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Analysis of the Socio-economic Impact of Devolved Funds in Kenya

Conclusions

Decentralization is a policy program taking root in many countries albeit in different forms.
Fiscal devolution, has been in existence in Kenya since the colonial times.
After independence, the government continued establishing various forms of devolved funds targeting different areas at the grassroots.
The fields of education, health, water and sanitation, transport infrastructure, livelihoods and environment management have improved as a result of the devolved funds.
Devolved funds have empowered the youth and women to promote their own socio-economic development and establish private employment.

Problem Statement / Rationale

The independent Kenyan government deliberately begun to pursue decentralised development policies by creating finance mechanisms characterized as devolved. While the importance of devolved funds is recognised, conceptual awareness on their socio-economic impact is scarce.

Objectives

- The role of devolved funds in social protection;
- The role of devolved funds in urban development;
- The role of devolved funds in resource management.

Methodology

Data was collected in quantitative and qualitative form.
Quantitative data was collected in a survey while qualitative data was collected expert interviews.
Quantitative data was analysed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS).
Qualitative data was analysed using content analysis.

Results

The funds were established to:
- Cushion families from poverty.
- Improve infrastructure.
- Improve access to education.
- Improve access to healthcare.
- Protect the environment.
- Provide easy/cheap credit.

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