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KENYA NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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the new-fallen snow Gave chubby and plump, a
luster of mid-day to jolly old elf, And I lau
ects below. When, what to my when I saw him, in spit
dering eyes should appear, myself; A wink of his eye
t a miniature sleigh, and a twist of his head, Soon
ht tiny reindeer, With a me to know I had nothin
tle old driver, so lively dread; He spoke not a
quick, I knew in a moment but went straight to his
must be St. Nick. More rapid And filled all the stock
n eagles his coursers they then turned with a jerk,

POLICY RATIONALE AND GOAL

WHY POPULATION POLICY?

1 Change in the socio-economic development landscapes

2 Need to align with new national, regional and international development agenda and frameworks

3 Need to strengthen integration of population dynamics in development planning at all levels

POLICY RATIONALE AND GOAL (CONT'D)
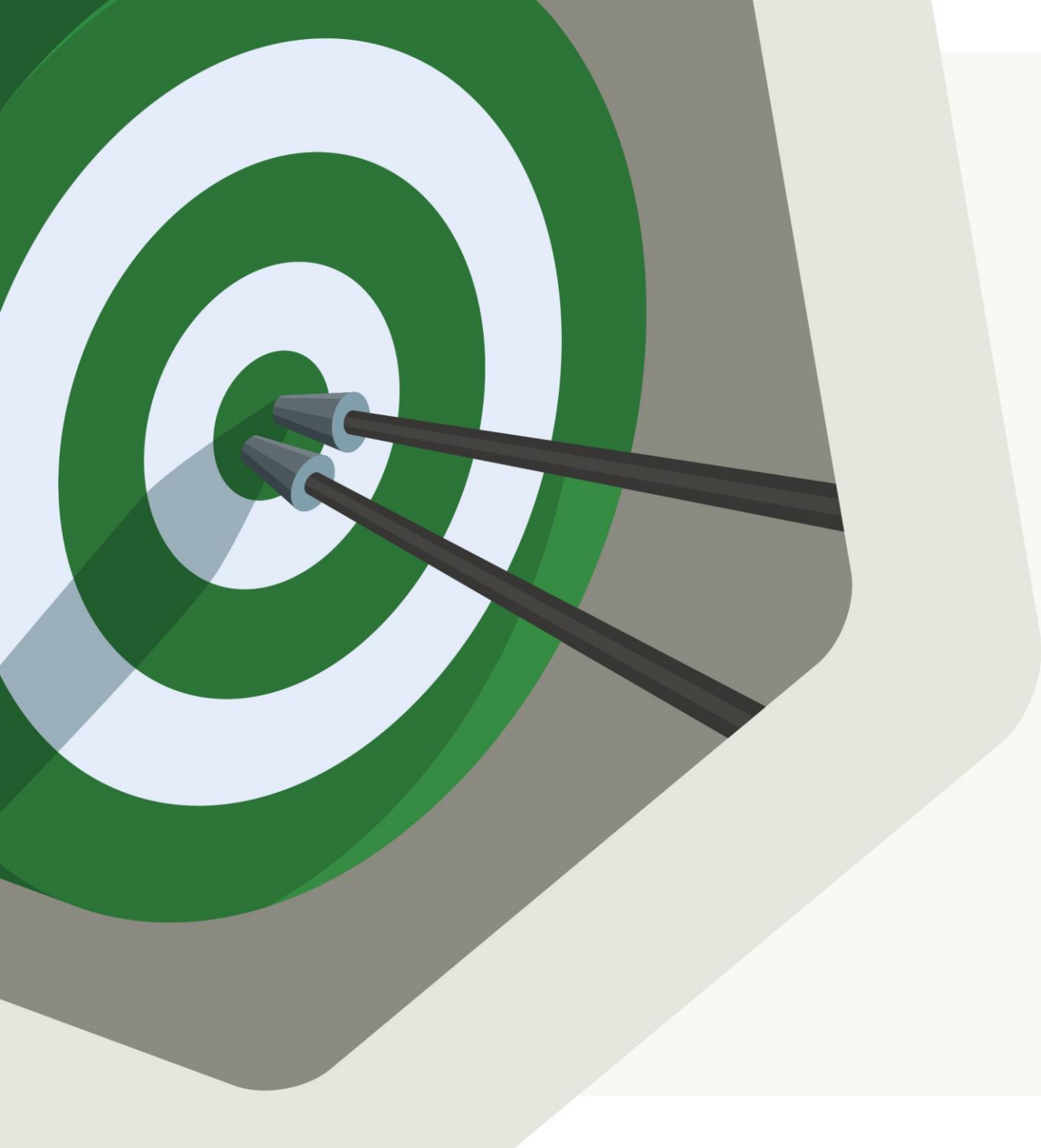
WHY POPULATION POLICY?

4 Change in governance structure based on the Constitution of Kenya 2010

5 Emerging and continuing challenges requiring new strategic direction

POLICY GOAL

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TO ATTAIN A **HIGH QUALITY** OF LIFE FOR THE POPULATION OF KENYA THAT IS **SECURE, HEALTHY, BROADLY EDUCATED, TRAINED** AND **EMPOWERED** FOR **SUSTAINABLE** DEVELOPMENT

POLICY OBJECTIVES

WHY POPULATION POLICY?

To attain a population age structure, human resource base, and economic environment that will accelerate economic development;

Enhance availability, accessibility and utilization of reliable and timely population data and research leveraging on technology and innovation;

Advocate for domestic financing for implementation of population policy and programme
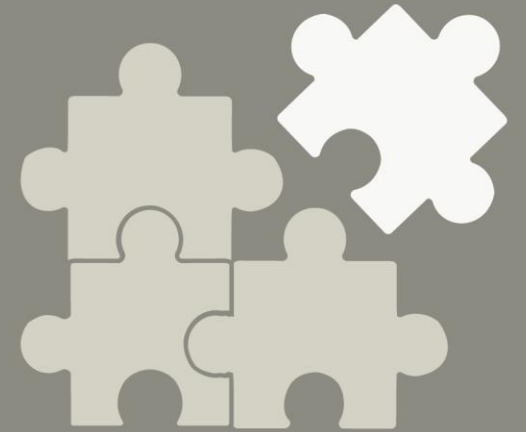
POLICY OBJECTIVES (CONT'D)

WHY POPULATION POLICY?

To promote policies and interventions that address morbidities and mortalities across all the segments of the population to improve longevity/life expectancy;
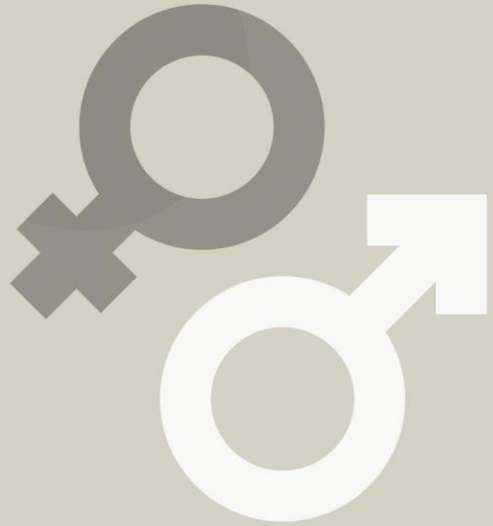
To address challenges and maximize opportunities arising from mobility, migration and urbanization to achieve national development aspirations;

To Promote integrated approaches to address population, environment and disaster risk response issues to achieve sustainable development;

POLICY OBJECTIVES (CONT'D)

WHY POPULATION POLICY?

To promote initiatives that enable individuals and couples to make informed choices on their fertility

Accelerate progress to achieve the realization of the national population policy

KEY POPULATION CONCERNS

1 POPULATION AGE STRUCTURE

Demographic change: transition from child to youthful population

2 FERTILITY

Family size, formation and adolescent fertility

3 DATA, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Population research and data availability and utilization evidence for policy and programming

KEY POPULATION CONCERNS (CONT'D)

4 **MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY**
Changing disease patterns

5 **MOBILITY, MIGRATION, URBANIZATION**
Population movement and urbanization

6 **POPULATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTERS**
Advocacy for adoption of Population Health Environment and Development initiatives

STRATEGIC POLICY DIRECTION

1 **POPULATION AGE STRUCTURE**

Investment in total human capital development for accelerated socio-economic growth

2 **MOBILITY, MIGRATION, URBANIZATION**

Mainstreaming of mobility & migration in development planning Investment in sustainable urban cities and towns

3 **MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY**

Investment in population health for holistic disease prevention and management

STRATEGIC POLICY DIRECTION (CONT'D)

4 **POPULATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTERS**

Advocacy for adoption of Population Health Environment and Development initiatives

5 **DATA, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

Establishment of a state of the art Data Centre

6 **FERTILITY**

Promotion of equitable access to reproductive health information and services

TARGETS FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Indicator	Baseline	Targets			
	2019	2021	2025	2030	2050
Population size (Millions)	47.6	49.7	53.3	57.8	82.6
Proportion of Population < 15 years (%)	39	47.6	45.5	42.8	30.2
Proportion of Population > 60 years (%)	6	5.6	5.6	6.0	9.1
Annual Population Growth Rate (%)	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.7
Life Expectancy at Birth	64	65.1	66.0	67.1	69.9
Total Fertility Rate	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.1

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Indicator	Baseline	Targets			
	2019	2021	2025	2030	2050
Dependency Ratio	75.2	71.0	65.7	60.8	56.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)	36	31.2	31.1	31.0	30.9
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 100,000)	355	312	227	120	70
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) (%)	61.6	63.8	65.4	67.3	67.3
Proportion of Children Under Five Stunted (%)	19.5	17	16.1	14.7	9.5