



## **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

### **EDUCATION AND ICT COMMITTEE**

#### **Background**

The Committee handles all matters relating to devolved education systems and training; Information Communications Technology (ICT) development at the county level. This involves the review of current Bills before National Assembly, Senate and County Assemblies relating to the above matters; review of national policies relating to education and ICT; research on international best practices for ICT development and innovation.

#### **Current County Education Challenges**

- a) Under-funding of the devolved education functions leaving counties to strain in the provision of effective education system.
- b) Huddles in transition process of personnel deemed to have been seconded to the county governments performing devolved education functions.
- c) Slow alignment of the existing National Policies on Education to

- conform to the devolved system of governance i.e the ECD policy.
- d) Slow pace of development of legislative frameworks by county governments to implement the devolved education functions.
- e) Challenges in inter-governmental cooperation to amend the existing legislation that is conforming to devolved system of government.



*Pupils in class. Kisumu County is partnering with Plan International to build ECDs. [Photo: Kid Education]*

#### **Opportunities**

The committee offers a platform for consultation, sharing of best practices, experience, and learning through capacity building opportunities for counties. This occurs amongst governors, deputy governors, county executive members, national government, development partners and other critical stakeholders in the education sector.

## Resources

The committee develops and maintains a variety of resources on Education and ICT issues including:-

- Provision of technical assessment of all the national policies and legislation to ensure counties' interests are provided for.
- Facilitation of inter-county consultative meetings on the devolved education functions.
- Development of position papers showcasing success stories of various counties for the purpose of improving the quality of education sector in the counties.



Moyeni ECD centre in Kinango Kwale County

## Our Approach

The committee functions through:-

- a) Inter-county forums to enhance coordination of the devolved education functions in the counties.

- b) Intergovernmental forum to enhance deliberations on cross-county education issues arising between the National and County Governments.
- c) Stakeholders engagements to enhance counties capacity in the devolved education functions



Ongoing Construction of proposed Koitaleel University in Nandi County

## Our Impact

- a) The committee has managed to review existing legislation such as the Basic Education Act and submitted its views to the National Assembly for considerations.
- b) The committee is also taking part in the review of the ECD policy to align it to the devolved system of governance.