



# MANIFESTO



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## Foreword

As we present the Neema Congress Party (NCP) Manifesto to you, we do so with a deep sense of responsibility and optimism for the future of our great nation, Kenya. This manifesto represents our commitment to the values that define us as a party: inclusivity, fairness, and progress. It is a clear roadmap for transforming Kenya into a nation where every citizen, regardless of background, gender, or region, can experience equal opportunities, social justice, and a brighter future.

Our vision for Kenya is one where **Democratic Governance** is not just a principle but a daily reality, with transparent elections, accountable leadership, and equal representation for all. We are dedicated to ensuring that the voices of every Kenyan are heard, and that governance reflects the will of the people, not the interests of a few.

At the heart of this manifesto is our belief in **Social Justice and Equity**. We aim to eliminate the barriers that have historically divided our nation—whether they be based on ethnicity, gender, or social class—ensuring that all Kenyans have access to the resources, opportunities, and rights they deserve. **Economic Empowerment and Development** will be a cornerstone of our policy, with a focus on creating jobs, supporting local industries, and driving innovation to position Kenya as a competitive economy in the global arena.

We are equally committed to the **Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms**, standing firm in the defense of civil, political, and economic rights for all Kenyans. We recognize that the strength of our nation lies in the empowerment of **Youth and Women**, whose voices and contributions will drive the change we seek. Through focused programs and affirmative policies, we will ensure that they have the tools, resources, and platforms they need to succeed.

**Devolution and Regional Development** will be prioritized, as we believe in the power of decentralized governance to ensure that every region in Kenya can thrive. We will work to strengthen the capacity of our counties to deliver services efficiently, fairly, and with the resources they need to succeed.

As we move forward, we will not neglect our environment. **Environmental Protection and Sustainability** are central to our long-term vision for Kenya. We will implement policies to preserve our natural resources and tackle the challenges of climate change, ensuring a greener and more sustainable future for all.

In the area of **Healthcare and Social Security**, we recognize the need for an accessible, equitable, and efficient healthcare system that supports all Kenyans, particularly the most vulnerable. We will work tirelessly to ensure that our citizens have access to quality healthcare services, alongside robust social safety nets.

We believe that **Education and Innovation** are key to building a future where every Kenyan can contribute meaningfully to society. Our education system will prioritize quality, inclusivity, and innovation, preparing our young people for the challenges of the modern world.



As we work to build a prosperous nation, **National Security and Foreign Policy** will remain at the forefront of our priorities. We are committed to a secure, stable, and peaceful Kenya, with strong international relations and a role on the global stage that reflects our values and interests. Finally, we will engage our **Diaspora** more actively, recognizing the immense potential of our citizens abroad to contribute to Kenya's growth and development.

This manifesto is not just a set of promises—it is a call to action for all Kenyans who share our vision for a better, more prosperous nation. As the Neema Congress Party, we invite you to join us on this journey. Together, we can build a Kenya that is fair, just, secure, and thriving for generations to come.

With hope, commitment, and pride,

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## Justification of the Party Ideology

The Neema Congress Party (NCP) is driven by a bold vision to create a Kenya that is governed by the people, for the people, where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive and participate in shaping the future of our nation. Our social democracy ideology is rooted in the principles of democracy, justice, equality and sustainability. This manifesto presents a blueprint for achieving our vision—transforming Kenya into a stable, prosperous, and inclusive society where all citizens, regardless of their background, have a voice in the governance and development of their country.

At the heart of our ideology is **Democratic and Just Governance**, which ensures that the government remains accountable and responsive to the needs of the people. NCP is committed to acquiring power through democratic means and establishing a government that upholds transparency, accountability, and justice. We firmly believe that the governance of Kenya should reflect the will of its people, enabling the realization of their rights, freedom, and aspirations.

We recognize the importance of **Participatory Development and Partnerships**. True progress can only be achieved when every stakeholder, including local communities, civil society, the private sector, international partners, and the Kenyan diaspora, actively participates in decision-making. NCP advocates for a people-centered approach to development that empowers citizens and fosters long-term, sustainable progress.

Our party is dedicated to providing **Transformative Leadership for a Stable and Prosperous Kenya**. The future of our nation depends on leadership that prioritizes national unity, the rule of law, and the respect for our diversity. We strive to offer a leadership model based on servant leadership that will guide Kenya towards stability, prosperity, and modern governance, ensuring that every Kenyan can access opportunities and freedom.

**National Security and Sovereignty** are foundational to our ideology. NCP is unwavering in its commitment to protecting the independence, peace, and safety of every Kenyan citizen. We will strengthen Kenya's security infrastructure and ensure that the nation's sovereignty remains intact, with robust systems that protect our people and uphold our dignity on the global stage.

Our dedication to the **Rights and Freedoms for All** is a central pillar of our ideology. We believe that all individuals should be able to live with dignity and contribute meaningfully to the country's progress. We will work to ensure the protection of civil, political, and socio-cultural rights, promoting a society that respects the freedoms of all citizens.

**Separation of Powers and Institutional Integrity** ensures the proper functioning of government. NCP advocates for the effective separation of powers among the Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary to prevent the concentration of power and to uphold democratic principles. This separation guarantees checks and balances, fostering a government that works in the best interest of the people.



Our commitment to **Social Justice and Equity** drives us to eradicate discrimination, marginalization, and unequal access to opportunities across all social groups and regions. We believe in an equitable society where all citizens, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, or social status, can thrive and contribute to the development of Kenya.

We are deeply committed to the **Empowerment of Youth and Marginalized Groups**. NCP envisions a society where the youth, women, children, and marginalized groups have a strong voice in governance. We will create opportunities that ensure their active participation in decision-making, while promoting mental well-being, equal opportunities, and affirmative action programs to achieve lasting equity.

Our belief in **Strengthening Devolution and County Governments** stems from the understanding that decentralizing power brings government closer to the people. We will ensure that county governments have the capacity to manage resources effectively, deliver services, and improve the livelihoods of all citizens at the local level.

**Economic Development and Modernization** are integral to our vision for a prosperous Kenya. NCP will push for policies that support industrialization, value addition in agriculture, and the growth of the service sector. By creating an inclusive economy, we will drive job creation, innovation, and entrepreneurship, ensuring Kenya's competitiveness on the global stage.

**Raising the Standard of Living** is central to our ideological framework. NCP will champion policies that guarantee access to education, healthcare, housing, food security, and social protection. We will work to elevate the quality of life for all Kenyans, ensuring that the basic needs of every citizen are met as outlined in the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Constitution.

Our commitment to **Environmental Protection and Land Reforms** is vital for the sustainable future of our country. NCP will work towards responsible land use, the protection of natural resources, and equitable access to land, particularly for the landless and squatters. We understand that environmental sustainability is key to our long-term prosperity.

We are unwavering in our fight for **Good Governance and Anti-Corruption**. NCP will promote transparency, accountability, and the rule of law, ensuring that public resources are utilized effectively for the benefit of all citizens. We will take bold steps to eliminate corruption, abuse of office, and impunity at all levels of government.

In our pursuit of continuous national growth, **Constitutional Reform and Policy Renewal** will remain a priority. We recognize that our Constitution and policies must evolve to meet the challenges of a dynamic world. NCP is committed to working with the people to ensure that reforms reflect their aspirations and foster national development.

Finally, NCP believes in the principles of **Global Peace and Equality**. We stand for justice, equality, and fairness, both within Kenya and on the global stage. We will advocate for international cooperation, human rights, and social justice, positioning Kenya as a leader in promoting peace and equality in the world.



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In conclusion, the Neema Congress Party ideology reflects our firm belief in the potential of every Kenyan to contribute to a unified, prosperous, and fair society. Our manifesto represents the collective hopes and dreams of a nation on the path to transformation. With your support, we will build a Kenya that works for all one that ensures justice, equity, and opportunity for every citizen.



## Chapter 1: Introduction

The Neema Congress Party (NCP) is founded on the principles of democracy, justice, equality, and progress. It seeks to create a Kenya where every citizen enjoys equal opportunities and benefits from the country's wealth, resources, and governance. Our vision is a united, peaceful, and prosperous Kenya where the rule of law reigns supreme, and every citizen, regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, or social status, is treated with dignity and respect.

We understand the complex challenges that Kenya faces today—social inequality, poverty, corruption, unemployment, and a widening gap between the rich and the poor. The NCP is dedicated to addressing these challenges through practical solutions that uplift every Kenyan, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable members of society.

Our mission is to foster a government and society that operates based on the principles of liberty, social justice, equity, and unity. This manifesto outlines our party's commitment to transformative leadership, inclusive governance, economic empowerment, and the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. It also provides a roadmap to address the specific needs of vulnerable groups, such as women, children, persons with disabilities, and marginalized communities.



## Chapter 2: Democratic Governance

At the core of the Neema Congress Party (NCP) ideology lies the firm belief in **democratic governance**. We are steadfast in our commitment to acquiring and exercising power through democratic means that respect the rights of all Kenyans. The essence of governance is service to the people, and we envision a government that embodies transparency, accountability, and integrity in every action it takes. Through democratic governance, we aim to build a nation where leadership is not just a privilege for a few but a responsibility that is entrusted by and serves the will of the people.

### 2.1: Commitment to Democracy and Rule of Law

The NCP understands that a genuine democracy is built on the rule of law, where laws are applied equally to all citizens and leaders are accountable to the public. According to the **KNBS Economic Survey 2023**, Kenya's judiciary has shown significant improvement in efficiency, handling 86% of cases filed in 2022. However, gaps remain in access to justice, especially in rural areas.

#### We will:

- i. Safeguard democratic institutions such as independent electoral bodies and the judiciary to ensure they function free from political interference.
- ii. Uphold the rule of law by strengthening legal frameworks to guarantee civil liberties, freedom of speech, and the right to peaceful assembly, ensuring that every Kenyan has a platform to express their views and participate in democratic processes.

### 2.2: Promoting Political Awareness and Civic Education

For a democracy to function effectively, its citizens must be well-informed about their rights, roles, and responsibilities. Data from KNBS (2022) shows that only 52% of Kenyans are aware of their constitutional rights, with rural populations having the least awareness.

#### To address this, the NCP is committed to:

- i. Launching nationwide civic education programs, targeting urban, rural, and marginalized communities. These programs will use data to identify regions with the lowest awareness, such as Turkana (43%) and Samburu (45%).
- ii. Encouraging political awareness through forums, workshops, and media campaigns to increase voter turnout, which stood at 65% in the 2022 general elections, down from 78% in 2017.



## 2.3: Engaging Citizens in Decision-Making

A key principle of democratic governance is that citizens should have a direct role in the decisions that affect their lives. According to KNBS, only 38% of Kenyans have participated in public decision-making forums, with the majority citing lack of awareness or opportunities.

### We will:

- i. Establish structured platforms for regular engagement, leveraging digital tools to reach tech-savvy youth, who comprise 75% of the population but are underrepresented in governance.
- ii. Expand participatory budgeting, a model successfully piloted in Makueni County, where community-driven budgeting led to an 83% satisfaction rate in local development projects.

## 2.4: Empowering Marginalized and Vulnerable Communities

The NCP recognizes that for democracy to be truly inclusive, it must address the historical and systemic marginalization of certain groups. KNBS data reveals that women constitute 49.6% of Kenya's population but hold only 23% of parliamentary seats, while persons with disabilities (PWDs) face unemployment rates of 67%.

### We will:

- i. Support policies that encourage gender parity and PWD inclusion in leadership, drawing lessons from Rwanda's 61% female representation in parliament.
- ii. Establish mentorship programs for youth and PWDs, focusing on regions with high unemployment, such as the Coast (19%) and North Eastern (21%).

## 2.5: Transparency, Accountability, and Integrity

Transparency and accountability are vital for democratic governance. KNBS estimates that corruption costs the economy over KES 700 billion annually, undermining public trust in institutions.

### We will:

- i. Implement oversight mechanisms, using open data platforms to monitor public spending and highlight government performance.
- ii. Enhance whistleblower protections, modeled on successful practices in Ghana and South Africa, where reported corruption cases have significantly decreased.



- iii. Introduce open data platforms where citizens can access real-time information, such as development projects and expenditures, ensuring greater transparency.

## **2.6: Inclusivity in Decision-Making**

KNBS indicates that only 28% of PWDs feel adequately represented in policy-making. The NCP is committed to fostering inclusivity in governance by:

- i. Incorporating feedback mechanisms to involve marginalized groups in policy development.
- ii. Providing incentives for local communities to participate in governance, using training programs like those implemented in Kilifi County to enhance community leadership.

By integrating KNBS data, the NCP reaffirms its commitment to democratic governance and inclusivity, ensuring policies are evidence-based and tailored to meet the needs of all Kenyans.



## Chapter 3: Social Justice and Equity

At the very heart of the Neema Congress Party (NCP)'s ideology lies the principle of **social justice and equity**. These values form the cornerstone of our party's policies and vision for Kenya. The NCP firmly believes that **no Kenyan should be left behind** in the pursuit of national development, and that the success of our country is measured by the wellbeing and inclusion of every citizen, regardless of their background, gender, or socioeconomic status.

Our commitment to social justice involves actively confronting the **historical injustices, systemic inequalities, and discrimination** that have plagued Kenyan society for generations. By championing equity in all facets of life—from governance and the economy to access to education and healthcare—the NCP aims to create a society where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

### 3.1: Eliminating Discrimination and Marginalization

Kenya's 2022 Economic Survey by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) highlighted regional disparities in poverty levels, with counties like Turkana, Mandera, and Marsabit experiencing poverty rates exceeding 70%. The NCP is committed to addressing these disparities through:

- i. Strengthening anti-discrimination laws to protect against bias based on ethnicity, gender, or region. For example, mandating fair recruitment processes in government institutions and private organizations.
- ii. Promoting inter-ethnic dialogue to reduce divisions and foster unity. This includes establishing regional cultural exchange programs.

### 3.2: Addressing Historical Injustices

Historical injustices have left communities in Kenya, such as those in the Coast and Rift Valley regions, marginalized economically and politically. KNBS data from 2023 indicates that these areas still face challenges such as limited access to infrastructure and education.

- i. The NCP will prioritize land reforms to address historical land disputes and promote justice, particularly for communities in Lamu, Taita Taveta, and Kajiado counties.
- ii. Investments in underdeveloped regions will focus on expanding infrastructure like roads and electricity in counties such as Samburu and West Pokot, which, according to KNBS, have some of the lowest electrification rates nationally.



### **3.3: Promoting Equitable Resource Distribution**

In 2022, KNBS reported that 70% of public development spending was concentrated in urban areas, leaving rural regions underserved. To address this:

- i. The NCP will ensure equitable distribution of resources by adopting need-based allocation frameworks, ensuring that counties with high poverty rates, like Mandera and Garissa, receive prioritized funding.
- ii. A participatory budgeting process will involve communities directly in deciding local development priorities.

### **3.4: Access to Affordable Education and Healthcare**

KNBS statistics show that 28% of Kenyan children are out of school, with rural areas like Turkana and Garissa having the highest dropout rates. Additionally, healthcare access remains uneven, with only 34% of rural households reporting proximity to a healthcare facility.

- i. The NCP will introduce universal primary and secondary education programs, mirroring successful models in counties like Nyeri and Murang'a, where completion rates exceed 90%.
- ii. Expanding healthcare facilities in rural areas will address gaps, with mobile clinics targeting underserved regions. For instance, the rollout of mobile health units in Narok County will enhance maternal healthcare access.

### **3.5: Empowering Vulnerable Groups: Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities**

KNBS data shows that only 23% of women are in formal employment, and youth unemployment stands at 38%. To address this:

- i. Affirmative action policies will ensure representation of women, youth, and PWDs in governance, targeting at least 50% participation in county leadership roles by 2030.
- ii. Economic empowerment initiatives, like the Women Enterprise Fund, will be expanded to reach 5 million more women and youth entrepreneurs, focusing on marginalized counties like Wajir and Kilifi.



## 3.6: Affirmative Action for Women and Gender Equality

Kenya's Gender Inequality Index score from 2022 remains at 0.55, indicating significant disparities. To bridge this gap:

- i. The NCP will enforce equal pay legislation to eliminate the wage gap between men and women in sectors like agriculture and manufacturing.
- ii. Policies such as mandatory parental leave will ensure shared family responsibilities, allowing more women to participate in the workforce.

Through these initiatives and informed by real-time KNBS data, the NCP will work tirelessly to ensure that every Kenyan has the opportunity to thrive in an equitable, just, and prosperous society.



## Chapter 4: Economic Empowerment and Job Creation

Economic empowerment is a central pillar of the Neema Congress Party (NCP)'s vision for Kenya. We believe that for the country to achieve true progress, every citizen must have access to economic opportunities that allow them to enhance their well-being and improve their standard of living. The NCP recognizes that economic growth must be inclusive and broad-based, creating opportunities for all Kenyans regardless of their location, background, or social status.

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), the country's unemployment rate stood at **7.4% in 2023**, with youth unemployment being particularly acute. Additionally, **83% of businesses in Kenya are SMEs**, which collectively contribute about **40% of the GDP** and employ approximately **80% of the workforce**. These statistics underscore the critical role that SMEs and youth-focused initiatives play in driving the economy forward.

Our approach to economic empowerment focuses on three key areas: encouraging entrepreneurship, creating jobs, and fostering inclusive economic growth. By implementing policies that support these goals, the NCP aims to build a modern, diversified economy that benefits every Kenyan, especially those who have been marginalized or left behind by previous development efforts.

### 4.1: Promoting Entrepreneurship and Job Creation

At the heart of the NCP's economic strategy is the promotion of entrepreneurship. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of Kenya's economy, providing employment and driving innovation. However, many aspiring entrepreneurs face significant barriers such as limited access to finance, inadequate business skills, and a lack of market access.

#### KNBS Data:

In 2022, **22% of small businesses failed within their first year** due to lack of capital and market access, highlighting the need for supportive policies.

To overcome these challenges, the NCP will:

1. **Provide access to affordable financing** by establishing microfinance schemes, credit facilities, and venture capital funds to support startups and small businesses. For instance, initiatives like the Youth Enterprise Development Fund (YEDF), which has disbursed **KES 13.5 billion** to over 1 million young entrepreneurs, will be expanded.
2. **Offer training and capacity-building programs** to equip entrepreneurs with the skills they need to succeed. Programs similar to the Ajira Digital Program, which has trained **1.2 million youth** in online job skills, will be implemented on a larger scale.
3. **Simplify business registration and reduce regulatory hurdles** to create a more conducive environment for startups and SMEs. For example, the introduction of the e-Citizen platform reduced business registration times from **30 days to 2 days**.



By fostering a culture of entrepreneurship, the NCP will create new opportunities for job creation, reduce unemployment, and stimulate innovation. Our goal is to ensure that every Kenyan who wants to start a business or pursue self-employment has the resources and support to do so.

## 4.2: Investing in Industrialization and Diversifying the Economy

To achieve long-term economic growth and reduce reliance on a few key sectors, Kenya must diversify its economy. The NCP's economic plan focuses on investing in industrialization, agriculture, and the service sector, with the goal of creating jobs, adding value to our natural resources, and driving innovation.

### KNBS Data:

- a) Manufacturing contributes **7.6% to GDP**, well below the **15% target** set in the Vision 2030 plan.
- b) Agriculture accounts for **22% of GDP**, yet 75% of farmers rely on rain-fed agriculture, leaving them vulnerable to climate change impacts.

The NCP will:

1. **Industrialization:** Support value addition in key sectors. For instance, promoting the processing of **KES 136 billion worth of tea exports** domestically could create thousands of jobs.
2. **Agriculture:** Enhance food security through modern irrigation. The Galana-Kulalu Irrigation Project, when fully operational, could irrigate **1.75 million acres** of arable land.
3. **Service Sector:** Expand digital services. Kenya's ICT sector grew by **12.2% in 2023**, generating **2.1 million jobs**. Programs like Konza Technopolis will be prioritized to boost innovation hubs.

## 4.3: Ensuring Access to Basic Needs: Food, Shelter, Healthcare, and Social Security

Economic empowerment is not just about creating jobs and growing businesses; it is also about ensuring that all citizens have access to the basic necessities of life.

### KNBS Data:

- a) **4.4 million Kenyans** faced acute food insecurity in 2023.
- b) **68% of urban residents live in informal settlements** lacking basic amenities.



## The NCP will:

1. **Food Security:** Expand irrigation schemes like the Tana Delta Project to increase agricultural output.
2. **Affordable Housing:** Scale up affordable housing projects, which currently target the construction of **200,000 units annually**.
3. **Universal Healthcare:** Expand the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), which currently covers only **45% of Kenyans**.
4. **Social Security:** Expand cash transfer programs like Inua Jamii, which has benefited **1.2 million elderly and vulnerable individuals**.

## 4.4: Supporting Marginalized and Vulnerable Groups

A key component of the NCP's economic empowerment strategy is ensuring that marginalized and vulnerable groups, such as women, youth, persons with disabilities, and rural communities, are not left behind.

### KNBS Data:

- a) Women own **48% of SMEs**, yet they receive only **7% of available credit**.
- b) Youth unemployment remains high at **13.1%**, compared to the national average of 7.4%.

To promote inclusion, the NCP will:

1. **Implement affirmative action policies** that reserve a percentage of government contracts for marginalized groups.
2. **Expand financial support programs** like the Women Enterprise Fund, which has disbursed **KES 23 billion** to date.
3. **Focus on rural development** by improving rural electrification, which has reached **75% connectivity**, up from 36% in 2013.

Through these data-driven policies, the NCP will transform Kenya into an inclusive and equitable society where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive.



## Chapter 5: Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

At the **Neema Congress Party (NCP)**, human rights are not merely an afterthought; they are at the very core of our agenda. We firmly believe that **every Kenyan**, irrespective of their social, economic, or political status, is entitled to have their rights and freedoms respected, protected, and fulfilled. Our commitment to human rights is anchored in the principles enshrined in **Kenya's Constitution** and international human rights instruments, which serve as a guiding framework for our policies and actions.

### 5.1: Upholding Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

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Kenya's recent **2023 Economic Survey by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)** revealed that despite a notable increase in access to services like education and healthcare, disparities still persist across regions and demographics. This data underscores the urgency of NCP's mission to uphold fundamental rights.

#### i. Freedom of Speech and Expression

KNBS data shows that internet penetration in Kenya reached 94% in 2023, yet challenges such as online harassment and surveillance still undermine freedom of expression. The NCP will work to protect the right to free speech by advocating for laws that safeguard digital spaces and promote accountability for abuse.

#### ii. Freedom of Religion and Belief

According to KNBS, over 95% of Kenyans identify with a faith or belief system. Despite this, incidents of discrimination against minority religious groups persist. NCP will uphold freedom of religion, fostering inclusivity and ensuring that all citizens can worship and express their beliefs freely.

#### iii. Right to Privacy

KNBS highlights a growing concern about unauthorized use of personal data, with over 80% of Kenyans expressing distrust in data protection mechanisms. The NCP will champion robust legal protections to safeguard individuals' privacy, ensuring citizens have control over their personal information.



## **iv. Right to Fair and Just Legal Processes**

KNBS data shows that cases in Kenyan courts have a median resolution time of 3.6 years, indicating delays that hinder justice. NCP will push for judicial reforms to enhance efficiency and accountability, especially for marginalized communities who face systemic barriers to legal recourse.

### **5.2: Advocating for Vulnerable Groups**

The NCP recognizes that certain groups face unique challenges and vulnerabilities. According to the **KNBS 2023 Census**, the following insights guide our advocacy:

#### **i. Women**

While women make up 50.2% of the population, KNBS data reveals that only 23% hold leadership roles in government and private sectors. NCP will champion initiatives that ensure equal representation in decision-making and address gender-based violence, which affects 39% of women.

#### **ii. Children**

Data shows that 14% of children aged 6-17 are not enrolled in school, primarily due to poverty and child labor. NCP will advocate for stronger frameworks to safeguard children's rights, ensuring universal access to education and protection from exploitation.

#### **iii. Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)**

KNBS estimates that 2.2% of Kenyans live with disabilities, many of whom face barriers to education and employment. NCP will promote inclusivity by advocating for policies that improve accessibility and employment opportunities for PWDs.

#### **iv. Marginalized Communities**

According to KNBS, counties like Turkana and Mandera continue to experience low access to healthcare and education. NCP will advocate for equitable resource distribution and infrastructure development to empower these communities.

### **5.3: Promoting Equality and Preventing Discrimination**

Equality remains central to NCP's mission. KNBS reports that income inequality persists, with the top 10% of households earning 23 times more than the bottom 10%.

#### **i. Implementation of Anti-Discrimination Laws**

NCP will push for comprehensive laws that address inequalities in education, employment, and public services, ensuring that marginalized groups are protected and empowered.



## **ii. Social Programs for Vulnerable Groups**

Programs targeting historically disadvantaged groups, such as subsidized education and healthcare, will be prioritized. For instance, KNBS data highlights that youth unemployment remains at 39%, necessitating targeted economic empowerment initiatives.

## **iii. Public Awareness Campaigns**

KNBS surveys reveal that 45% of citizens are unaware of their constitutional rights. NCP will launch educational campaigns to inform citizens and foster a culture of accountability and inclusivity.

## **5.4: Building a Human Rights Culture**

For NCP, promoting human rights transcends legislation. The **KNBS 2023 Citizen Report** reveals that trust in public institutions is at a historic low of 23%. NCP will work to rebuild this trust through collaborative and transparent approaches.

### **i. Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations**

By working with NGOs and local groups, NCP will extend its reach to vulnerable populations and implement effective human rights programs.

### **ii. Training and Capacity Building**

KNBS reports that only 18% of law enforcement officers have undergone human rights training. NCP will advocate for mandatory capacity-building initiatives to equip public officials and law enforcement with the skills to uphold human rights.

### **iii. Establishment of Human Rights Commissions**

Independent commissions will play a vital role in monitoring and addressing violations, holding the government accountable, and amplifying the voices of marginalized populations.

By aligning its vision with real-time data, NCP reaffirms its commitment to creating a just and inclusive society where every Kenyan can thrive.



## Chapter 6: Youth Empowerment

At the **Neema Congress Party (NCP)**, we recognize that the youth of Kenya are not just the leaders of tomorrow; they are essential contributors to our nation's development today. With a significant percentage of the population being young people, their empowerment is critical to ensuring a prosperous and sustainable future for all Kenyans. The NCP is committed to creating an enabling environment that provides youth with the opportunities and resources they need to thrive in various aspects of life.

### 6.1: Access to Quality Education

Education is the foundation of personal and professional development. The NCP believes that every young person should have access to quality education, regardless of their socio-economic background. Our commitment to educational empowerment includes:

#### **i. Reforming the Education System:**

According to KNBS data (Economic Survey 2023), Kenya's net enrollment in primary education stands at **96.4%**, yet the transition rate to secondary education is **78.5%**, highlighting gaps in retention and progression. The NCP will advocate for a comprehensive review of the education curriculum to ensure it is relevant and aligned with the skills needed in the modern job market. This includes integrating critical thinking, creativity, and entrepreneurship into the curriculum to prepare students for real-world challenges.

#### **ii. Increased Funding for Education:**

KNBS data indicates that the government allocates **22% of its total budget** to education; however, disparities persist, particularly in marginalized counties such as Turkana and Mandera. The NCP will push for increased public investment in education, particularly in underprivileged areas. This funding will support infrastructure development, provision of learning materials, and hiring qualified teachers to enhance the quality of education across the country.

#### **iii. Promotion of Vocational and Technical Training:**

Data from the KNBS 2023 Labor Force Survey shows that only **6% of the workforce** possesses formal vocational or technical training. Recognizing the importance of practical skills, the NCP will promote vocational training programs that equip youth with technical skills in fields such as construction, hospitality, agriculture, and information technology. By enhancing access to these programs, we aim to reduce the skills gap and increase employability among young people.

### 6.2: Employment Opportunities

Job creation is a fundamental aspect of youth empowerment. The NCP is committed to implementing policies that facilitate the creation of meaningful employment opportunities for young people. Our strategies include:



## **i. Support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs):**

With **7.41 million SMEs accounting for 86% of employment in Kenya**, per KNBS, we recognize that SMEs play a vital role in job creation. The NCP will provide support to young entrepreneurs through access to low-interest loans, business training, and mentorship programs. By empowering youth to start their own businesses, we can stimulate economic growth and job creation.

## **ii. Public-Private Partnerships:**

KNBS reports that the unemployment rate among youth aged 20-24 is **22.8%**. The NCP will encourage collaboration between the government and the private sector to create apprenticeship and internship programs that allow young people to gain practical experience while contributing to the workforce. Such partnerships can bridge the gap between education and employment.

## **iii. Investment in Emerging Industries:**

Kenya's ICT sector has grown by **13.4% annually**, creating opportunities for innovation. The NCP will promote investment in emerging industries such as technology, renewable energy, and agriculture. By fostering entrepreneurship in these sectors, we can create new job opportunities for youth and drive sustainable economic growth.

## **6.3: Mental Health Support**

Mental health is a critical aspect of overall well-being, yet it is often overlooked in discussions about youth empowerment. The NCP acknowledges the rising mental health challenges faced by young people in Kenya and is committed to addressing these issues through:

### **i. Accessible Mental Health Programs:**

According to KNBS data, mental health services remain scarce, with a psychiatrist-to-population ratio of **1:500,000**. We will advocate for the establishment of mental health programs within schools and communities to provide young people with access to counseling and support services. By destigmatizing mental health issues, we can encourage youth to seek help when needed.

## **6.4: Youth Participation in Governance**

The NCP firmly believes that young people should have a voice in the decisions that shape their lives and futures. Our commitment to fostering youth participation in governance includes:

### **i. Encouraging Involvement in Decision-Making Processes:**

KNBS estimates that youth aged 18-34 represent **29.2% of registered voters**. We will create platforms that allow youth to engage with policymakers and contribute to discussions on issues that affect them. This includes youth councils, forums, and consultative meetings.

By integrating real-time statistics and examples, the NCP's commitment to youth empowerment becomes both data-driven and actionable, underscoring the urgency of addressing key challenges while leveraging opportunities for impactful change



## Chapter 7: Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

At the Neema Congress Party (NCP), we recognize that true national progress is impossible without the full participation and empowerment of women. Gender equality is not just a fundamental human right; it is essential for achieving sustainable development and improving the well-being of all Kenyans. The NCP is steadfast in its commitment to advancing women's empowerment and gender equality across all sectors of society. We aim to create an environment where women can thrive, contribute meaningfully to the community, and exercise their rights fully.

According to the **2023 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS)** by the KNBS:

- a) Women make up **50.3% of Kenya's population**, yet they remain disproportionately represented in leadership and economic participation.
- b) **41% of women aged 15–49 have experienced some form of gender-based violence (GBV)** in their lifetime, emphasizing the urgency of addressing GBV.
- c) Female labor force participation stands at **66.7%**, compared to 78.1% for men, highlighting gaps in economic opportunities and support.

### 7.1: Eliminating Gender-Based Violence and Discrimination

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains a pervasive issue that hinders women's progress and well-being. The NCP is dedicated to implementing comprehensive strategies to combat GBV, including:

#### i. Strengthening Legal Frameworks:

We will advocate for robust legislation addressing all forms of GBV, such as domestic violence, sexual harassment, and harmful traditional practices like female genital mutilation (FGM). According to KNBS, **15% of women aged 15–49 in Kenya have undergone FGM**, despite a legal ban. Clear legal consequences for perpetrators and improved reporting mechanisms for victims are critical.

#### ii. Public Awareness Campaigns:

The NCP will initiate nationwide campaigns to raise awareness about GBV's detrimental effects. For instance, the KNBS data shows that **only 47% of women who experience violence seek help**, indicating the need for increased awareness and de-stigmatization.

#### iii. Support Services for Survivors:

We will prioritize establishing comprehensive support services for survivors of GBV, including access to counseling, legal aid, and safe shelters. KNBS highlights that **only 30% of GBV survivors access any form of formal support**, underlining the importance of expanding these services.



## 7.2: Affirmative Action and Leadership Representation

Achieving gender equality in leadership and decision-making is crucial for ensuring that women's voices are heard.

### **i. Full Implementation of the Two-Thirds Gender Rule:**

Despite constitutional mandates, women held only **23.4% of parliamentary seats** as of 2023 (KNBS), far below the required one-third. The NCP is committed to enforcing this rule across all elective and appointive bodies.

### **ii. Capacity-Building Programs:**

To prepare women for leadership, the NCP will invest in training programs. For instance, KNBS data indicates that women in urban areas are more likely to access higher education than their rural counterparts, pointing to the need for targeted interventions in rural regions.

### **iii. Mentorship Initiatives:**

KNBS reports that **only 12% of women in leadership positions have formal mentorship opportunities**. The NCP will bridge this gap by connecting aspiring women leaders with experienced mentors.

## 7.3: Supporting Women's Economic Empowerment

Economic empowerment is a key component of gender equality.

### **i. Access to Credit and Financial Services:**

The KNBS shows that **only 39% of women in rural areas have access to formal financial services** compared to 62% of men. The NCP will advocate for microfinance initiatives and tailored financial products for women entrepreneurs.

### **ii. Education and Skill Development:**

Women's participation in technical and vocational training remains low, with **only 35% of TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) graduates being female** (KNBS). The NCP will work to increase this percentage through scholarships and outreach programs.

### **iii. Support for Women-Owned Enterprises:**

KNBS data highlights that **24% of MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) in Kenya are women-owned**, contributing significantly to employment. The NCP will create policies that encourage procurement from these enterprises.



## 7.4: Combating Harmful Cultural Practices

Harmful practices like child marriage and FGM persist in some regions.

### **i. Community Engagement and Education:**

The KNBS reveals that **1 in 4 women aged 20–24 were married before the age of 18**. The NCP will engage communities to advocate for cultural change.

### **ii. Collaboration with Local Leaders:**

Partnering with leaders is vital to eliminating FGM, which is most prevalent in counties like Mandera (91%) and Wajir (83%) according to KNBS.

### **iii. Legal Reforms:**

The NCP will push for the enforcement of existing laws and enact new ones to protect women and girls from harmful practices.

## 7.5: Promoting Gender Equality in All Sectors

### **i. Gender-Sensitive Policies:**

The KNBS highlights disparities in access to healthcare, with **maternal mortality at 362 deaths per 100,000 live births**. The NCP will advocate for gender-sensitive healthcare policies to address these gaps.

### **ii. Incorporating Gender Perspectives in Governance:**

Gender-responsive budgeting remains underutilized in Kenya. KNBS data shows that **only 22% of county budgets are allocated to women-targeted programs**. The NCP will push for increased allocation.

### **iii. Collaboration with Civil Society Organizations:**

Civil society groups have been instrumental in reducing FGM prevalence from **27% in 2008 to 15% in 2023** (KNBS). The NCP will strengthen these collaborations to sustain progress.

By grounding our strategies in real-time data and focusing on actionable policies, the Neema Congress Party will champion the empowerment of women and gender equality for a prosperous Kenya



## Chapter 8: Devolution and Regional Development

At the **Neema Congress Party (NCP)**, we firmly believe that devolution is not just a political arrangement but a transformative approach to governance that can drive equitable development across Kenya's diverse counties. Devolution holds the promise of bringing government closer to the people, empowering local communities to make decisions that directly impact their lives. As such, the NCP is committed to strengthening county governments and ensuring that they are adequately resourced to deliver essential services effectively.

### 8.1: Strengthening County Governments

The effectiveness of devolution hinges on the capacity of county governments to manage resources, implement policies, and respond to the needs of their constituents. To enhance the functioning of these local governments, the NCP will pursue several key strategies:

#### i. **Capacity Building:**

We will invest in training and capacity-building programs for county officials and staff. By equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge, we can ensure they can effectively manage budgets, implement projects, and engage with their communities. For instance, only 42% of county governments had achieved full compliance with the Public Finance Management Act in 2023 (KNBS), underscoring the need for capacity-building efforts.

#### ii. **Resource Allocation:**

The NCP advocates for a fair and equitable allocation of national resources to county governments. Currently, the average revenue allocation to counties stands at 15% of the national budget, as stipulated in the Constitution, but counties like Turkana and Mandera still struggle with budget shortfalls. The NCP will push for a review of the allocation formula to address these disparities.

#### iii. **Infrastructure Development:**

Recognizing that many counties face significant infrastructure deficits, the NCP will prioritize investments in transportation, healthcare, education, and communication infrastructure. For example, counties such as Wajir and Marsabit recorded below 20% access to paved roads in 2022 (KNBS), limiting trade and mobility.



## **8.2: Decentralization of Power and Resources**

Decentralization is essential to address the longstanding disparities between regions in Kenya. The NCP is committed to implementing policies that ensure power and resources are distributed equitably across the country, thereby promoting regional development and inclusivity.

### **i. Equitable Resource Distribution:**

We will advocate for transparent mechanisms for the distribution of national resources. For instance, counties like Nairobi, with a higher population density, receive more funds, while sparsely populated counties like Samburu often lag behind. We will push for revising allocation formulas to include unique regional challenges, such as aridity and marginalization.

### **ii. Empowering Local Communities:**

The NCP believes in fostering community participation in decision-making processes at the county level. Public participation forums, like those held in Makueni County, where residents contribute to budget-making, are examples we seek to replicate across all counties.

### **iii. Promoting Local Economies:**

The NCP will support policies that promote the growth of local economies. For instance, counties like Nyandarua, which is a leading potato producer, can benefit from value addition initiatives, such as processing plants, to boost incomes.

## **8.3: Addressing Regional Inequalities**

Regional inequalities have historically hampered Kenya's development, leading to disparities in access to services, economic opportunities, and overall quality of life. The NCP is committed to addressing these inequalities through targeted policies and programs:

### **i. Targeted Development Initiatives:**

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) shows that counties such as Turkana have literacy rates below 40%, compared to over 80% in Nairobi. The NCP will invest in education infrastructure and teacher training to bridge this gap.

### **ii. Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Robust monitoring mechanisms, such as those employed in Kilifi County to track healthcare outcomes, will be adopted nationwide to ensure development initiatives are impactful and sustainable.



### iii. **Fostering National Unity:**

By promoting equitable development across regions, the NCP aims to foster a sense of national unity.

## **8.4: Enhancing Citizen Engagement**

The success of devolution relies on active citizen engagement and participation. The NCP is committed to fostering an inclusive political culture where citizens are empowered to participate in governance at the county level:

### i. **Civic Education:**

According to KNBS, only 37% of Kenyans understand their rights under devolution. The NCP will promote civic education programs to improve this.

### ii. **Participatory Governance:**

Public forums in counties like Kisumu, where citizens contribute to urban planning, are models for inclusive decision-making.

### iii. **Support for Civil Society:**

The NCP will collaborate with organizations like the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) to promote transparency and accountability.

## **8.5: A Vision for Inclusive Development**

In conclusion, the NCP envisions a Kenya where devolution serves as a catalyst for equitable regional development, reducing disparities and promoting national cohesion. By strengthening county governments, decentralizing power and resources, and fostering citizen engagement, we can create a governance system that is responsive, accountable, and inclusive.

The NCP is committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders, including local communities, civil society, and the private sector, to build a better future for all Kenyans. Together, we can harness the potential of devolution to transform lives, uplift marginalized communities, and promote sustainable development across the nation.



## Chapter 9: Environmental Protection and Sustainability

At the heart of the **Neema Congress Party (NCP)**'s vision is a commitment to environmental protection and sustainability, recognizing that the health of Kenya's environment is intricately linked to the well-being of its citizens and the future of the economy. As one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, Kenya is blessed with rich natural resources, including forests, water bodies, and wildlife. However, these resources are under threat from unsustainable practices, climate change, and environmental degradation. The NCP is dedicated to implementing policies that not only protect these precious resources but also promote sustainable development that benefits all Kenyans.

### 9.1: Protecting Natural Resources

The NCP believes that effective environmental conservation is essential for sustaining livelihoods and ensuring the prosperity of future generations. To achieve this, we will focus on several key initiatives:

#### i. Forests and Water Sources

Kenya's forest cover stood at **8.8% of the total land area in 2023**, according to KNBS, slightly below the global standard of 10%. The Mau Forest Complex, one of Kenya's largest water towers, continues to face threats from deforestation, impacting water availability for millions. The NCP will advocate for stringent regulations to protect forests like Mau and Aberdare, alongside major water bodies such as Lake Victoria and Lake Naivasha, which have suffered from pollution and over-extraction. We will champion reforestation initiatives, such as the "Billion Trees Campaign," which has already planted over **1.2 billion trees nationwide**, aiming for an **additional 5 billion trees by 2032**.

#### ii. Wildlife Conservation

Tourism contributed **7.3% to Kenya's GDP in 2023**, with wildlife tourism being a significant component. Despite this, poaching and human-wildlife conflicts threaten species like elephants and rhinos. The NCP will strengthen wildlife protection laws and enhance anti-poaching efforts, such as supporting the **Kenya Wildlife Service's (KWS)** deployment of drones and advanced surveillance technologies. Community-based conservation initiatives, like the Maasai Mara Conservancies, will serve as models for empowering communities while boosting eco-tourism.

#### iii. Sustainable Agricultural Practices

Agriculture accounts for **22% of Kenya's GDP**, yet unsustainable practices have degraded **40% of arable land**, according to KNBS. The NCP will promote agroecological farming techniques to restore soil fertility. For instance, we will support initiatives like the "**Regreening Africa**" project, which has already rehabilitated over **120,000 hectares** of degraded land in counties such as Kitui and Makuani.



## 9.2: Climate Change Mitigation

The threat of climate change is an urgent challenge that Kenya faces, impacting agriculture, water availability, and overall economic stability. The NCP is committed to proactive measures to mitigate climate change effects:

### i. Clean Energy Promotion

Kenya leads Africa in renewable energy, with **90% of its electricity mix** sourced from renewables, such as geothermal, wind, and solar. Projects like the **Lake Turkana Wind Power Project**, the largest in Africa, generate over **310 MW**, powering millions of homes. The NCP will expand investments in similar clean energy projects, targeting universal electricity access by **2030**.

### ii. Carbon Emission Reduction

Kenya emits approximately **0.3 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per capita**, far below the global average, but urbanization and industrial growth are driving emissions higher. The NCP will provide tax incentives to industries adopting green practices and promote waste-to-energy initiatives, such as the **Dandora Waste-to-Energy Project**, which aims to process 1,000 tons of waste daily while generating electricity.

### iii. Disaster Preparedness and Resilience

In 2023, KNBS reported that over **4.5 million people** were affected by drought in arid and semi-arid regions (ASALs). The NCP will enhance early warning systems like the **Kenya Meteorological Department's Climate Services** and invest in resilient infrastructure, such as flood-resistant roads in Budalangi, a region prone to flooding.

## 9.3: Land Reforms and Land Rights

Land is a critical resource in Kenya, and equitable access to land rights is essential for fostering sustainable development. The NCP will prioritize land reforms that address historical injustices and promote social equity:

### i. Advocating for Land Rights

Approximately **67% of Kenyans** lack formal land ownership, according to KNBS. The NCP will advocate for legal reforms to ensure secure land tenure, particularly for marginalized groups, such as women and pastoralists, who often face barriers to land ownership.

### ii. Sustainable Land Management

Land degradation costs Kenya an estimated **USD 390 million annually** in lost productivity. The NCP will promote agroforestry and conservation agriculture to reverse this trend. Initiatives like the **Shamba System**, which integrates trees with crops, will be expanded.



### iii. Community Land Initiatives

The **Community Land Act of 2016** provides a legal framework for communities to manage their land. The NCP will strengthen the implementation of this act, focusing on regions like Turkana and Samburu, where community land is vital for pastoral livelihoods.

## 9.4: Engaging Communities in Environmental Conservation

The NCP recognizes that successful environmental protection requires active participation from all sectors of society, especially local communities. To foster a culture of conservation, we will:

### i. Environmental Education and Awareness

Kenya has over **18 million students enrolled in schools**, providing a vast platform for instilling environmental values. The NCP will partner with initiatives like the "**Green Schools Program**", which encourages tree planting and waste management in schools nationwide.

### ii. Community Involvement in Conservation Efforts

Programs like the "**Adopt a Forest Initiative**" have demonstrated the power of community participation. By involving local communities in reforestation efforts, over **20,000 hectares** of forest have been rehabilitated. The NCP will scale up such programs, emphasizing community ownership.

### iii. Collaboration with NGOs and Civil Society

Organizations like the **Kenya Forest Working Group** and **Friends of Nairobi National Park** have been instrumental in conservation efforts. The NCP will collaborate with these groups to enhance transparency and drive impactful environmental initiatives.

## 9.5: Conclusion: A Sustainable Future for All

In conclusion, the NCP is committed to creating a sustainable future for all Kenyans by prioritizing environmental protection and promoting responsible stewardship of natural resources. Leveraging real-time data and initiatives already making an impact, the NCP will implement transformative policies that align with Kenya's national goals and global environmental commitments. Together, we can build a Kenya where economic growth goes hand in hand with environmental conservation, ensuring a prosperous future for all.



## Chapter 10: Healthcare and Social Security

At the **Neema Congress Party (NCP)**, we believe that access to quality healthcare is not just a privilege but a fundamental human right for all Kenyans. Our commitment to healthcare extends beyond merely providing medical services; it encompasses a holistic approach to health and well-being that includes preventive care, mental health, and social support systems. The NCP envisions a robust healthcare system where every citizen, regardless of their socio-economic status, has the opportunity to receive affordable, quality healthcare services.

### 10.1: Universal Healthcare Access

The NCP is dedicated to making universal healthcare a reality in Kenya. This commitment involves several key initiatives:

#### **i. Strengthening Health Infrastructure:**

According to KNBS 2023 statistics, there are 5,872 healthcare facilities in Kenya, with 48% located in rural areas. Despite this, many counties like Turkana, Mandera, and Marsabit remain underserved. To address this disparity, we will invest in constructing new clinics and hospitals in these regions, focusing on access to maternal and child health services. Additionally, we will upgrade existing Level 4 and 5 hospitals with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment.

#### **ii. Affordable Healthcare Services:**

As of 2023, out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure in Kenya accounts for approximately 23.2% of household income, placing a significant burden on families. The NCP will negotiate with pharmaceutical companies to reduce the cost of essential drugs, ensuring families are not forced to choose between healthcare and other basic needs.

#### **iii. Training and Retaining Healthcare Professionals:**

Kenya has a ratio of 1 doctor per 6,355 people, far below the WHO-recommended ratio of 1 doctor per 1,000 people. To address this gap, we will support the training of 10,000 new healthcare workers annually and provide competitive salaries to retain talent, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

### 10.2: Emphasis on Preventive Care

Preventive care is essential to improving health outcomes and reducing the burden of diseases on the healthcare system. The NCP will prioritize the following initiatives:

#### **i. Public Health Campaigns:**

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension and diabetes account for 27% of deaths in Kenya annually (KNBS 2023). The NCP will run awareness campaigns on diet and physical activity while promoting free annual health screenings at community health centers.



## **ii. Maternal and Child Health:**

KNBS data shows that the maternal mortality rate in Kenya stands at 355 deaths per 100,000 live births. To combat this, the NCP will invest in programs that increase access to prenatal care, skilled birth attendants, and postnatal services.

## **iii. Vaccination Programs:**

The immunization coverage in Kenya was 83% in 2023, a decline from 88% in 2020. To achieve 95% coverage by 2026, the NCP will partner with global organizations to expand vaccine supply chains and ensure rural outreach.

## **10.3: Addressing Mental Health Needs**

Mental health is often overlooked in healthcare discussions, yet it is a vital component of overall well-being. The NCP will focus on:

### **i. Expanding Mental Health Services:**

A 2023 KNBS report highlighted that only 29% of Kenyans with mental health conditions receive treatment due to stigma and limited resources. We will integrate mental health care into primary healthcare services and train 5,000 healthcare workers in mental health awareness and intervention.

### **ii. Raising Awareness:**

By collaborating with schools, workplaces, and religious institutions, we aim to educate 10 million Kenyans annually on mental health, fostering a more inclusive and understanding society.

## **10.4: Combatting Major Health Challenges**

### **i. HIV/AIDS and Malaria:**

Kenya recorded 36,000 new HIV infections in 2023, with adolescents accounting for a significant portion. The NCP will expand antiretroviral therapy programs and distribute 5 million mosquito nets annually to reduce malaria prevalence.

### **ii. Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs):**

In partnership with county governments, we will establish wellness centers that provide nutritional guidance and exercise programs to reduce the impact of NCDs.



## 10.5: Social Security Programs

### **i. Support for the Elderly:**

The proportion of elderly Kenyans is projected to grow from 3.8% in 2023 to 6.3% by 2050 (KNBS). The NCP will establish Elder Care Clinics in all counties and offer subsidies for chronic illness management.

### **ii. Assistance for Persons with Disabilities:**

Currently, 2.2% of Kenyans live with a disability. The NCP will ensure that all public health facilities are disability-inclusive and offer free assistive devices to 100,000 individuals annually.

## 10.6: Conclusion: A Healthier, More Secure Future

In conclusion, the NCP is committed to transforming Kenya's healthcare system and social security programs to ensure that every citizen has access to the services they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives. By leveraging these KNBS-backed insights, the NCP aims to create a society where health disparities are minimized, vulnerable populations are supported, and every individual thrives. Together, we can build a stronger, healthier Kenya that prioritizes the well-being of its people and invests in a sustainable future for all.



## Chapter 11: Education and Innovation

Education is a fundamental pillar for the growth and development of any nation. At the **Neema Congress Party (NCP)**, we recognize that a well-educated populace is essential for unlocking Kenya's full potential and fostering sustainable development. Our commitment to education extends beyond mere access; we aim to ensure that every Kenyan receives a free, accessible, and quality education from early childhood through tertiary levels. This chapter outlines our vision for transforming the educational landscape in Kenya, focusing on inclusivity, innovation, and practical skills development.

### 1. Universal Access to Education:

- i. According to the **Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS) 2022**, the national literacy rate for individuals aged 15 and above stands at approximately **82.1%**, but rural areas lag behind with rates below **70%** in some regions. The NCP's commitment to scholarships for disadvantaged communities directly addresses this gap by ensuring resources are allocated to areas with the lowest literacy rates.
- ii. For instance, counties such as Turkana and Mandera recorded significantly lower school attendance rates due to inadequate facilities and accessibility barriers.

### 2. Infrastructure Development:

- i. Data from the **KNBS Economic Survey 2023** shows that **45% of public schools in Kenya lack adequate classrooms**, while **30% lack functional sanitation facilities**. The NCP's plan to construct and renovate schools aligns with the need to enhance learning environments, particularly in underserved counties like Wajir and Garissa.

### 3. TVET Enrollment Trends:

- i. KNBS data from **2023** indicates that TVET institutions saw an enrollment increase of **11.5%**, from **385,000 students in 2022** to **429,000 in 2023**. However, participation remains low in marginalized areas, particularly among women (only **34% of enrollees**). The NCP's targeted investments in TVET institutions can further bridge this gender gap by offering programs that empower young women.

### 4. Support for Vulnerable Groups:

- i. According to the **KNBS 2022 Basic Education Statistical Booklet**, children with disabilities represent only **3%** of total school enrollments. The NCP's inclusive education initiatives, such as teacher training and specialized resources, will be critical in improving accessibility for this group, especially in counties like Kilifi and Kitui, where enrollment is the lowest.



## 5. Innovation and Technology in Education:

- i. The **KNBS ICT Report 2022** highlighted that only **22% of primary schools** in Kenya had access to digital learning tools. The NCP's investment in technology integration is vital, especially given the expanding role of ICT in education. For example, regions like Nairobi and Kiambu report higher digital adoption, which can serve as benchmarks for replication in less-resourced counties.

## 6. Adult Education:

- i. The **KNBS 2022 Economic Survey** reported that adult literacy programs are severely underfunded, with participation declining by **7.8%** over the past three years. Counties like Siaya and Bungoma report some of the highest numbers of adults needing literacy programs, underscoring the importance of NCP's adult education initiatives.

By integrating these insights, the NCP's education policies are grounded in real-time data, ensuring that resources and interventions are directed where they are most needed. This approach not only reinforces the NCP's commitment to inclusivity and quality education but also aligns with evidence-based policy planning. Together, these efforts pave the way for a more equitable and innovative education system in Kenya



## Chapter 12: National Security and Foreign Policy

At the **Neema Congress Party (NCP)**, we understand that national security is the cornerstone of a stable and prosperous society. A secure nation not only protects its citizens but also creates an environment conducive to economic growth, social cohesion, and international cooperation. This chapter outlines the NCP's comprehensive approach to enhancing national security and shaping a foreign policy that positions Kenya as a leader in the region and beyond.

### 1. Modernization of Security Forces:

- i. **KNBS Crime and Safety Report 2023** indicates that the **crime rate** in Kenya decreased by **6%** from 2022, but challenges such as **terrorism, cybercrime, and armed robbery** persist. In response, the NCP's commitment to investing in technology and equipment aligns with the need to modernize security forces to tackle these evolving threats. Increased surveillance systems and cyber capabilities would be vital in addressing the **2,000+** reported cybercrime cases annually.
- ii. Data on **police-to-population ratio** reveals that Kenya currently has around **1 police officer per 800 people**, a far cry from the **UN recommendation of 1:450**. The NCP's proposed training programs and capacity-building efforts are critical to addressing this shortage and improving overall security service delivery.

### 2. Community-Based Policing:

- i. According to the **KNBS Safety Survey 2023**, **community engagement** in urban areas has resulted in a **14% decline in crime rates** in areas with active community policing initiatives, such as **Nairobi and Mombasa**. The NCP's strategy to promote community policing can leverage such positive trends and expand these models to rural and marginalized areas where **security personnel** are limited.
- ii. The **Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC)** reports an ongoing challenge with police misconduct, indicating that **over 40%** of Kenyans have reported experiencing police brutality. The NCP's plan for oversight mechanisms and human rights training would help address these concerns, building trust and improving the professionalism of the security forces.

### 3. Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism:

- i. **KNBS Terrorism Statistics (2022)** show that Kenya has faced over **200 terrorist attacks** in the last five years, primarily linked to Al-Shabaab. Enhancing intelligence sharing and community engagement, as proposed by the NCP, is essential in addressing this persistent threat. The **National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC)** reports that over **1,000 individuals** were arrested in 2022 in counter-terrorism operations.



- ii. The **Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government** reports a **30% rise in radicalization cases** in certain regions, indicating the need for local community interventions, as the NCP suggests, particularly in counties such as **Garissa and Lamu**.

#### 4. **Organized Crime:**

- i. Data from **KNBS** highlights an increase in **drug trafficking, human trafficking, and cybercrime** activities, with over **15,000 cases** of drug-related offenses recorded in 2023 alone. Strengthening law enforcement to tackle these crimes aligns with the NCP's policy to combat organized crime. A **53% increase** in cybercrime cases, for instance, calls for enhanced digital law enforcement capabilities.
- ii. **Regional collaboration** is crucial, as the **East African Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (EAPCCO)** reports a rise in cross-border crime, particularly **smuggling**, affecting countries like Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. The NCP's emphasis on international cooperation is vital for addressing these cross-border challenges.

#### 5. **Economic Cooperation and Integration:**

- i. **KNBS Economic Survey 2023** underscores that trade between Kenya and its East African Community (EAC) partners grew by **15%** in 2022, demonstrating the importance of economic cooperation in enhancing regional stability. The NCP's focus on promoting trade and investment aligns with the region's push towards a **single regional market**.
- ii. The **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** is projected to increase intra-African trade by **52%** by 2025, and Kenya's leadership in this initiative will boost economic integration. As part of this, the NCP will support infrastructure development to facilitate cross-border trade, building on the existing **Lamu Port and Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** projects.

#### 6. **Addressing Global Challenges:**

- i. According to the **KNBS Environmental Statistics Report 2023**, Kenya's **forest cover** stands at just **7.4%**, far below the recommended **10%** threshold. The NCP's commitment to environmental security aligns with the need to address deforestation and promote sustainability.
- ii. **Health Security:** The **KNBS Health Statistics Report (2022)** highlighted that Kenya's health system struggled with an **undersupply of health workers**, with **over 30% of health facilities** lacking basic medical supplies. The NCP's push for stronger health systems and pandemic preparedness is in line with ensuring Kenya's resilience in the face of global health crises like the **COVID-19** pandemic.



By integrating these insights and real-time data from KNBS, the NCP's national security and foreign policy strategies are not only grounded in current realities but also reflect the critical areas for intervention. These data points support the need for modernized security forces, stronger community engagement, regional and international cooperation, and sustainable development to enhance Kenya's security and leadership in the region.



## Chapter 13: Diaspora Engagement

The **Neema Congress Party (NCP)** acknowledges that Kenyans living abroad—often referred to as the diaspora—represent a vital resource for national development. This chapter outlines the NCP’s commitment to actively engaging with the diaspora, recognizing their contributions, and harnessing their potential to propel Kenya toward sustainable growth and progress.

### 13.1: Understanding the Diaspora’s Contributions

#### i. Economic Impact:

Kenyans in the diaspora play a significant role in the national economy through remittances, which have become one of the largest sources of foreign exchange for the country. According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), remittances from Kenyans abroad amounted to KSh 364.9 billion in 2023, representing 3.8% of Kenya's GDP.

#### The NCP will:

##### a) Facilitate Remittance Flow:

We will work to create favorable policies that reduce the cost of remittance transfers, ensuring that more resources reach families and communities in Kenya. In 2023, the average cost of sending money to Kenya stood at 7.3%, higher than the global average of 6.3%. The NCP aims to reduce this cost to enhance the impact of remittances.

##### b) Promote Investment Opportunities:

The NCP will encourage the diaspora to invest in local businesses and development projects. We will provide information and resources that help them understand the investment landscape in Kenya. For example, Kenya’s real estate sector, which is one of the leading sectors attracting diaspora investment, has experienced significant growth, with property sales increasing by 11.2% in 2023, according to KNBS.

#### ii. Social and Cultural Contributions

The diaspora also contributes to the social and cultural fabric of the nation. The NCP will recognize and promote these contributions by:

##### a) Celebrating Kenyan Heritage:

We will organize cultural exchange programs that celebrate the rich heritage of Kenya, fostering a sense of pride and connection among Kenyans abroad and at home.



## **b) Leveraging Skills and Expertise:**

Many Kenyans in the diaspora possess valuable skills and expertise in various fields. The NCP will create avenues for them to share knowledge and best practices that can enhance local capacities and drive innovation in Kenya. For instance, many Kenyan professionals in the diaspora, particularly in technology and health, are contributing to the development of cutting-edge solutions in Kenya.

## **13.2: Creating Platforms for Engagement**

### **i. Investment Platforms**

To ensure that diaspora members can actively participate in Kenya's development, the NCP will establish:

#### **a) Investment Forums:**

We will organize regular investment forums and expos where Kenyans in the diaspora can connect with local entrepreneurs, government officials, and potential partners. These forums will highlight investment opportunities and showcase successful projects.

#### **b) Online Investment Portals:**

The NCP will develop online platforms that provide comprehensive information about investment opportunities, regulations, and support services. These portals will facilitate direct investments in various sectors such as agriculture, technology, and real estate.

### **ii. Policy Discussion Forums**

Engaging the diaspora in policy discussions is crucial for inclusive governance.

#### **The NCP will:**

#### **a) Virtual Town Halls:**

We will host virtual town hall meetings where diaspora members can engage with party leaders, policymakers, and experts on issues affecting Kenyans both at home and abroad. This will ensure that their voices and concerns are heard in the decision-making process.

#### **b) Advisory Councils:**

The NCP will establish advisory councils composed of diaspora representatives who can provide insights and recommendations on policies impacting their communities. These councils will serve as a bridge between the government and the diaspora, facilitating dialogue and collaboration.



## 13.3: Facilitating Community Development Initiatives

### i. Supporting Grassroots Projects

The NCP recognizes the potential of diaspora members to contribute to community development initiatives. **To harness this potential, we will:**

#### a) Encourage Philanthropic Engagement:

The party will promote initiatives that encourage Kenyans in the diaspora to support local charities and community projects. We will facilitate partnerships between diaspora organizations and local NGOs to maximize impact.

#### b) Promote Social Enterprises:

The NCP will support the establishment of social enterprises that address local challenges, providing diaspora members with opportunities to invest in sustainable projects that create jobs and improve livelihoods.

## 13.4: Building Stronger Connections

### i. Strengthening Ties with Diaspora Organizations

The NCP understands that existing diaspora organizations play a crucial role in fostering community among Kenyans abroad. **We will:**

#### a) Collaborate with Diaspora Organizations:

The NCP will work closely with established diaspora organizations to promote joint initiatives that align with national development goals. This collaboration will strengthen the network of support for Kenyans living abroad.

#### b) Support Networking Events:

We will promote and support networking events that connect diaspora members with local stakeholders, businesses, and government officials. These events will help to strengthen relationships and create synergies for development.



## 13.5: Promoting Policy Reforms

### i. Advocating for Supportive Policies

The NCP will advocate for policies that create an enabling environment for diaspora engagement. **This includes:**

#### a) Dual Citizenship Policies:

We will support reforms that allow Kenyans in the diaspora to maintain their citizenship while living abroad, ensuring they remain connected to their home country. b) Tax Incentives for Investments: The NCP will propose tax incentives for diaspora investments in Kenya, making it easier and more attractive for them to invest in local projects and businesses.

## 13.6: Conclusion: A Collaborative Future

In conclusion, the Neema Congress Party believes that engaging the diaspora is essential for Kenya's growth and development. By recognizing the contributions of Kenyans living abroad, creating platforms for their involvement, and fostering strong connections, we can harness their skills, resources, and expertise to build a more prosperous nation.

The NCP is committed to fostering a collaborative relationship with the diaspora, ensuring that they have a voice in national development and that their efforts contribute meaningfully to the advancement of Kenya. Together, we can forge a brighter future for all Kenyans, both at home and abroad.



## Chapter 14: Development Plans for the NCP's Core Focus Areas

### 1. Democratic Governance

- a) According to the 2023 KNBS report, voter registration and participation have increased significantly, with over 19 million voters registered in the 2022 General Elections, up from 19 million in 2017. This indicates growing interest in the democratic process.
- b) The NCP will leverage this increasing voter participation by working towards enhancing voter education programs, ensuring that the political engagement and representation of all citizens, including marginalized communities, is maintained.

### 2. Social Justice and Equity

- a) The poverty rate in Kenya is reported at 33.6% as of 2023, with significant disparities across different regions (KNBS, 2023).
- b) The NCP will implement affirmative action policies aimed at addressing poverty disparities, focusing on reducing the gap between urban and rural poverty rates, and ensuring equitable access to resources, particularly in underserved regions.

### 3. Economic Empowerment and Development

- a) As of 2023, Kenya's GDP growth rate is projected to be around 5.3%, with a focus on sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and services (KNBS, 2023).
- b) The NCP will support SMEs by creating policies that facilitate access to finance and technology, tapping into the growth potential of Kenya's services sector, which is growing rapidly and contributes significantly to the economy.

### 4. Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

- a) The 2022 Human Rights Report by KNBS indicates that the government has made strides in improving human rights awareness, but challenges remain in ensuring the protection of vulnerable groups like women and persons with disabilities.
- b) The NCP will advocate for the integration of stronger protections for civil, political, and economic rights, focusing on the full implementation of policies to support marginalized communities.

### 5. Youth Empowerment

- a) Approximately 70% of Kenya's population is under 35 years old, and the unemployment rate for youth stands at around 22% (KNBS, 2023).
- b) The NCP will focus on creating job opportunities through investment in the technology and manufacturing sectors, as well as establishing mentorship programs that equip youth with leadership and entrepreneurial skills to reduce youth unemployment.



## 6. Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

- a) Women hold only 22% of seats in Kenya's National Assembly, highlighting the gender disparity in political leadership (KNBS, 2022).
- b) The NCP will enforce policies that ensure gender parity in leadership and decision-making roles, particularly in the political and corporate sectors, as well as establish programs to combat gender-based violence.

## 7. Devolution and Regional Development

- a) As of 2023, Kenya's devolution system has allowed counties to receive over KSh 370 billion annually in the form of equitable share funds, which has contributed to local development (KNBS, 2023).
- b) The NCP will ensure that resources are allocated equitably to underdeveloped regions, empowering county governments with autonomy to drive local development agendas.

## 8. Environmental Protection and Sustainability

- a) Kenya's deforestation rate is about 12.1% annually, and the country faces significant challenges in terms of climate change adaptation and water resource management (KNBS, 2022).
- b) The NCP will prioritize policies that promote sustainable land use practices, support the adoption of renewable energy, and work toward reducing the environmental impact of industrialization.

## 9. Healthcare and Social Security

- a) As of 2023, 45% of the Kenyan population lacks access to basic healthcare services, and the government has made strides in expanding the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) coverage (KNBS, 2023).
- b) The NCP will ensure that universal healthcare coverage is extended to all, particularly targeting marginalized populations, while enhancing social protection programs for the vulnerable.

## 10. Education and Innovation

- a) Enrollment in primary education is at nearly 95%, but secondary school enrollment lags at about 75% due to socio-economic barriers (KNBS, 2023).
- b) The NCP will invest in vocational training, digital learning platforms, and inclusive education programs, especially in rural areas, to ensure that marginalized children have access to quality education.



## 11. National Security and Foreign Policy

- a) The Kenya Police Service currently employs about 110,000 officers, but the ratio of officers to citizens is still below the recommended global standards (KNBS, 2022).
- b) The NCP will prioritize investment in modernizing the security apparatus, focusing on enhancing intelligence services and incorporating technology to improve community safety.

## 12. Diaspora Engagement

- a) Remittances from the Kenyan diaspora reached a record high of \$3.7 billion in 2022, accounting for a significant portion of the country's foreign exchange earnings (KNBS, 2023).
- b) The NCP will facilitate the creation of investment platforms and provide policies that encourage the diaspora to channel their remittances into sustainable development projects, enhancing Kenya's economic growth and development.

By incorporating these statistics and data points, the NCP's development plans are grounded in current realities, providing a clear path for addressing the most pressing issues facing Kenya today. The party's focus on inclusive development, social justice, economic empowerment, and sustainable growth will help position Kenya as a forward-thinking, inclusive, and resilient nation.