

# Kenya Open Data Initiative (KODI) — Africa's Early National Open-Data Portal and Its Two-Year Stall

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

## Summary

Kenya launched one of Sub-Saharan Africa's first open-data portals in 2011 with 160+ datasets, drawing 633 launch-day views. Daily use quickly fell below 120, and the initiative stalled for nearly two years (2012-2013) before reinstitutionalisation, per academic case studies.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured results      | 2/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 1/3   |
| Scalability                                | 1/3   |
| Sustainability / continuity                | 1/3   |
| Innovation                                 | 2/3   |
| Inclusiveness / equity                     | 1/3   |
| Multi-stakeholder collaboration            | 2/3   |

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Kenya ICT Authority \(formerly Kenya ICT Board\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Kennesaw State University AJIS journal article](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Wiley Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Centre for Public Impact case study](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

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