A Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programme by Kenya Ports Authority
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Through the KPA Corporate Social Investment programme, the Authority has continued to make huge investments in Education, Health, Sports and Environment sectors through sponsorships, donations and project development.

The CSI policy is rooted in the organisation's values, guided by international standards and best practices and driven by its aspiration for excellence in the overall performance of the business.

Through the efforts of each of the employees, KPA is determined to take pride in being responsible, respected, and welcomed in every place where it has presence.

The Authority therefore allocates two percent of its profits to needy causes. Education and health projects receive about 65 percent of this funding with the remainder earmarked for charities, disaster and relief management, talent nurturing, environmental conservation and other worthy causes.

This Coffee Table Book dubbed Tunahusika now in its second edition seeks to further showcase some of the projects that the Authority has supported to address socio-economic needs for the last few years.

The book chronicles the significant initiatives and impact of CSI projects undertaken by KPA for improving the quality of life in sections of the community.

Happy reading!
‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world’- Nelson Mandela
Mr. Mutiso recalls that at some point the situation was so dire that the school had to convert a dining hall to a dormitory to meet the demand exacerbated by government directive of 100 percent student transition.

Through a partnership between KPA and the school, a new dormitory block with a capacity to accommodate 60 students has now been constructed. The dormitory was constructed at a shared cost of 3.9 million shillings with KPA donating 2.9 million shillings to the project.

Amb. John Mwangemi, the KPA Ag. Managing Director notes that as a corporate KPA plays a leading role in improving the socio-economic status of communities through such collaborations and investments.

“We are aware of the pressure that you are currently experiencing and we are at hand to offer our support to further develop and improve the school infrastructure”.

Mr. Peter Magiri, Mombasa County Director of Education praised the collaboration noting that such initiatives will further progress education standards in the county.
Kadzandani Primary School

The school in Kadzandani location in Nyali Sub-County, which was started in 2007, initially had mud thatched structures donated by the community for classrooms.

The headteacher Mr. Mruche Ndungo, says later well-wishers started responding to their requests and constructed for the school some permanent classrooms.

Mruche says by the time KPA came to their rescue in 2016, teaching and learning was constrained at the school which had 666 pupils.

“Though we already had some permanent classrooms constructed with the support the school got from another sponsor a section of the pupils was either still learning under the trees or sitting on the floor,” he says.

The headteacher is grateful that KPA positively responded to the school's appeal through construction of five spacious classrooms and donation of desks.

The support he adds had a positive impact on learning as pupils found a comfortable environment leading to increased enrolment which has seen the total population currently standing at 1,845 pupils. Mruche further observes that with the increased classrooms, both teachers and pupils at the school feel motivated hence they have continued to witness impressive performance in the national examinations.

Mr. Farjala Abeyd, a senior teacher at the school says with the spacious classrooms constructed by KPA, they are ready to accommodate more pupils as many parents prefer the institution which is the only public school in the entire Kadzandani location.
Following the construction of two dormitories at Mikahani Secondary School by KPA at a cost of Ksh 9 million, the school’s principal Mr. Thomas King’oo says enrolment has continued to increase tremendously.

The dormitories which are used to accommodate the boys, have capacity for 200 students.

Our institution happens to be the only Sub-County school in Rabai area with a boarding section and therefore there’s great demand for the limited spaces available,” he adds.

Mr. King’oo lauds KPA for the construction of the two dormitories which he notes have contributed to improved living conditions of the students, their discipline as well as performance.

“There’s no doubt that boarding enhances academic performance because in 2020 we had 41 candidates for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education exams and the 13 who performed exceptionally were all boarders,” he narrates.

The school’s deputy head teacher Mr. Charo Reginald, says before KPA’s intervention the school’s students were congested in two makeshift hostels which were originally classrooms. “With the generous support of KPA our students are now enjoying a comfortable environment. As teachers we are grateful because this has increased contact hours between teachers and students,” he explains.

The school’s boarding master Mr. Evans Ngoi says boarding has placed the school on the national map as it attracts students from various parts of the country.

Testimonials by Matano Hassan, Doreen Kahindi, Pauline Kahingu and Ronald Matayo indicated that parents of the school were comforted when KPA shouldered the burden of constructing the dormitories which they could not afford.

“We are happy that gone are the days when our children were forced to wake up at odd hours to be able to travel and reach school on time. At times we were unable to raise their daily transport and they therefore missed classes,” says Pauline.
An ultra-modern library constructed by KPA has reawakened the passion for reading among the learners of Dr. Krapf Memorial School.

The school captain Brian Baraka, a form two student, says that previously the school had a small library with inadequate space but the new library built by KPA is spacious and gives students the motivation to develop a reading culture.

The school’s teachers Ms. Gladys Kariuki and Mr. Julius Chilio in charge of English and Kiswahili subjects respectively also registered their satisfaction with the KPA project.

“The school now can purchase adequate books because we have storage space in this new facility,” says Mr. Chilio.

Ms. Kariuki looks forward to the resumption of library lessons which had been shelved two years ago at the school for lack of space.

“The boys are excited and ready to start visiting the library and if we could get more shelves, we will not delay in reviving library lessons. Currently the students can only borrow the books and leave,” she says.

Ms. Elizabeth Dora Jaka, a parent at the school, is full of praise thanking KPA for constructing such a facility at the school to impact positively on the academic standards.

“In the past, sponsorship was synonymous with foreigners but I am glad that Kenya has great companies like KPA which can meet the needs of the community in a big way. We appreciate this unique library, and we urge KPA not to stop there but give us more support and ensure this library has a trained expert to manage it,” she says.

The school’s Deputy Head teacher Mr. Katana Kapombe says that he is currently working towards ensuring that the library which is mainly equipped with revision books also gets more reference-based books.

He says with the support from KPA it cost between Sh 5.8 million and Sh 6.5 million to build the library.

The school’s principal Mr. Patrick Mwacharo, says that with this kind of library, his institution aims to produce self-directed and competent learners who can actively engage in constructive discussions.

He describes the library as an instructional space where students learn the capabilities and dispositions for engaging with information and for creating knowledge.
Ms. Shamim Hassan, a senior teacher at Witu Primary School in Lamu, narrates the harsh academic conditions pupils at the school experienced due to lack of infrastructure.

Most pupils would learn in makeshift classrooms, in the open air, and sit on stones or the floor, making it extremely uncomfortable to concentrate due to harsh weather conditions like dust, rains, and strong winds.

“Our classes were administered under tree sheds, and we therefore faced relentless disruptions which forced us to terminate learning,” she says.

Ms. Olive Nanku, a parent at the school, explains that most of the parents had already resigned to fate because of economic hardships making it difficult to afford constructing classrooms. She adds that parents watched helplessly as their children’s learning was constantly interrupted due to the harsh conditions.

The Authority through its CSI policy intervened and constructed four classrooms at the school.

The school's deputy head teacher Mr. Joseph Ngugi, expressed gratitude to Kenya Ports Authority following the construction saying the school’s student enrollment has since steadily increased.

This is corroborated by the head teacher Mr. Said Kofa, who says currently the school has a total population of 900 pupils with 20 teachers.
At Faza Secondary in Pate Island, a lack of an administration block to coordinate learning and other administrative activities at the school, was a big impediment to the delivery of quality services. Because teachers were housed in a small staff room, overcrowding and a lack of space impacted learning and student consultations with the teachers and other staff.

The school’s PTA Chairman Mr. Abudi Kassim, says because of the harsh conditions, teachers were experiencing a low morale contributing to a decline in the school’s performance.

“As a parent I cannot forget where we have come from. We are very grateful that KPA gave us support which enabled us to come up with this appealing administration bloc,” he says.

Senior Chief Fakru Kassim, an old boy of the school, equally expresses gratitude saying the entire Pate Island recognizes the huge support by KPA.

“The facility he adds, has been useful as students can now easily access the much-needed services which are well coordinated between the teaching and non-teaching staff.

Lamu. We in Lamu East have confidence that KPA will going forward support us even further,” says the chief.

The school’s principal Mr. Hannington Sammy says the administration block constructed by KPA has elevated the status of the school and motivates the teachers.

“**We are in a hardship area which is also predisposed to poverty, unfortunately many development partners who come to Lamu do not reach this area because of transport logistics. The community therefore appreciates the assistance that KPA has been providing even before the coming of the Port of Lamu.**
Ms. Mwaka Mwadalu, a senior teacher, at the school, recollects the discomfort witnessed at the school before KPA came to ease the anguish. She says she vividly remembers a makuti thatched makeshift structure which was earlier constructed by the parents to serve as classroom for the pupils.

“Learning was always disrupted because of unpredictable weather especially whenever it rained because our pupils were learning under trees,” says Mwaka.

School headteacher Mr. Tsuma Mwazuma says the mud structured classroom made the pupils to resent school. He is glad to note that the school’s pupils currently undertake their studies in good classrooms which were constructed courtesy of KPA.

“Even without being told by appearance you can identify the four classrooms constructed by KPA as the best and most outstanding in our school. This has contributed to a significant increase of our enrollment which now stands at 634 pupils,” he says.

The head teacher says the school’s performance in the national exams has also continued to improve over the years after the construction of the classrooms.
The school's head teacher Mr. Njoloi Karunga says that KPA came to the rescue of the school at the time it was faced with infrastructure challenges mainly inadequate classrooms.

He adds the construction of five spacious classrooms has had a positive impact enabling pupils to learn in a conducive environment.

"The KPA classrooms are of superior standards and quality when compared to the rest of the buildings in the school," says the head teacher.

He says that because of this support, the school's enrolment which now stands at about 200 has continued to rise especially in the lower classes in this era of Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). Mr. Karunga also observes that the academic standards are also improving saying in the KCPE exams of 2020, the school had a mean score of 256 marks, with the best candidate scoring 332 marks.

According to Ms. Winnie Mutinda, a parent at the school, before KPA's intervention there was an incident in 2016 whereby an ECDE classroom collapsed and severely injured a pupil.

The boy whose limb was fractured was admitted for three months at Kinango Hospital in Kwale County.

"The suitability of the good classrooms gave us peace and assisted us to convince our children to come to school. Initially pupils were avoiding school citing the incident of the ECDE pupil who was injured following the collapse of a classroom," she explains.

Winnie is quick to thank KPA for the support saying due to the poverty in the area, the parents could not have been able to meet the construction expenses.
The successful completion of the KPA sponsored dining hall a few years back was a timely prayer that was answered to erase the student’s horrid past of taking meals under the trees.

The school’s principal Mr. Ngome Malidzo says in the former days due to erratic weather the learners’ welfare and health was compromised in the absence of the vital facility.

“We are grateful for the good gesture by KPA because our students can now enjoy their meals in a clean and secure environment,” he says.

Mr. Ngome further says that the building is not only a dining but also serves as a multi-purpose hall for meetings, workshops and also a theatre hall.

The head teacher is quick to note that the availability of the modern dining hall has had a positive impact on the school’s enrolment and retention levels of students. The school which was originally a mixed secondary school had about 200 students before the construction of the dining hall.

“In 2016 we had the last cluster of girls exiting the school to make it a purely boys day school and we currently have a total of 690 students,” he explains.

Ngome adds that the school’s performance has also witnessed improvement noting that initially before the dining hall was constructed, the students could score an average mean of between two and three points in the final national exams and after its availability the performance has consistently been above four points.
The Authority has also made a positive impact in Tana River County where it sponsored construction of four permanent classrooms at Bubesa Primary School and an ultra-modern library complex at Furaha Primary School.

Prior to KPA’s interventions, at Bubesa Primary School pupils and teachers were exposed to harsh learning conditions as they were forced to sit under trees for their lessons.
All Saints Mlamba Secondary School

The school’s principal Mr. Patrick Mukhwaya says the Authority sponsored the completion and full equipping of three science laboratories for Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

The head teacher says before the construction of the facilities which were completed in 2018, out of desperation the school had made frantic efforts to convert one of the classrooms to act as a laboratory.

“This was a big challenge because the improvised facility was more of an empty room that didn’t have the requisite fittings for a science laboratory,” says Mukhwaya.

He says with the completion and equipping of the laboratories, the school now attracts some of the top KCPE performers from the neighborhood unlike in the past.

“As a day school we are glad to note that some of our students have been joining university and as a result we are also now getting some top performing students who can’t afford to join the national and extra-county schools,” he adds.

Mukhwaya says with the completion of the project, the school’s image and learning has positively changed enabling learners to get hands-on-experience for practicals in a conducive environment.

“We are extremely grateful to KPA for the generous sponsorship of the multimillion shillings project which we could not afford on our own because most of the parents have meagre resources.”

To ensure that the laboratory benefits more than the current student population which stands at 200, the principal says plans are underway to make provision for boarding facilities to attract more learners.

Mr. Stanley Nyambu, a science teacher at the school in charge of the laboratory, says that the facility gives his students the best exposure to basic science equipment and experiential learning.

“As a teacher I am motivated to be at a school which has well equipped laboratory because this is critical to effective teaching and learning,” he adds.

Ms. Elizabeth Mwaningo, a parent at the school is equally overjoyed with the development saying it is a big boost to the school where her five children have schooled.
Entebbe Children’s Welfare Primary School

The Authority sponsored the school for children with special education needs, which is in Wakiso District, Entebbe Municipality in Uganda.

The sponsorship, the Authority’s first significant project in the entire transit market, saw the institution receive wheelchairs, mattresses, bedsheets and sanitary towels.

The Entebbe Welfare School CSI support was done in two phases whereby the first phase was the donation of the above-mentioned items. The second phase was the construction and rehabilitation of the kitchen, playground and construction of water tank reservoir at a total cost of Ksh 2.4 million.

The school’s head teacher Ms. Christine Mukhwanya is grateful for the support from KPA which has given the children a conducive environment.

“We love KPA so much and appreciate their support for the children with special needs,” she says.
“It is Health that is real Wealth”- Mahatma Gandhi
In Kilifi County through the KPA CSI initiative the residents are confident of a healthy and productive population following the construction of Midoina Dispensary.

Prior to construction of this crucial facility, it is reported that people underwent a lot of distress and pain seeking for treatment.

“We are very grateful to Kenya Ports Authority for giving this community a concrete solution to address perennial challenges. In the past, expectant mothers and other patients could travel distances of over 30 kilometers seeking for medication and unfortunately some died on the way,” narrates Mr. Isaac Karisa, the Nursing Officer in charge of Midoina Dispensary.

He says the dispensary has made substantial impact attending to over 200 people daily who seek the various medical services offered there.

Karisa observes that the presence of the dispensary and its role is so visible that the County Government wants to upgrade it to a health centre to ensure it provides all services. Currently, the services available at the facility include Maternal and Child Health (MCH), clinical cancer screening, family planning services, consultation, outpatient services, VCT services, accident treatment and dispensing of drugs.

The nursing officer is grateful to KPA for the initiative which he says has attracted more support from other development partners like the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) and World Vision who have contributed towards construction of staff quarters, toilets, and a maternity wing, respectively while Afya Pwani provided a water tank.

The KPA sponsored facility was completed in 2007 at a cost of 5 million shillings.

According to retired councilor Christopher Tongoi the facility which at present has two nurses, one clinical officer, and one community health extension worker has continued providing healthcare services over the years.

“People come here from as far as the neighboring Kwale County to seek for treatment and I must commend our medics who at times have to work at odd hours to save lives,” Tongoi added.

Benson Karisa, a member of the community is grateful that the past cannot be reversed, saying before the construction of this dispensary, they witnessed a number of premature deaths occasioned by emergency cases which could not be addressed because of poor road network as they struggled to rush those in danger to Bamba and Tsangatsini for medical attention.
Free Medical Camps in Kilifi and Lamu

The Authority has also continued to support the community through provision of free medical camps conducted quarterly.

Recently patients at Chanagande-Kaloleni in Kilifi County benefitted from the KPA sponsored free Medical Camp valued at 2 million shillings.

The patients who were diagnosed with various ailments ranging from high blood pressure, malnutrition cases, upper respiratory tract diseases, bilharzia, malaria among others received free consultation, treatment and medicine dispensation.

Mzee Baya Tsuma appreciates the KPA assistance saying poverty and lack of access to medical facilities in the area has deterred most residents from seeking health services in hospitals.

“We are grateful for this opportunity where we are treated by KPA doctors and given medication without having to pay a cent. Our wish is for KPA to increase the frequency of these camps”, he says.

The community was also sensitized on nutrition matters and provided with vitamin supplements as a result of high prevalence of malnutrition in the area.

Dr. Gome Lenga, the Head of Medical Services says that the area has limited access to medical facilities thereby making it ideal for KPA to target the residents for the free medical camp as per the KPA Corporate Social Investment Policy.

Residents from three sub-locations rely solely on the overwhelmed Chalani Health Centre for medical services within the area.

The community also benefits from surplus medication that is handed to County Government for distribution to the area Health centers once the exercise is complete.

According to Bernard Osero, the Head of Corporate Communication, KPA has assisted in addressing health concerns of the communities in Coast Region since the year 2000 when the Corporate Social Investment program became structured.

The Authority conducts two medical camps within the coast region interchangeably, in every financial year. Earlier, a similar medical camp was conducted in Lamu County.
Donations

Kilifi, Taita-Taveta and Kakamega

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference - Kathy Calvin
CEO, United Nations Foundation
Menstrual health

KPA has over the years championed girls’ rights to education through supporting diverse initiatives that ensure more girls enroll and stay in school until they graduate.

One major initiative has been to advocate for menstrual hygiene where it has donated sanitary towels especially to girls in rural schools. These girls miss school during their period and sometimes end up dropping out altogether due to a lack of this basic item.

Recently students from Ikanga primary school in Taita Taveta, Roka Maweni Secondary School and Ikawala Secondary School in Kilifi County were beneficiaries of this donation.

Miss. Christine Mbetta, the Head Mistress of Ikanga Primary School lauded the Authority for its efforts in extending to the community saying that the impact of KPA is felt in the region through such noble initiatives.
Kakamega School for the Deaf

Recently, Kakamega School for the deaf received a donation of assorted items from Kenya Ports Authority in support of the social welfare and improved living standards of the students.

The students received horseshoe tables, chairs, bunker beds, mattresses and blankets at a total cost of three hundred thousand shillings, through the KPA Corporate Social Investment program.

Through the program KPA aims at alleviating socio-economic challenges by supporting community initiatives and projects implementation for stakeholder communities.

The school which caters to students with hearing disability was started in 1998 and currently supports eighty students who mostly come from disadvantaged backgrounds. It is also the only institution of its kind in Kakamega County.

Other than the formal curriculum which is taught in sign language, the learners also receive vocational training to equip them with practical skills to be self-reliant.
SPORTS
Mombasa and Taita-Taveta

“I don’t know where the limits are but I would love to go there”, Eliud Kipchoge.
The Authority recognizes with pride sports as an integral part of Corporate Social Investment (CSI) as an avenue to discover and nurture talent of the youth in the community, improve productivity, inspire healthy lifestyle and enhance interaction among employees and the community.

Teams are sponsored to participate in sporting activities including football, basketball, netball and volleyball locally and internationally.

The various sports have sustained KPA’s collaboration with the National/County governments, learning institutions and other concerned sports stakeholders in identification and development of sporting talent, provision of sports equipment, facilities and technical training. This has helped to inculcate corporate loyalty, pride and provision of advisory or counseling services to sports men and women.

The Authority’s sponsored football team Bandari FC, which features in the Football Federation of Kenya (FKF) premier league, has also made a positive impact nationally and beyond the borders following its good performance.
The Authority donated eight million shillings to the Taita-Taveta County Football Association towards supporting the inaugural Taita-Taveta County Super Cup Tournament.

The funding will be disbursed quarterly for a period of one year with the association having received the initial two million shillings.

A total of 32 teams comprising youths drawn from the county are participating in the tournament that kicked off at the Moi Stadium in Voi. The teams will be battling it out to top the league and be crowned the Champions of the coveted Taita-Taveta Super Cup.

The football league has also received football kits; two pairs of uniforms for all teams, a set of balls and other soccer paraphernalia, with the referees officiating the matches undergoing extensive training by FIFA accredited instructors to ensure professionalism in the league.

General Manager Cargo Operations Sudi Mwasinago notes that football is one of the most lucrative sports in the world today, with immense socio-economic returns.

Mr. Mwasinago adds that there is need for more corporates to support the industry to be able to identify and nurture the talents of youth so as to expose them to the world where major local and international teams can spot their talents.

Sports, he says improves communities as it keeps the youth away from engaging in indecent behaviours and activities that are sometimes exacerbated by challenges of unemployment.

"It is for this and other reasons that KPA takes sports seriously and is part of our Corporate Social Investment initiatives, that is why we could not turn down this noble cause", remarked Mr. Sudi.

Mr. Eric Kyongo who is the Chairman of the Taita-Taveta County Football Association appreciates KPA for the donation saying that no other corporate has ever invested in sports initiative in the county to this magnitude.

“For the first time in history, teams will be playing in a county super league of this caliber without paying participation fees, affiliation fees, and referee fees. These, among others, have been a major stumbling block for our teams, let our boys and girls play”, he says.
“We owe it to ourselves and to the next generation to conserve the environment so that we can bequeath our children a sustainable world that benefits all” - Wangari Maathai
Kenya Ports Authority advocates for protection of the environment and marine ecosystem for conservation and sustainability.

The Authority has adopted a Green Port Policy that is being implemented for sustainable and environment friendly port operations, and protection of marine ecosystem and resources.

Recently KPA organized a mangrove planting exercise along Tudor Creek in Mombasa County. 10,000 seedlings of mangroves were planted during the long rains in the village of Ganahola, Mikindani, Aldina and Bangladesh Conservation sites covering a total area of five acres.

Mangroves play a crucial role in the conservation of oceans and the marine biodiversity. By filtering coastal waters, mangroves form a nutrient-rich breeding ground for numerous species that thrive in the waters. A huge variety of wildlife lives or breeds in the mangrove ecosystem, including numerous fish, crab and shrimp species, and mammals like sea turtles. When mangrove forests are cleared valuable habitat is lost, threatening the survival of myriad species.

Kenya Ports Authority is also harnessing the Blue Economy and tapping into the industry for socio-economic gains. The planned construction of Shimoni Fish Port, will benefit communities through the fish processing industry that will enhance value addition.