

# CDA scales up its progress programmes along the Coast

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**T**he Coast Development Authority (CDA) is scaling up its development programs to improve the socio-economic well-being of the people along the coast.

The regional authority is also aligning its socio-economic activities in the Coast region with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) plan, championed by the national government, to synchronize with the government's agenda on food security. CDA Managing Director, Dr. Mohamed Keinan, states that the Authority is investing in economic programs and boosting transformational agricultural, water, and maritime activities in the coastal counties of Kwale, Kilifi, Lamu, Taita Taveta, and Tana River. Dr. Keinan mentions that development projects in the coastal counties

are being aligned with the government's five-point BETA plan, which is President William Ruto's focal point in ensuring his administration delivers its pledge to Kenyans.

The BETA Plan focuses on Agricultural Transformation and Inclusive Growth; Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); Housing and Settlement, Healthcare, Digital Superhighway, and the Creative Industry.

He adds that CDA is also rehabilitating areas surrounding the Sh20-billion Mwache Multipurpose Dam project, which seeks to tackle persistent water shortages in Kwale, Mombasa, and Kilifi. Mwache Dam is an 87.5-meter-tall concrete gravity dyke, impounding 118 million cubic meters of water for supply and irrigation, and is expected to boost the water supply for Kwale and Mombasa Counties.