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### **Abbreviations**

ASAL - Arid and Semi-Arid Lands

CIDP - County Integrated Development Plan

CPG - Community Planning Group

CRRF - Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework

EAC - East African Community

EEZ - Economy Enterprise Zone

ESA - East and Southern Africa

HH - Household

ISUD - Integrated Sustainable Urban Development

KRC - Kenya Red Cross

KISEDP - Kakuma/Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan

KNBS - Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

LAPSSET - Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Transport

RAS - Refugee Affairs Secretariat

SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals

SWOT - Strength Weakness Opportunity Threat

TVET - Tertiary, Vocational Education and Training

UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

WASH - Water Sanitation and Hygiene

WFP - World Food Programme

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### **Executive Summary**

The areas between Kakuma Town and Kalobeyei Town (known collectively as Kakuma-Kalobeyei) in Turkana West, where the Kakuma Refugee Camps, Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and the adjacent host community villages have long faced challenges as a result of their isolated and underdeveloped location. In 2021, given the compounding factors of protracted displacement, shifting policies and the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic, a plan to enable self-reliance and to chart a path towards a more sustainable future is all the more necessary. It is on this basis that the Turkana County Government in collaboration with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) under a programme funded by the European Union Trust Fund for Africa has since 2020, been developing a strategy to support the regeneration of the older camps as part of a wider sustainable vision for the area.

Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement are home to over 200,000 refugees from over 9 different countries, many who have lived there for more than 25 years. Both settlements are managed by the Refugee Affairs Secretariat from the Kenyan Government together with UNHCR and their partners. The challenges facing Kakuma-Kalobeyei range from natural hazard vulnerability, insufficient infrastructure and facility provision and very limited employment opportunities.

Notwithstanding these challenges, there are key opportunities which are waiting to be capitalised on. Kakuma-Kalobeyei is strategically located to take advantage of regional and international trade routes as well as untapped natural resources like Lotikipi Reserve and Aquifer and the untapped solar energy potential. While more facilities are needed for the population, the existing health and education facilities throughout Kakuma-Kalobeyei are relatively extensive.

with a whole of society approach, informed by government and transnational policies, community perspectives and sound urban planning principles. The aim of the vision is to understand how all the spatial, economic, environmental and social-cultural layers interact and propose a pathway forward to capitalize on the opportunities available while making the most of all existing assets.

The vision will be used to help inform and guide future development and will act as a basis for a detailed regeneration plan for Kakuma-Kalobeyei, which will identify specific action areas and projects that will help to enable the Kakuma-Kalobeyei vision to become a reality.

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