



DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY-KENYA

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DAP-K stands for productivity and growth of all basic human need. Our ideology will be anchored on the following key areas of the economy.

1. Agriculture
2. Education
3. Health
4. Infrastructure
5. Industrialization

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is one of the key drivers of economic growth. DAP-K will promote Agricultural development as the basis of modernizing Kenya through the following strategies:

- a) Increase budget allocation in Agriculture from the current 3% to 10% of the National Budget as per the Malabo declaration which was ratified by Kenya.
- b) Provide subsidies to essential farm inputs to enable the farmer conduct business at affordable costs. This will increase productivity and turn farming into a profitable venture. Income at household level will increase. More jobs will be created for our youths.
- c) Increase value addition programmes in the country in order to increase farm-gate prices for the farmers.
- d) Increase irrigation projects through construction of dams in order to increase acreage of arable land. This will help increase food production and ensure food security.
- e) Increase Agriculture research funding. DAP-K will allocate 1% of the Agriculture budget towards research and development as per the African Union Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA, 2014) adopted in 2015. Research will help to increase agricultural productivity.
- f) DAP-K will develop a clear collaboration framework between the national government and the county Government in order to realize set targets and ensure the benefits reach the small holder farmer who produce at least 70% of the country's food.
- g) Develop and promote strong marketing strategies for foreign earner agricultural products such as tea, coffee and flower.
- h) Exempt tax on imported farm machinery to enhance mechanized farming.

EDUCATION

DAP-K will ensure the provision of quality education in Kenya in order to raise the standard and quality of the people of Kenya in line with the bill of rights in the country's constitution. This will be achieved through the following strategies.

- a) Provision of free quality education for all from early childhood to university level.
- b) Provision of quality educational infrastructure at all levels of learning. These include classes, laboratories, electricity, sports facilities, lecture halls, dormitories/hall of residence and washrooms.

- c) DAP-K will increase budget allocation for educational research institutions
- d) Train and employ quality teachers increase to address the current shortage of teachers. The current Pupil-Teacher ratio in public primary school is 56:1 against the recommended ratio. Public primary school are reeling from a deficit of over 4,000 teachers while secondary schools are short of over 50,000 teachers. DAP-K will employ more teachers to address the deficit.

HEALTH

Maintenance and promotion of good health is one of the DAP-K's primary responsibility. To achieve universal healthcare in Kenya.

- a) DAP-K will promote County Governments as centers of achieving universal healthcare in line with the Kenya Vision 2030.
- b) DAP-K will expand the piloted Health coverage programmes to cover all counties
- c) DAP-K will ensure that the capacity in both structural and resources in counties are increased to handle the needs of the county's population.
- d) DAP-K will promote and encourage county governments to create partnership with private sectors, NGO and civil society groups so as to increase funding and sustain some of the health programmes that will aid in achievement in achieving the social pillar.
- e) DAP-K will promote the expansion of NHIF cover to cover every level of care.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Kenya is set to become a hub for intra-regional trade in Africa, to achieve this DAP-K plans to invest in mega infrastructure to create unique opportunities in Kenya. Industry sectors expected to benefit from planned infrastructure development include Oil and Gas (O and G), Agriculture, Mining and Retail.

DAP-K will also focus on telecommunication and power generation infrastructure.

DAP-K will promote and encourage public-private partnership infrastructure programmes which will boost the prospects of local construction companies and financial institutions that can offer finance to companies.

INDUSTRIALIZATION

Kenya has lagged behind on its journey to industrialization over the last 10 years. Manufacturing base has remained at 11% of the country's GDP and its industrial exports have continued to decline. Increasing this base is critical for job creation and economic growth.

- a) DAP-K will promote infrastructure, enhance skills and capabilities in various sectors, reduce cost of operations, provide land, improve access to market and promote investor friendly policies in order to attract investors.
- b) DAP-K will initiate and develop programmes that will support small and medium enterprises (SME's) through capacity building, linking them to model factories/industries and easy access to credit.

- c) DAP-K will create enabling environment for industrial development through technical skills enhancement and infrastructure development.
- d) DAP-K will initiate flagship programmes in Agro-based, mining, textiles, construction and information technology.
- e) Establish a grant fund for startup skilled entrepreneurs.
- f) Impact skills to the youth through introduction of free training in all our TVET Institutions.

Apart from the above-mentioned key areas of development, DAP-K will stand to:

- a) To provide transformative political leadership to make Kenya a united stable, prosperous, democratic and modern state and society within the framework of rule of law, respect for national values and principles of governance, respect for fundamental rights and freedoms, servant leadership, pluralism, recognition and respect for cultural, religious, regional, ethnic and gender diversity.
- b) To promote political awareness, participatory and people-centered development in partnership with local communities, civil society, the private sector and Kenyans in diaspora
- c) To build a nation and society anchored in the knowledge of God with spiritual, ethical and moral values among its citizens.
- d) To promote economic, social, political, scientific, cultural, intellectual and spiritual development for all Kenyans regardless of their gender, cultural, ethnic, geographical, age and religious backgrounds.
- e) To foster the unity purpose for all the people of Kenya and protect and promote their cultural diversity and uniqueness.
- f) To pursue, protect, and promote civil, political, economic, religious, socio-economic, religious, socio-cultural rights and freedoms of the individual and groups as defined in international, regional and national human rights instruments.
- g) To promote social justice and strive to eliminate all forms of discrimination, marginalized and imbalances across social groups, counties and regions.
- h) To protect and promote the fundamental social, economic and political rights and freedoms of persons living with disabilities, minorities and marginalized groups in accordance with bill of rights in the country's constitution.
- i) To champion the equality of all persons and to fight against all forms of discrimination against children and women and to support affirmative action programmes aimed at ensuring the equity and equality of men and women in governance structures and other spheres of life.
- j) To promote devolution and decentralization of power and specifically strengthen county government and ensure equitable distribution of resources and efficient delivery of better-quality services to tax payers and general citizenry.
- k) To pursue the provision and improvement of basic needs such as education, health, shelter, food clothing and social security so as to raise the standard and quality of life of the people of Kenya, in line with the Bill of rights in the country's constitution.
- l) To promote constitutional reform, policy renewal and the reform agenda on continuous basis.

- m) To promote good governance and fight against abuse of office, rule of law, impunity and corruption in all its forms, dimensions and levels.
- n) To promote environmental protection, land reforms and land tenure rights for all and in particular the landless and squatters.

