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The progressive reforms embodied in the Constitution of Kenya 2010 foresee a decentralization of governance to 47 County Governments. This is a unique opportunity for citizens to participate in decision making processes and orient public spending towards their real needs. If successfully implemented, devolution puts the country on the path toward more efficient, transparent and accountable governance.

The risk, on the other side, is that plans and structures foreseen for citizens’ participation remain empty shells for difficulty to make the consultative and participatory mechanisms fully operational and weakens and fragmentation of Civil Society Organisations.

WHY TAKE PART?

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Analyze best practices in delivery of devolved services.

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**CIVIC EDUCATION**

- Strengthen the capacity of County Authorities to take up their role as duty bearers.
- Strengthen capacity of Civil-Society Organizations to take up their role as right holders and conduct civic education.
- Enhance citizens awareness and knowledge on public matters and draw their voice on issues pertaining to their communities.
- Build capacity of local editors and media representatives on investigating and reporting on matters related to local governance.

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**TARGET GROUPS**

| CSO Organizations (CSOs) | 160 |
| Governance Experts (CSO and County Authorities) | 80 |
| High level County Staff (30% women) | 60 |
| Civil society representatives and 1650 civil servants (at least 40% women) | 80 |
| Social editors | 30,000 |

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