National Capacity Building Workshop on Improved Local and National Government Capacities for Localizing SDGs Through Voluntary Local Reviews in Malawi

Nakuru VLR
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Presentation Outline

1. Foundation for the VLR Dashboard
2. VLR Dashboard in use
3. VLR Dashboard challenges and lessons
Foundation - Nakuru VLR Process Map

Phase 1 - July/Oct 23
- VLR Data Analysis
- Stakeholder Material
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Phase 2 (Nov / Dec 23)
- Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes

Phase 3 (Jan / Mar 24)
- VLR Draft Report

Phase 4 (Apr/May 24)
- Final VLR

VLR Dashboard
Multi-Level Plans and Priorities

Multi-Plans

• Nakuru County Integrated Development Plan (2017-2022);
• Nakuru Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) 2019-2023;
• Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan (ISUDP) 2014-2034;
• Nakuru County Spatial Development Plan (2015 – 2025);
• Nakuru City Resilience Strategy

Multi-Priorities

- Urban Resilience
  - Education and Social protection
  - Environment, water and natural resource
  - Health

- Public Administration
- Economy, trade and commerce
- Energy, infrastructure and ICT

Multi-Access

https://nakuru dashboard-test.vercel.app/
Benefits of VLR Dashboard

- Living data lab
- Plans and Priorities Analysis
- Localization of SDG indicators
- Continuous monitoring and reporting
- Increased Transparency and Accountability
VLR Dashboard in Use

Tracking Resilience, Empowerment & Adaptability for Nakuru's Urban Evolution

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Challenges

- Quality and reliability of data (data credibility and source)
- Institutional capacity to support digitalization (skills and infrastructure)
- Practice of Multiplicity / Segmentation of local development plans and priorities
- Character of governance and management
- Financing of the VLR (Dashboard)
Lessons

• Investing in political buy-in at the highest level during the early part of VLR is key to driving institutional acceptance of new techniques such as the Dashboard

• Positioning the VLR as a utility tool in the routine processes of local development planning and progress assessment is key to its integration in the planning cycles

• Embedding multi-functionality in the dashboard that allows for routine governance and management decisions is key to unlocking the institutional barriers

• Incorporating continuous capacity building for transfer of skills and knowledge on the dashboard functionality and scope is important in building traction and unlocking local capacity building funds

• Introducing an air of competition can drive local passion for the VLR and its instruments of display
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