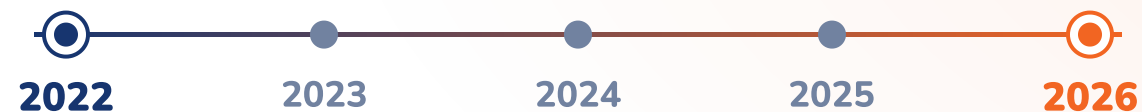


Devolution Scorecard

4 Years Since the 2022 Election



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COUNTIES COVERED

CATI

VERIFIED METHOD

5 Key Parameters

Gauging Progress Made By Counties Based on 5 Key Parameters

3,303 Samples



Water



Health



Social and
Economical
Empowerments



Education



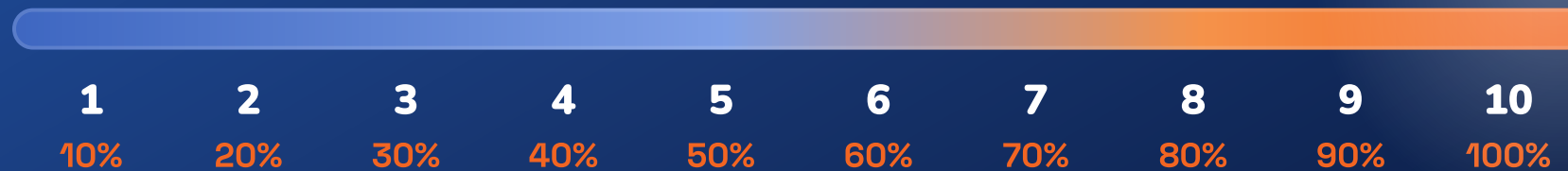
Agriculture

Survey Design

01 The survey assessed county performance based on four key devolved functions: Water, Health, Social-economical empowerment, Education, and Agriculture.

02 Respondents rated each parameter on a scale of 1 to 10, with each point equating to 10% (e.g., a rating of 1 = 10%, 10 = 100%).

RATING SCALE • 1 POINT = 10%



RESPONDENTS

3,303

Data Collection Period & Stats

METHOD

Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviews (CATI)

Data was collected through Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviews (CATI). 3,303 respondents were surveyed across all 47 counties. Counties with larger populations received a proportionally higher sample



DATA COLLECTION PERIOD

September 21, 2026 – October 12, 2026



3,303

RESPONDENTS



96.6%

SURVEY SUCCESS RATE



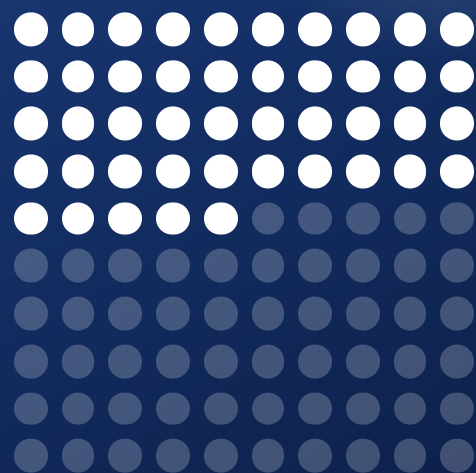
±1.67%

MARGIN OF ERROR

Gender Representation

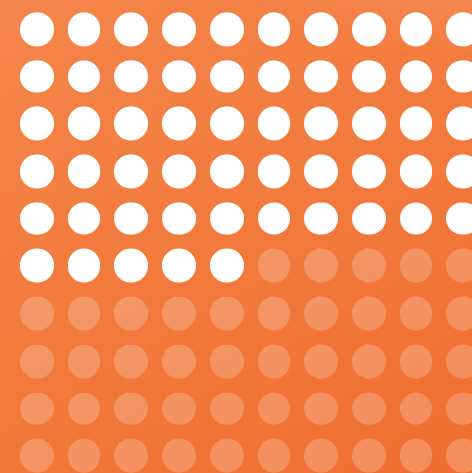
MALE

45%

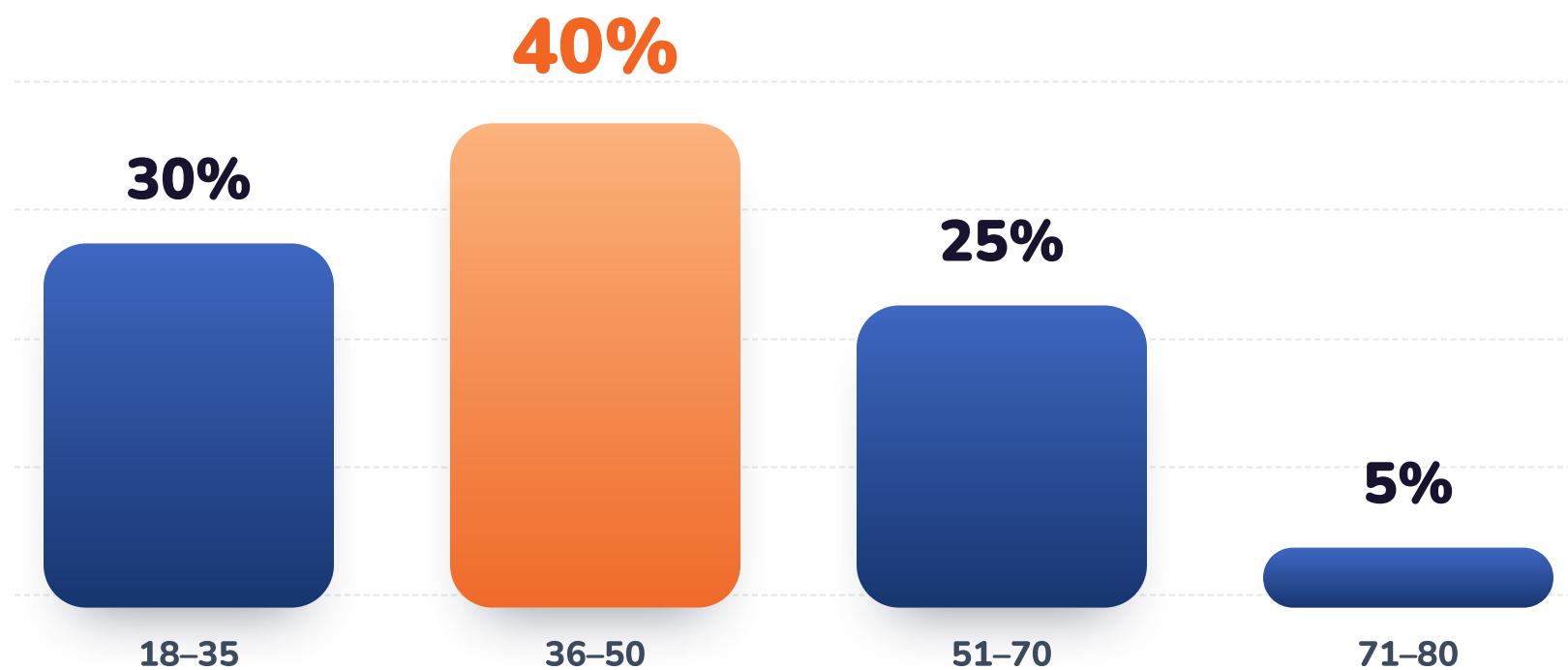


FEMALE

55%



Age Distribution



LARGEST GROUP

40%

36-50 years

Settlement Distribution



RURAL AREAS

60%

COUNTY TOWNS & CITIES

40%

Education Levels

SHARE OF RESPONDENTS

15%

45%

40%

15%

Primary level

45%

Secondary level

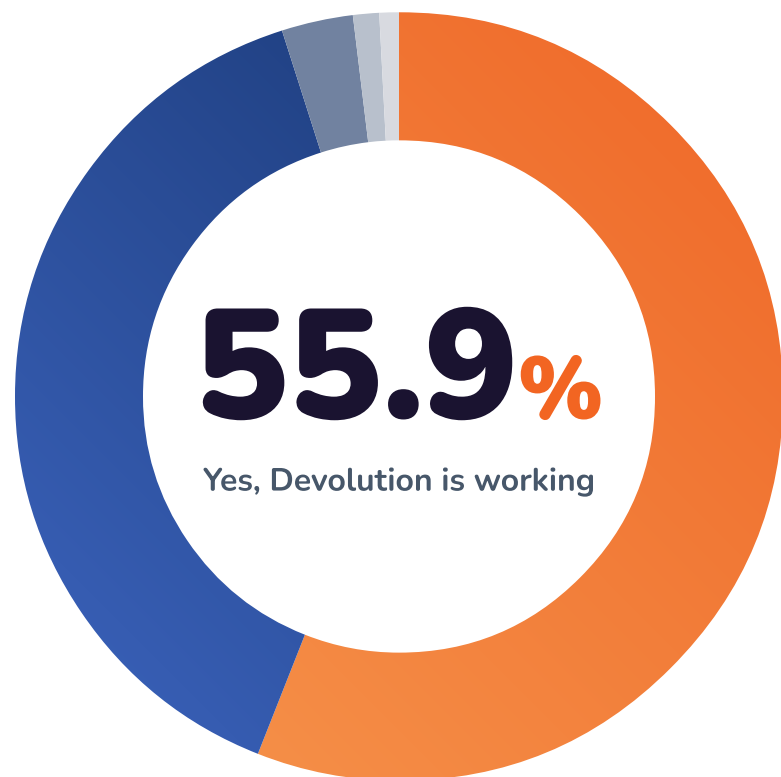
40%

Tertiary level



SECTION 04 · 13 YEARS OF DEVOLUTION

Is Devolution **Working?**



- 55.9%**
Yes, Devolution is working
- 39%**
No, Devolution is not working
- 3%**
Not Sure
- 1.1%**
I don't Know
- 1%**
I don't care



Impact vs. Lagging Areas

13 Years Of Devolution

3,303 Samples

↑ Impact Areas

- County Roads
- Agriculture
- Water
- Sports and Culture
- Social Empowerment

↓ Lagging Areas

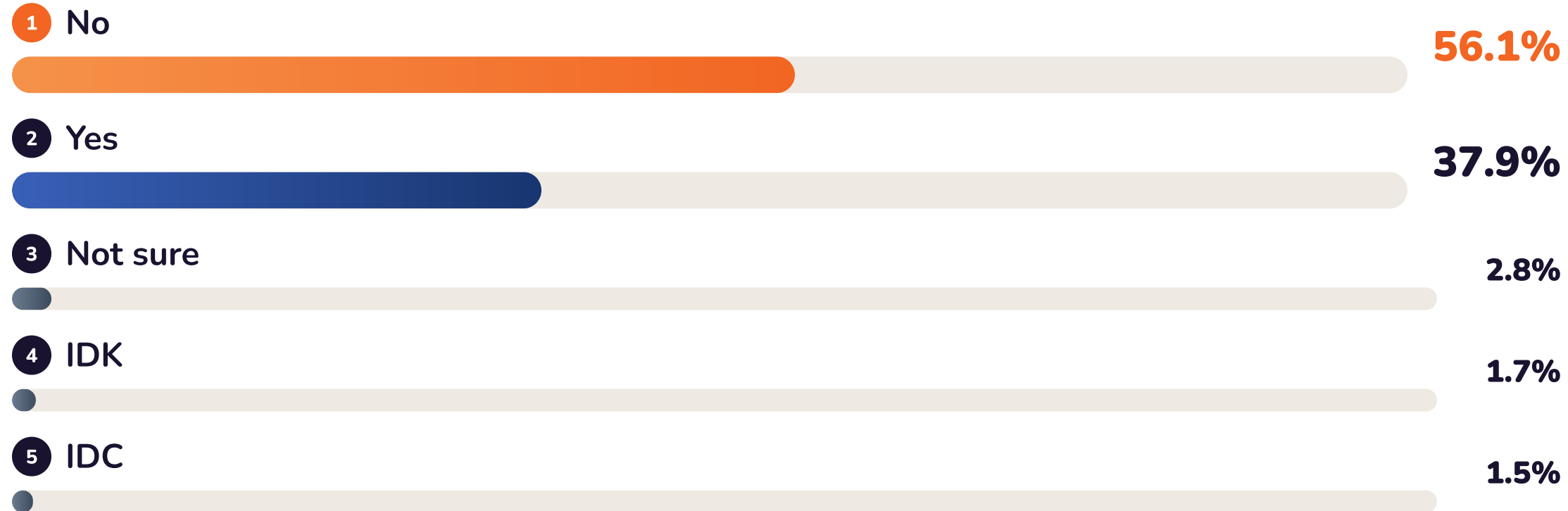
- Health
- Education
- Creation Of Jobs



Health • Should It Remain With County Governments?

Do You Feel Health Should Remain With County Governments?

3,303 Samples





What Do You Think Is Ailing Devolution?

Ranked by respondents

3,303 Samples

01 Corruption

02 Poor planning and priorities

03 Wastage of public funds

04 Lack of proper Oversight from County Assemblies

05 Late disbursement from exchequer and Little allocation from the National Government



Top 5 Counties That Feel Devolution Is Working

County Rankings & Perceptions

3,303 Samples



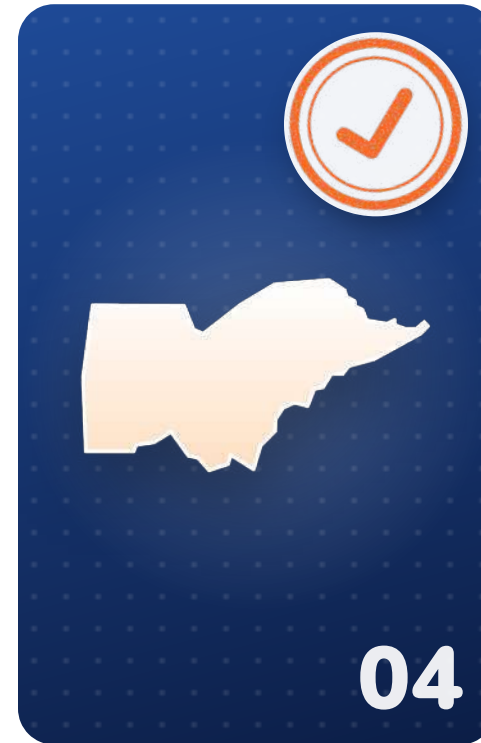
Murang'a



Kiambu



Machakos



Homa Bay

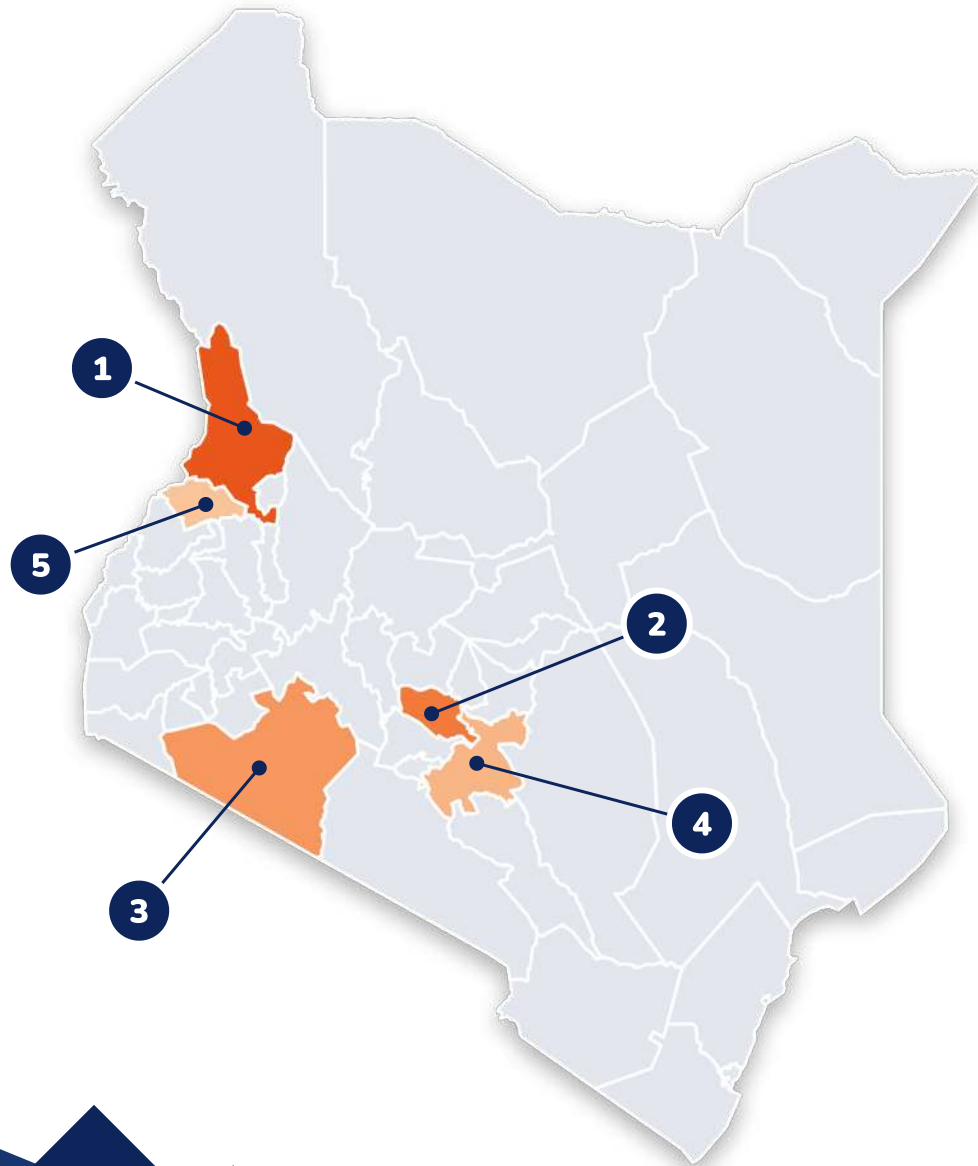


Bungoma

Top 5 Most Happiest Counties

County Rankings & Perceptions

3,303 Samples



01 West Pokot

02 Murang'a

03 Narok

04 Machakos

05 Trans Nzoia

Happiest  5th

Always On Ground

County Governments & Governors Presence · Governors Who Are Always On Ground

3,303 Samples



Gov. Ochilo Ayako

Migori



Gov. Wavinya Ndeti

Machakos



Gov. Jonathan Bii

Uasin Gishu



Gov. Isaac Mutuma

Meru



Gov. Simon Kachapin

West Pokot

Rarely Seen On Ground

County Governments & Governors Presence · Governors Who Are Rarely Seen On Ground

3,303 Samples



Gov. Abdi Ibrahim
Isiolo



Gov. Mohammed Khalif
Mandera



Gov. Simba Arati
Kisii



Issa Timamy
Lamu



Benjamin Cheboi
Baringo

A • Water Accessibility

Governors Performance On 5 Devolved Aspects • Top 5 Counties Based on Water Accessibility

3,303 Samples



01

Gov. Kimani Wamatangi

Kiambu



02

Gov. Stephen Sang

Nandi



03

Gov. Mutahi Kahiga

Nyeri



04

Gov. Simba Arati

Kisii



05

Gov. George Natembeya

Trans Nzoia



B · Health Services

Governors Performance On 5 Devolved Aspects · Top 5 Counties Based on Quality of Health Services

3,303 Samples



Gov. Isaac Mutuma
Meru



Gov. Wavinya Ndeti
Machakos



Gov. Ahmed Abdullahi
Wajir



Gov. Anyang' Nyong'o
Kisumu



Gov. Kimani Wamatangi
Kiambu

C · Social Empowerment

Governors Performance On 5 Devolved Aspects · Top 5 Counties Based on Youths, Women and Social Empowerment

3,303 Samples



Gov. Wavinya Ndeti
Machakos



Gov. Wisley Rotich
Elgeyo Marakwet



Gov. Lati Lelelit
Samburu



Gov. Fernandes Barasa
Kakamega



Gov. Irungu Kang'ata
Murang'a



D • Education (ECDE)

Governors Performance On 5 Devolved Aspects · Top 5 Counties Based on Education (ECDE Education)

3,303 Samples



Gov. Johnson Sakaja
Nairobi



Gov. Wavinya Ndeti
Machakos



Gov. Gladys Wanga
Homa Bay



Gov. Cecily Mbarire
Embu



Gov. Irungu Kang'ata
Murang'a

E · Agriculture

Governors Performance On 5 Devolved Aspects · Top 5 Counties Based On Agriculture

3,303 Samples



**Gov. Irungu
Kang'ata**

Murang'a



Gov. Isaac Mutuma

Meru



Gov. Stephen Sang

Nandi



Gov. Jonathan Bii

Uasin Gishu



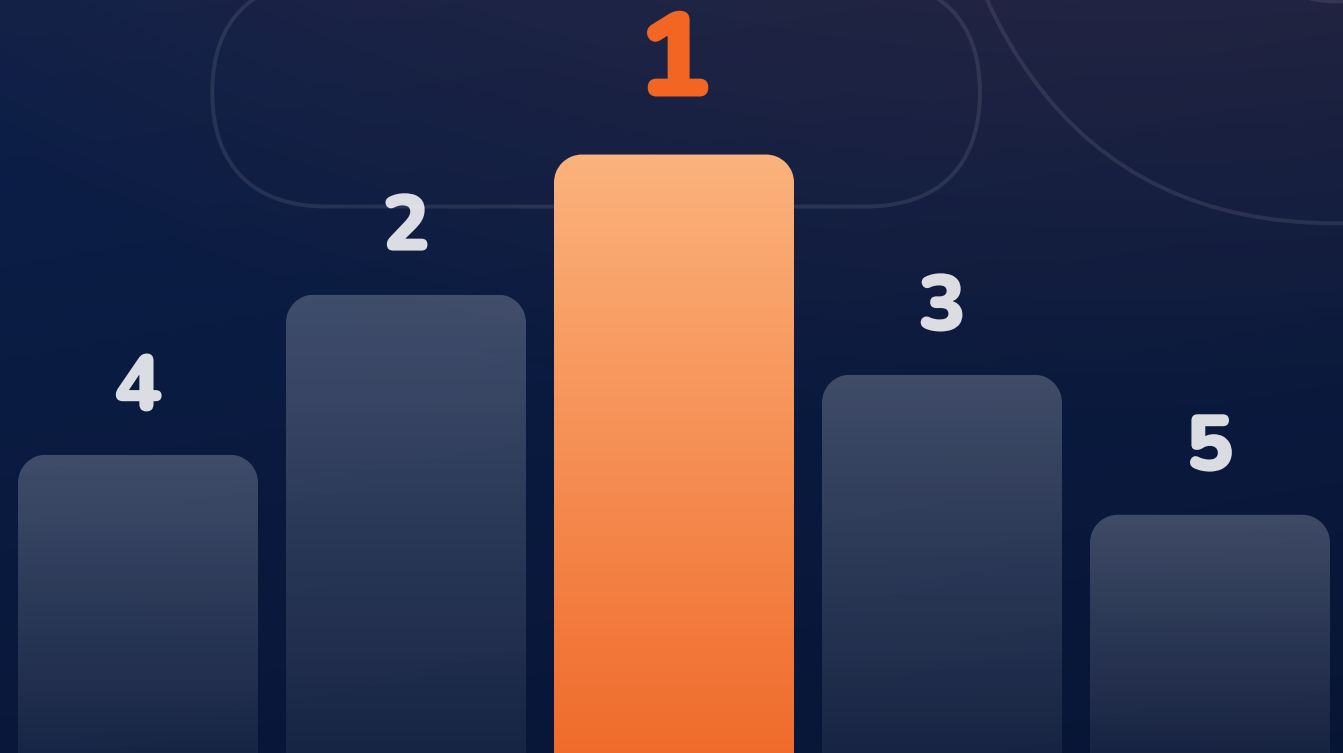
**Gov. Simon
Kachapin**

West Pokot

Overall Performance

The Top 10.

Top 10 Best Performing Governors



Overall Performance · Top 10 [1–5]

3,303 Samples

Top 10 Best Performing Governors



Wavinya Ndeti

Machakos

68%



Kimani Wamatangi

Kiambu

67.8%



Irungu Kang'ata

Murang'a

64.4%



George Natembeya

Trans Nzoia

61%



Ochilo Ayacko

Migori

58.4%

Overall Performance · Top 10 [6–10]

Top 10 Best Performing Governors

3,303 Samples



Mutuma M'ithingia

Meru

~58%



Gladys Wanga

Homa Bay

~56.6%



Jonathan Bii

Uasin Gishu

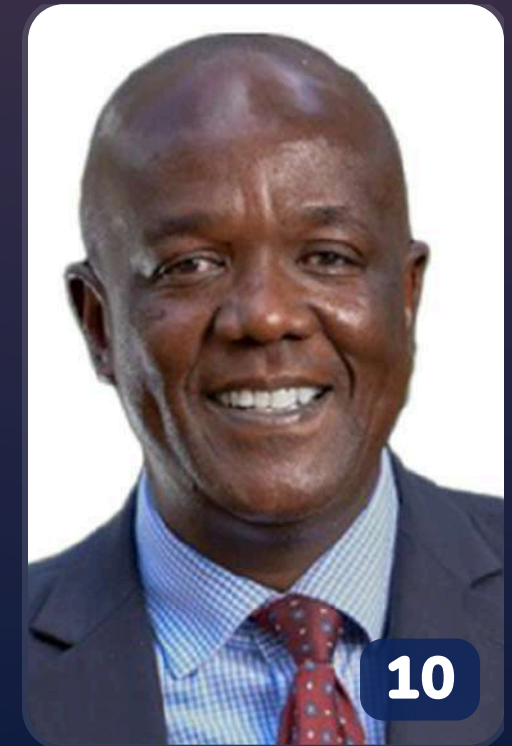
~55.8%



Wisley Rotich

Elgeyo Marakwet

~51.9%



Gideon Mung'aro

Kilifi

48.9%



General Observations

The 4th Devolution Scorecard Edition

3,303 Samples

A

1st term governors are doing exemplary well as compared to 2nd term governors.

B

Women Governors are doing well as compared to Male Governors.

C

A sizable number of respondents feel there's a lot of county government presence on the ground as compared to 3 years ago.

D

Proper Health Management and lack of emphasis on ECDE education remain the biggest concerns in devolution.

E

68.8%

Odds for 1st term governors to be reelected.

F

30%

Likelihood of 2nd term governors to be elected to different positions.



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