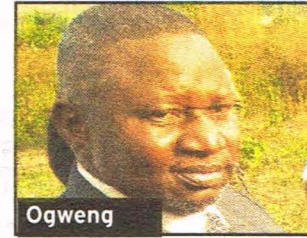


# EU INJECTS SH4.7B INTO KOBOKO



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**K**oboko municipality has secured sh4.7b in the second phase European Union (EU) funding after successfully delivering its first EU Trust Fund project. The new grant, totalling \$1.3m, will finance the Sustainable Urban Integration of Displacement-Affected Communities (SUIDAC) project.

Joel Azabo, the SUIDAC focal person and Koboko municipality principal health inspector, outlined the sh4.7b allocation:

**■ EDUCATION - SH1.087B:** This will go towards building an eight-storey classroom block at Ombaci Self-Help Primary School. They will also buy furniture; build a dormitory for special needs learners at Teremunga

**Ombaci Self Help Primary School in Koboko municipality will see an eight-classroom block built under the funding**



Primary School; and supply assistive devices to Nyarilo Primary School.

**■ HEALTH - SH985.6M:** This will go towards constructing and equipping Koboko Health Centre III, training 120 health workers, running awareness campaigns, and supplying medical equipment.

**■ LIVELIHOODS - SH1.1B:** The money will be used for building two markets at Boma Grounds and Abele/Asukutu, an innovation hub and reception centre; training 200 youth and 30 people with disability in vocational skills; supporting 900 people from displacement-affected communities and training

300 farmer groups.

**■ OTHER COMPONENTS:** Inclusion and protection (sh144.9m); municipal readiness (sh198.3m); physical plan review for urban expansion (sh192.1m); community based organisations to train youth and women (sh105.6m); additional staff recruitment

(sh1.015b); logistics - computers, motorcycles, fuel, stationery (sh332m). Patrick Ogweng, the town clerk, said Sustainable Integration of Displaced Communities in Sub-Saharan Africa (SUIDAC) is Koboko's second EU-funded phase. It covers education, health, community development,

natural resources, and urban expansion. An eight-classroom block will be built at Ombaci Self-Help Primary, which has many refugee learners. Phase one built similar blocks at Teremunga, Nyarilo, and Nyangilia Primary schools. All classrooms will be furnished. Past projects boosted enrolment for refugees and host communities.

On livelihoods, 900 women in groups of 30 will get skills training. Another 230 out-of-school youth will be trained in environment, natural resources, and urban expansion. Two market stalls will be built. At least 10 nursery beds per ward will tackle environmental degradation.

"This is where we appreciate Koboko's integration strategy," Ogweng said.

Koboko mayor Dr Wilson Sanya said the funding model lets the municipal council set priorities. Phase two will bridge gaps in schools and health facilities, with focus on livelihoods and skilling.