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Garissa County
Theme, Vision and Mission



COUNTY THEME

Economic recovery, re-engineering basics, climate change, and people-responsive socio-economic transformation of Garissa County.



VISION

A competitive, prosperous, and cohesive County with a high quality of life for all its citizens.



MISSION

Democratic, Accountable, Inclusive, and Decentralized Exercise of Power for Equitable, Easily Accessible, and Sustainable Development.

KNBS VISION AND MISSION



VISION

Quality Statistics for better lives.



MISSION

Provide, Manage and Promote quality statistics through utilization of best practices for public use.

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PREFACE



It is my pleasure to present the 2024 Garissa County Statistical Abstract, the second edition following the inaugural publication produced by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) in 2015. This publication is a testament to our county's growing commitment to data-driven governance and the importance of evidence-based decision-making.

The 2024 edition has been thoughtfully structured to align with the United Nations Classification of International Statistical Activities, ensuring consistency, reliability, and comparability of data. The content is categorized into key domains, Demographic and Social Statistics, Economic Statistics, Environmental Statistics, Governance, and Cross-Cutting Issues, providing users with a comprehensive overview of our county's development landscape.

This Abstract is not only a reference document; it is a critical planning and evaluation tool. As Garissa County implements the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023–2027, timely and accurate data will be central to shaping responsive policies, allocating resources effectively, and measuring progress against our development targets.

To that end, the County Government is committed to ensuring this publication is readily available to all stakeholders, including policymakers, Parliament, civil society, development partners, faith-based organizations, NGOs, the private sector, educational institutions, national government agencies, and the general public. It is our collective responsibility to make full use of the insights provided in this document to inform sound decision-making across all sectors.

The development of this Abstract was made possible through strong collaboration between the County Government and various National Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs). I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all contributors for their dedication and cooperation. In particular, I commend the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics for their technical support and quality assurance, which has been invaluable in the review and enhancement of this publication, I also extend special recognition to the Department of Finance, Economic Planning and Statistics within my administration for their dedication and leadership in coordinating the data compilation and publication process.

Looking ahead, we aim to build on this foundation by continuing to strengthen our statistical systems, foster inter-agency collaboration, and ensure our data remains relevant, reliable, and accessible. The 2024 Statistical Abstract will be shared widely within the county, across the country, and with international partners. It will also be accessible on our official website: https://www.garissa.go.ke.

I encourage all users to make the most of this resource. Together, through informed decisions, we can accelerate the development and transformation of Garissa County.

H.E. Nathif Jama
Governor, Garissa County

FOREWORD



The first principle in the United Nation's Fundamental Principle of Official Statistics states that official statistics provide an indispensable element in the information system of a democratic society, serving the government, the economy, and the public with data about the economic, demographic, social and environmental situation. To this end, official statistics that meet the test of practical utility are to be compiled and made available on an impartial basis by official statistical agencies to honour citizens' entitlement to public information. It is within this internationally accepted norm embedded in the Statistics Act, 2006, that the 2024 Garissa County Statistical Abstract (CSA) was produced.

In line with its mandate of collaborating with and assisting the county governments or any other institutions in the production of official statistics in the country, the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) collaborated with County Government of Garissa to produce the 2024 Garissa CSA. The 2024 Garissa CSA is a single source of information that presents the official statistics produced by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) both at National Government and the County Government of Garissa. This publication provides data series on various sectors of the economy at the county level for the period 2019 to 2023. The data is mostly from administrative records and sample surveys conducted within the period.

The production of the 2022 Garissa CSA has gone through all the recommended stages of producing official statistics. The statistics generated were validated by the MDAs within Garissa County both from National and the County Government. The technical team from KNBS and County Government of Garissa reviewed the data.

The 2024 Garissa CSA is categorized into an introductory chapter and five other chapters based on the classification of statistical activities undertaken by national and international statistical organizations. This classification follows the statistical subject-matter domains with five domains of: Demographic and Social Statistics; Economic Statistics; Environment; Governance Statistics; and Cross-cutting Statistics.

We welcome the readers to this publication and encourage offer positive critique aimed at improving the contents and quality of future publications. KNBS appreciates the collaboration that has resulted in the production of this publication which contains a comprehensive set of indicators that are useful for planning and policy formulation for GARISSA County.



Macdonald G. Obudho, MBS
Director General
Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The successful compilation and publication of the 2024 Garissa County Statistical Abstract (CSA) is the result of concerted efforts and close collaboration between the County Government of Garissa and various agencies of the National Government. This partnership reflects our shared commitment to enhancing the availability of timely, accurate, and reliable data to inform planning, policy development, and performance monitoring across all sectors. It also lays a strong foundation for the continuous improvement of future editions of the County Statistical Abstract.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to His Excellency Hon. Nathif Jama, Governor of Garissa County, for his unwavering support and guidance throughout the preparation of this publication. His commitment to promoting evidence-based governance remains central to our county's development agenda.

I also acknowledge with gratitude the invaluable contributions of the County Executive Committee Members, Chief Officers, Directors, and staff across all departments. Their dedication to the provision, validation, and coordination of data played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful completion of this document.

Special recognition goes to Ms. Hafsa Mohamud, Chief Officer Economic Planning, Budget and Statistics and Mr. Mohamed A. Guliye, Director of Economic Planning and their team for the tireless efforts and professionalism in leading the technical processes involved in compiling the Statistical Abstract. I am equally grateful to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), under the leadership of the Director General, Dr. Macdonald Obudho, and the County Statistical Officer, Mr. Yussuf Adan, for their robust technical support and for spearheading the coordination, validation, and harmonization of data drawn from multiple sources.

Lastly, I wish to thank the County Commissioner for his vital role in facilitating cooperation with National Government departments operating in Garissa. The efforts of departmental heads and data officers who submitted timely and accurate data and actively participated in the validation process are also highly appreciated.

This publication reflects our collective commitment to fostering a culture of statistical excellence in Garissa County. I look forward to continued collaboration as we enhance our statistical systems in support of inclusive and sustainable development.

Mr. Abass I. Khaar
County Executive Committee Member – Finance and Economic Planning,
Garissa County





Economic Planning Department during the County Government stakeholders' engagement on the formulation of the 2024 County Statistical Abstract.

Domain 1
Economic Statistics

1.1: Population

Garissa County Projected Population by Sex

Year	Male	Female	Total
2019	458,975	382,344	841,353
2020	425550	435,651	861,201
2021	436,542	446,602	883,144
2022	447533	457,554	905,087
2023	458,525	468,506	927,031
2024	469,516	479,457	948,973

Registered Births and Deaths, 2023



2023

10,210

Number of Births



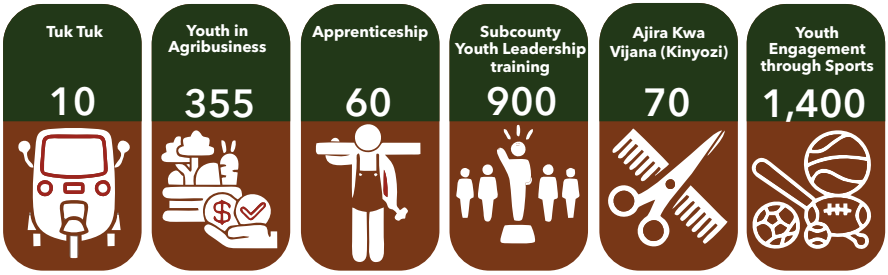
2023

663

Registered Deaths

1.2: Labour

Number of Beneficiaries of Youth Empowerment Programs in 2023/2024



1.3: Education

Enrolment in Learning Institutions, 2023

ECDE Enrolment in Public Schools

Male 3,771
Female 3,088
Total 6,849

ECDE Enrolment in Private Centers

Male 9,630
Female 7,645
Total 17,275

Student Enrolment in Public Vocational Institutions

Male 334
Female 381
Total 725

ECDE Enrolment and Indicators

Male 11,227
Female 9,287
Total 20,514



School Feeding Programme

338
No. of Schools (ECD Centres)

23,000
No. of Student beneficiaries across the County.

1.4: Health



Hospitals	8
Health Centres	21
Dispensaries and Clinics	57

Medical Officers	62
Consultants	34
Public Health Officers	86
Physiotherapists	8
Dentists	6
Pharmacists	56
Clinical Officers (General Specialists)	105
Nurses	405

Garissa County Hospital Beds 2023

530
Hospital Beds

45
Baby Cots

Immunization for Selected Diseases 2023



Diptheria, Pertusis & Child Tetanus	66,159
BCG	23,624
Measles	40,317
Polio	87,380
MOH 710 Rev 2020_Tetanus Toxoid for Trauma	19,229

Cancer Cases by Type 2023

Breast	33
Cervical	30
Esophageal	119
Prostate	64
Pharynx	21
Rectal	12
Ovary	6

Number of New HIV Infections Over Five Years in the County, 2023



1,469

Number of Teenage Pregnancy Cases in Garissa Reported, 2023

5,643



1.5: Social Protection

County Government Bursary Allocation by Sub County, 2019/20 -2023/24

GARISSA TOWNSHIP Ksh. 8,610,000	**DADAAB** Ksh. 10,590,000
FAFI Ksh. 6,031,700	**IJARA** Ksh. 2,559,000
BALAMBALA Ksh. 5,803,990	**LAGDERA** Ksh. 7,505,780
HULUGHO Ksh. 2,664,000	



TOTAL Ksh. 45,134,470

Persons with Disabilities by Sex, 2019

Male
5,784
Female
4,654
Total
10,438

Women Enterprise Fund by Number of Groups Funded 2023

Group
1
Allocation
Ksh. 750,000



Governor Nathif Jamaa Launching Ugatuzi na kazi Programme for Over 3000 women youth and PWDs contracted to work under the programme.

OVC Beneficiaries and Disbursement 2023/24

Beneficiaries
5,399
Allocation
Ksh. 6,000,000

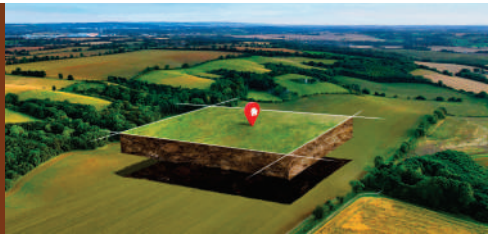
Elderly Funds Disbursement and Beneficiaries 2023/24

Male
2,494
Female
2,434
Total
4,928
Allocation
Ksh. 118,272,000

1.6: Human Settlements and Housing

Title Deeds Issued, 2023

County Total
28



Domain 2
Economic Statistics

2.1: Macroeconomic Accounts and Statistics

Funding Received by County Government, 2023/24

Funds	Ksh Million
Equitable Share	7,588.85
Grants	684.80
Own Source Revenue	248.9
Conditional allocation	0.00
TOTAL	8,522.55



Total Allocation
Ksh. 8,522.25M

2.2: Business Statistics

Licensed Businesses by number, 2023/2024

Licensed Businesses	Licensed Retail Traders (excl. Supermarkets)	Licenced Wholesale Traders	Other Licenced Businesses
6,123	1,640	347	4,116

Licensed Food and Beverage Retailers, 2023



Restaurants
70



Food Kiosks
243



Others
809

Registered Co-operative Societies, 2023



125

2.3: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Land Potential by Sub County and Area, 2022

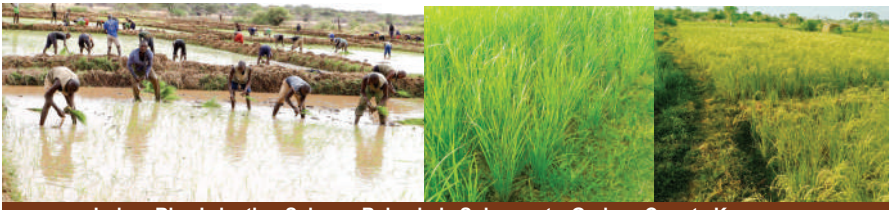
Sub County	High	Medium	Low	Total
GARISSA TOWNSHIP	18,000	..	40,000	58,000
BALAMBALA	6,000	..	56,000	62,000
FAFI	4,000	..	106,000	110,000
JARA	4,000	..	46,000	50,000
HULUGHO	..	..	40,000	40,000
LAGDERA	..	..	200,000	200,000
DADAAB	..		190,000	190,000
TOTAL	**32,000**		**678,000**	**710,000**

County Crop Production (MT) and Type of Crop by, 2023

MAIZE	357
SORGHUM	98
COW PEA	30
GREEN GRAMS	91

Horticultural Crop production (MT) 2023

BANANA	27,045
MANGO	12,963
LEMONS	69
LIME	195
PAWPAW	333
SWEET MELON	140
WATER MELONS	819
GUAVAS	18
KALES	18
TOMATO	592
BELL PEPPER/ SWEET PAPER	28
COWPEA	27
CORRIANDER	7
BULB ONION	13
LONG CAYENNE CHILIES	17



Jarjara Rice Irrigation Scheme Balambala Sub-county, Garissa County Kenya.

Livestock Population by Type, 2023

CAMEL	666,294	DONKEY	106,413
CATTLE	656,582	CHICKEN	291,747
SHEEP	1,489,944	RABBITS	11,170
GOATS	3,979,000		



Garissa County's mass livestock vaccination exercise led by Dr. Haret Hambe, Director of Livestock.

Quantity and Value of Milk production by Type of Animal, 2023

Cattle	593,987,197.83
Camel	124,076,807.87
Goats	304,698,203.53



Earnings from Livestock Products, 2023

Milk
Beef
Chevon
Mutton
Poultry Meat
Camel Meat
Honey
Hides
Skins
Eggs

Total
Ksh. 3,526,831,063.05

2.4: Energy

Percentage Distribution of Conventional Households by Main Type of Cooking Fuel and Sub County, 2019



County/ Sub-County	Conventional Households	Electricity in percentage
Garissa	138,940	4.7
Balambala	3,986	4.5
Dadaab	35,169	2.8
Fafi	23,351	3.1
Garissa	29,790	12.5
Hulugho	20,078	0.5
Ijara	18,296	3.8
Lagdera	8,270	0.7

2.5: Banking, Insurance and Financial Statistics

Number of Financial Institutions, 2023

Commercial Banks	Total 9	Saccos	Total 1	Deposit taking Micro Finance Institutions	Total 1	Other Financial Institutions	Total 7

2.6: Prices

Annual Average Retail Prices (Ksh./Kg), 2019-2023



MAIZE	BEANS	POATOES	TOMATOES	CABBAGE	MILLET	SORGHUM	SUKUMA WIKI
Ksh. 75	Ksh. 200	Ksh. 80	Ksh. 120	Ksh. 120	Ksh. 80	Ksh. 100	Ksh. 120

Domain 3
Governance Statistics

3.1: Participation

Distributions of County Ward and Registered Voters by Constituency, 2022

Constituency	County Assembly Wards	Registered Voters
Garissa Township	4	53,253
Balambala	5	26,085
Lagdera	6	26,949
Dadaab	6	38,185
Fafi	5	27,335
Ijara	4	29,666
TOTAL	30	**201,473**



3.2: Access to and Quality of Justice

Reported Traffic Accidents, 2023

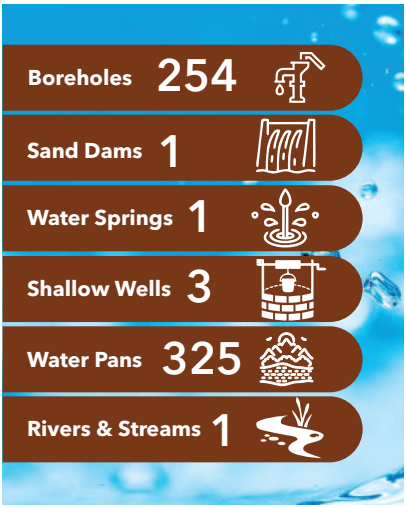


15	Fatal cases/ Killed
24	Serious cases/ Seriously Injured
0	Slight cases/ Slightly Injured
39	**Total**

Domain 4
Environment Statistics

4.1: Environment Statistics

Water Sources, 2023



Households with access to Piped Water by Agency, 2023





Launch of Garissa Township water project by Governor Nathif Jama.

Domain 5
Cross-cutting Statistics

5.1: Refugee Data

Distribution of Refugee Population by Sub-counties and sex



Sub-County	Male	Female	Total
Garissa	..	..	..
Dadaab	141,955	147,287	**289,242**
Balambala	..	..	..
Lagdera	..	..	..
Fafi	69,936	72,935	**142,857**
Ijara	..	..	..
Hulugho	..		

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