1 Increase access and demand for quality HIV prevention services.
- 2 Increase access and demand for quality HIV treatment services.
- 3 Increase access and demand for quality FP/RMNCAH, nutrition, and WASH services.
- 4 Strengthen capacity of county health systems, local partners, and communities to deliver quality health services.

WASH Objectives

According to the Nakuru County Sanitation Plan (2019), 41.6% of the population uses improved sanitation facilities, and 53.6% uses unimproved or shared. Currently, the county has 56% of its villages unclaimed and only 32% certified as open defecation-free. High open defecation rates in a community have been linked to diarrhoea diseases among under 5, an infestation of helminths and in the long run, stunting in children. Stunting has long-term effects on individuals and societies, including poor cognitive and educational performance, low adult wages, lost productivity and, when accompanied by excessive weight gain later in childhood, an increased risk of nutrition-related chronic diseases in adult life. The overall objective WASH interventions is to eradicate illness related to poor WASH with specific interventions including:

- Supporting Community-led Led Total sanitation activities to eradicate Open defecation in Nakuru County.
- Increasing access to improved sanitation facilities among the

rural communities of Nakuru County. USAID Tujenge Jamii is building the capacity of WASH service providers for the delivery of quality sustainable WASH services and increasing

access to basic and safely managed water services among rural households.

- The project is strengthening WASH services in institutions schools and health facilities.

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Some key achievements since April 2021 include:

- Declared villages open defecation-free (ODF).
- Trained healthcare workers on the implementation of improved sanitation methods.
- Supported public primary schools with rainwater harvesting systems.
- Formed and strengthened school health clubs.
- The communities gaining access to improved sanitation facilities and basic drinking water services.
- Installation of SATO products in rural communities

DURATION
2021-2026

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS
Nakuru County

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS
Deloitte and Touche LLP
Goldstar Kenya
County Department of Health



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