



THE KENYAN PARLIAMENT HAS 416 MEMBERS, 349 OF THEM ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.



Public Sector

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A further 67 are members of senate elected to represent both parliamentary constituencies and counties to ensure that a diverse range of interests – such as young people, workers and disabled people - have a voice in government and decision-making.

Challenge

Operating at the heart of government and responsible for the creation and implementation of laws and budgets, it is vital that the National Assembly has comprehensive protection from IT security breaches and attacks.

Government must also set a leadership example to Kenyan citizens and the business community, promoting IT security and providing practical advice and assistance to organizations and individuals about the best steps to take to prevent damaging data losses and cyber-attacks.

Meanwhile, the Kenyan government is working hard to make it easier for citizens to contact their MPs and to access information, services and the democratic process.



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It is moving towards an e-government approach as part of Kenya's Vision 2030, which aims to provide all citizens with a high quality of life, in a clean and secure environment, by 2030.

But with many government buildings scattered throughout a large and mainly rural country, where basic telecommunications connections are often absent and many IT users are unaware of how vulnerable IT can be, it was very difficult for the Kenyan authorities to adequately protect its IT systems and infrastructure.

IT staff had to manually check each and every PC, laptop and device connected to the network to see if they were still protected and this slow and labour-intensive process meant that it was impossible to prevent viruses attacking the network, especially in remote locations.

Government officials were keen to build on the fresh start provided by the new constitution and the launch of the new parliament, so they began a procurement process to identify a partner with the expertize and the resources to provide a robust IT security solution that could operate successfully on a national scale.

The Kaspersky Lab Solution

As part of the competitive tender procurement process, Kaspersky Lab's Platinum Partner, Cliff Business Solutions of Nairobi was invited by the National Assembly to provide a proof of concept for an integrated solution based on Kaspersky Lab's managed IT security platform.

The National Assembly selected Kaspersky Lab's multi-layered, fully integrated IT security platform, combining powerful endpoint controls with security for workstations and file servers and provisions for rigorous mobile security too.



SECURE

The Kaspersky Lab platform is proactively protecting the work of MPs, the Kenyan parliament and valuable national assets



COST

Anticipating risks and having comprehensive security measures in place is helping prevent system breaches or data losses



FLEXIBLE

The platform is being expanded in line with the gradual extension of the National Assembly and its activities



CONTROL

Centralized management and control of IT systems and infrastructure is an essential part of protecting public services and public money **416**

42M

People represented

Now, almost ten years later, the partnership between Kaspersky Lab and the National Assembly goes from strength to strength, as the countrywide installation of the Kaspersky Lab platform continues, keeping pace with the expansion of the National Assembly's activities, nationally, regionally and locally.

At its heart is Kaspersky Lab's market-leading, advanced anti-malware software, which constantly assesses threats and delivers automatic updates for a rapid response to new threats.

There are web, device and applications controls, together with a centralised platform management console, providing easy to use security administration tools for desktop, portable, mobile and virtual endpoints. This combination is providing advanced visibility and essential IT security control for National Assembly officials responsible for protecting national assets and public money.

Protecting valuable national assets

Mr Eric Miriti, the National Assembly's ICT Officer, explains: "The proof of concept demonstrated very clearly that the Kaspersky Lab platform could help us to achieve our objectives and so we were very pleased to select it.

"The price was attractive too and we were also reassured by the security certifications of the personnel supporting us with the installation and ongoing assistance.

"This gave us a lot of confidence in both the technology and the people that we would be working with, so we were very optimistic about the future. And the results have demonstrated that we made the correct choice.

"There have been many improvements and there are still more to come as the parliament continues to expand its activities throughout the country.

"The centralized monitoring and management of the platform is giving us much more control over our network and our IT equipment. It is much easier to deploy updates against malware attacks – and we now identify threats and respond to them much faster than before.

"We can also produce a variety of reports, demonstrating how well the platform is working – and this is very important as a part of government spending public money.

"More than ten years after selecting Kaspersky Lab we feel that we have a platform that is performing well and is flexible, allowing us to continue to expand safely and securely, and the people that provide advice and support are working hard to give us a great service. We value their assistance very much."





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