

## Construction of Knowledge Societies Team Visits Makueni County

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Governor's Office Makueni County



On Thursday 20th February 2014 a team from the Construction of Knowledge Societies Initiative paid a courtesy call on the Governor and Deputy Governor of Makueni County Prof. Kibutha Kibwana and Ms. Adelina Mwau. During the visit, the team comprising of Prof. Judith Bahemuka, Prof. Munyae Mulinge, Mr. J. Obare and Ms. Lillian Owiti introduced the project to the county officials and laid the ground work for field work in Makueni County. One of the key activities under Ford Foundation funded initiative, s field research in 5 counties namely; Makueni, Turkana, Nairobi, Kwale and Homabay. The field work aims at identifying the knowledge gaps in the constitution implementation process and how the Constitution of Kenya 2010 can transform community members' social, economic and political lives.

The Governor and the Deputy Governor welcomed the initiative and pledged their full support. They elaborated the projects they have implemented in the county under their slogan "every household, village, ward something" which aims to guarantee opportunities for everyone. They acknowledged that some of the challenges facing counties include; a culture of silence, poor management of projects, lack of or participation by community members and governance

issues. The project was seen as coming at an opportune time when education for critical consciousness is needed. They underscored the importance of mobilizing community members to participate in their own development as the only way of ensuring community ownership of development projects and enhancing their sustainability. The Governor lauded the initiative's multidisciplinary approach and partnership with the private sector as the only way to guarantee wholistic development. He hoped that the Construction of Knowledge Societies initiative's work in Makeni County will be a model which other counties can emulate.



Prof. Judith Bahemuka signs the visitor's book as Mr Obare looks on



Governor Prof. Kivutha Kibwana and Deputy Governor Ms. Adelina Mwau