

CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN KENYA

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Dynamics of Rural Kenya



The Rural Future- making in Kenya
Opportunities and Challenges



Dynamics of Rural Kenya cont'd

- **Forty 47 devolved units; 21 of them are borderlands**
- **Under 35 old are 75% of Kenya's total population**
- **75 % of the Country is Arid & Semi Arid**
- **Land issues, Representation, Livelihood & Environment are major drivers of Public Policy**
- **The rural potential greatest under devolved system of governance**

The “Big Four” Policy choices (2018–22)



Manufacturing

- Favorable rail cargo tariff
- Construct thousands of km of roads
- Construct industrial parks
- Increase sea port capacity
- Grow Blue economy



100% Universal health care

- Health Facilities improvement
- Universal Healthcare



100% Food and Nutrition security

- Intensification of agriculture
- New irrigation sites
- Construction of local market centers
- Foreign markets



Housing

- From homeless to home ownership
- Urban homes
- Rural homes

Research ideas have consequences

- ▶ Research is the *structured, systematic collection, analysis and interpretation of data* to answer a certain question, prediction or solve a problem
- ▶ National Crime Research Centre (NCRC): *Reducing the confidence of criminals to commit crimes*
- ▶ Localization of crimes through crime mapping: www.crimeresearch.go.ke

Qualities of a good policy research

- ▶ Proves a hypothesis or answer a specific policy question
- ▶ seeks to find a definitive policy answer
- ▶ Is systematic and structured
- ▶ Organized and planned
- ▶ Reviews past policy research and evaluates questions that need to be answered.
- ▶ Has a researcher opinion and interpretation

Regulating Research

- ▶ Section 6 (1) of the Science, Technology & Innovation Act, 2013, mandates National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI)–‘to approve all **Scientific Research** in Kenya’ <https://www.nacosti.go.ke/>
- ▶ Section 17(1) regulates application for ‘Research Licence/ Permit’ <https://oris.nacosti.go.ke/>
- ▶ NCRC research is by Act of Parliament and cover research under policing services, justice services, prisons and aftercare services

The NCRC Research

- ▶ Social and criminology researchers
- ▶ Governing Council approves research protocols
- ▶ Scope covers research into crime, causes of crime, its prevention and management
- ▶ Researching staff are full-time and part-time
- ▶ Research costing is crucial

Research & Policy coherence

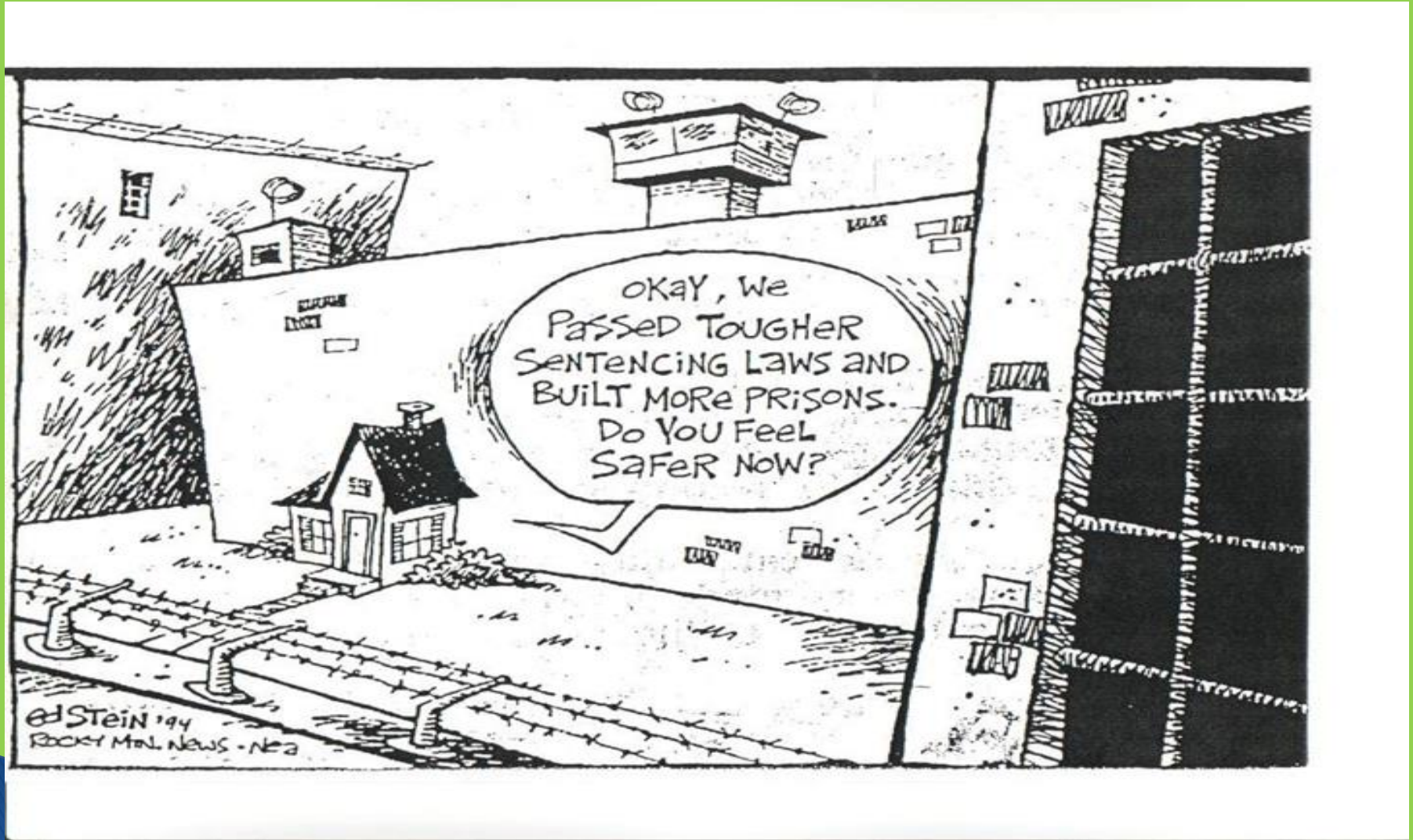
Growing collaborative relationships

- ▶ Based on the NCRC service users
- ▶ Based on the Governing Council Membership agencies
- ▶ Based on the joint research proposal bidding
- ▶ Based on new knowledge horizon areas of interest
- ▶ International exchange programme

The future

- ▶ Research on conflict drivers around large scale infrastructure projects in rural Kenya
- ▶ Research around policing the peripheral rural areas which form majority of rural Kenya
- ▶ Research around the conservancies as an emerging form of land use in rural Kenya
- ▶ Research around intended and unintended consequences of intensification of agriculture in rural Kenya
- ▶ Research around crime and violence prevention

How much crime is out there?





Kenya Devolution
SUPPORT PROGRAM

Thank you.

