



Strengthening Policy Frameworks for Women's Participation in Peace and Security Governance in ASAL and Informal Settlements in Kenya (2026–2028) (WPS Programme)

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

This is a three-year initiative implemented by **Act Change Transform (Act!)** through local Women Led CSOs and funded by the **Embassy of Denmark in Kenya**.

The project addresses gaps in the implementation of Kenya's National Action Plan (KNAP I–III) on **Women, Peace and Security** and related County Action Plans. It moves beyond symbolic inclusion to ensure women's meaningful leadership in both formal structures and in trusted traditional mechanisms including Alokita, Kaya, and Kokwo systems, strengthens women-led civil society organisations, improves coordination between national and county WPS processes, and equips local actors with practical advocacy, data, and accountability tools. Recognising that social change requires broad ownership, the project actively engages men as allies to support women's leadership, challenge harmful norms, and widen space for women's participation.

KEY OBJECTIVES / FOCUS AREAS

To strengthen women's participation, leadership, and influence in peacebuilding, security governance, and decision-making at community, county, and national levels, while advancing the implementation of WPS commitments in line with Kenya's Third National Action Plan (KNAP III) 2025–2029 aimed at enhancing women's participation in peace, security, and conflict resolution, aligning with UNSCR 1325

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Outcome 1: Improved protection and fulfilment of women's human rights during conflict, post-conflict recovery, and peacetime.



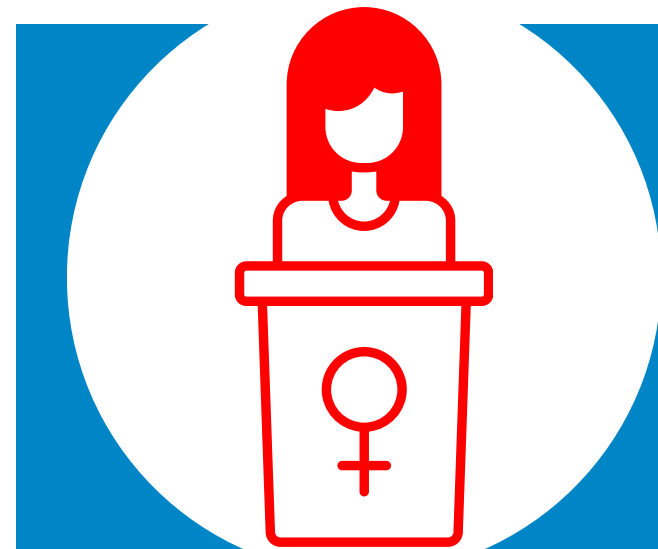
Outcome 2: Strengthened accountability mechanisms within National and ASAL County governments for implementing and reporting on their Women, Peace and Security (WPS) commitments



PROGRAMME APPROACHES



Deepen the localisation of the WPS agenda through the implementation of Women's Action Plans, enhancing women's roles in peace and security and improving local safety



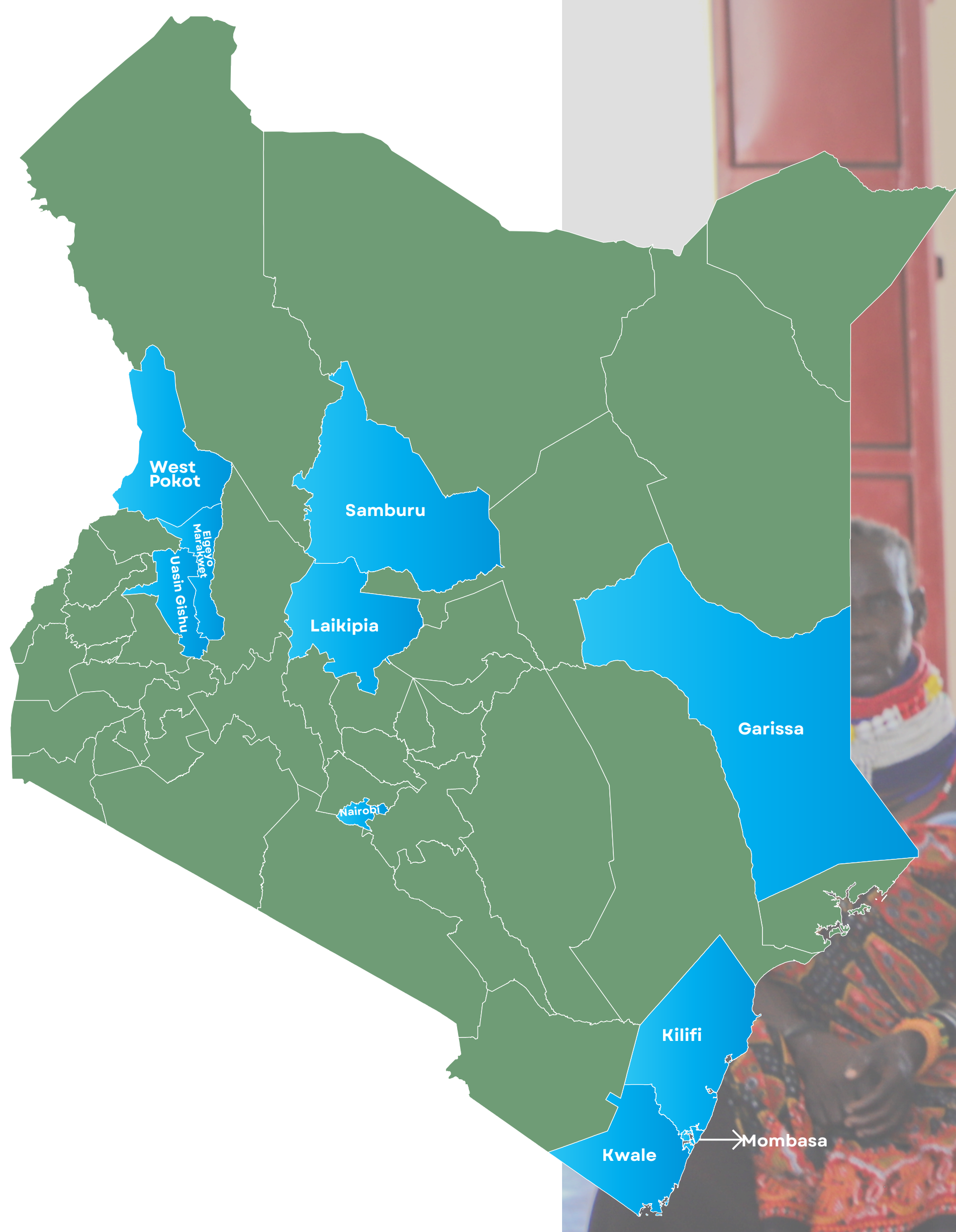
Institutionalise women's leadership within governance frameworks and traditional peace mechanisms



Strengthen cross-sector collaboration among state actors, civil society, and grassroots women's organisations to build resilience and social cohesion



GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS



The Counties of Implementation are:

Garissa, Samburu, Laikipia, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo-Marakwet, West-Pokot, Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale and Nairobi.

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



The WPS Programme contributes directly to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by advancing **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)** through strengthening women’s leadership, participation, and rights in peace and security governance; **SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions)** by promoting inclusive, accountable, and responsive governance systems that prevent conflict and sustain peace; and **SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)** by fostering collaboration between government, civil society, grassroots women’s organisations, and communities. By bridging national policy commitments with community-level action, the programme supports a holistic approach to building resilient, inclusive, and peaceful societies in Kenya.

