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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

Public participation is a constitutional requirement specifically, Article 1 states that sovereign power belongs to the people and Article 10 (2) (a) and the Fourth Schedule Part 2 (14) of the Constitution of Kenya is stipulated as a function of the County Government. Sections 87 to 92 and 115 of the County Governments Act, 2012 outline the principles of public participation and the imperative for facilitating public participation in the work of the County government. Public participation is the engagement of stakeholders in public interest decision-making processes. It is a way for citizens to be involved in the policy-making process and to ensure that their perspectives are taken into account. It is a vital element of good governance, as it helps ensure that decisions are made fairly, transparently, and accountable.

Public participation helps to ensure that policies and laws reflect the needs and wishes of the citizenry. It also helps to ensure that stakeholders have access to the information they need to make informed decisions. Participation can take many forms, including direct engagement of citizens in decision-making processes, consultation with experts and stakeholders, and public forums.

Public participation helps to create policies and laws that are more effective and responsive to the needs of citizens. It also helps reduce the risk of bad decisions by providing a more balanced view of the issues. Participation also helps to reduce corruption and ensure that government officials are accountable to the citizens they serve.

Public participation is increasingly seen as a valuable tool in the policy-making process. It can be used to help identify potential solutions to problems, inform the public about policy issues, and provide feedback on government decisions. Participation can also help to reduce the costs associated with policy-making, as it can provide a cheaper and more efficient way to gather information and feedback than traditional methods.

The County Government of Kitui will seek to utilize the various levels of participation, that is, the government is committed to the promotion of consultation, placation, partnership, and citizen control models of participation. The County government will promote and ensure people-centered and people-driven development as anticipated by the constitution. The government will continuously strive to create an enabling environment for citizens to be involved in and participate in the development of policies from the initial stages.

As a result, the county government will incorporate the following to effectuate the outcomes of the public participation processes:

1. Informing the public by providing information to help them understand the issues, options, and solutions;
2. Consulting with the public to obtain their feedback on alternatives or decisions;
3. Involving the public to ensure their concerns are considered throughout the decision-making process, particularly in the development of decision criteria and options;

4. Collaborating with the public to develop decision criteria and alternatives and identify the preferred solutions; and
5. Empowering the public by placing final decision-making authority in their hands.

1.1 FY2024/25 Budget Estimates

The FY2024/25 Budget Estimates hold significant importance for the County Government of Kitui in effectively planning its development priorities for its people. Firstly, these budget estimates serve as a financial roadmap that outlines the allocation of resources towards various development projects and programs aimed at enhancing the well-being of the county's residents. By detailing the projected revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year, the budget estimates provide clarity on the available financial resources and how they will be utilized to address key developmental needs.

Secondly, the FY2024/25 Budget Estimates enable the county government to prioritize critical sectors such as healthcare, education, infrastructure, agriculture, and social welfare based on identified needs and objectives. This prioritization is crucial for efficient resource allocation and ensuring that essential services reach the most vulnerable populations in the county.

Furthermore, the budget estimates facilitate accountability and transparency in governance by outlining clear expenditure plans and targets. This transparency builds public trust and confidence in the government's ability to manage public finances responsibly.

Additionally, the budget estimates provide a basis for monitoring and evaluation of development initiatives. By aligning actual expenditures with budgeted amounts, the county government can assess the effectiveness and impact of its programs, allowing for timely adjustments and improvements.

1.2 The Legal Framework for Public Participation in Kenya

1.2.1 The Constitution of Kenya, 2010

1. Article 1(2): All sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya. The people may exercise their sovereignty directly or through their elected representatives.

2. Article 10 (2) a, b, and c: The national values and principles of governance include; democracy and participation of the people; inclusiveness; good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability.

3. Article 27: The Constitution guarantees equality and non-discrimination. Hence, public participation should ensure equality and non-discrimination.

4. Article 33: Public participation should respect the freedom of expression of all participants.

- 5. Article 35:** The Constitution guarantees the right to access information by citizens
- 6. Article 61:** Gives the public, individually or as a group, a say in matters of land including acquisition, management, transfer, disposal, or ownership of private, public, and/or community land.
- 7. Article 69(1) (d):** The State shall encourage public participation in the management, protection, and conservation of the environment.
- 8. Article 118:** (1) Parliament shall— (a) conduct its business in an open manner, and its sittings and those of its committees shall be open to the public, and (b) facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its committees.
- 9. Article 119(1):** Every person has a right to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority, including enacting, amending, or repealing any legislation. (2) Parliament may not exclude the public, or any media, from any sitting, unless in exceptional circumstances the relevant Speaker has determined that there are justifiable reasons for the exclusion.
- 10. Article 174(c):** Objects of devolution are: to give powers of self-governance to the people and enhance their participation in the exercise of such powers in decision-making.
- 11. Article 174(d):** Communities have the right to manage their own affairs and to further their development.
- 12. Article 184(1):** National legislation shall provide for the governance and management of urban areas and cities and shall, in particular— (c) provide for participation by residents in the governance of urban areas and cities.
- 13. Article 196(1):** A county assembly shall— (a) conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings and those of its committees, in public; and (b) facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees. (2) A county assembly may not exclude the public, or any media, from any sitting, unless in exceptional circumstances the speaker has determined that there are justifiable reasons for doing so.
- 14. Article 201 (a):** there shall be openness and accountability, including public participation in financial matters
- 15. Article 232(1) (d):** The values and principles of public service include the involvement of the people in the process of policymaking and (f) transparency and provision to the public of timely and accurate information.

16. Fourth Schedule Part 2(14): The functions and powers of the county are to coordinate and ensure the participation of communities in governance. Counties are also to assist communities to develop the administrative capacity to enhance their exercise of power and participation in governance at the local level.

1.2.2 The Public Finance Management Act

Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), enacted in 2012, has brought significant changes in the country's financial management system. One of the most noteworthy provisions of the PFMA is the emphasis on public participation in the budget process.

The PFMA mandates that county governments and national government entities involve the public in the budget-making process. This requirement is aimed at ensuring public accountability in financial management, increasing citizens' participation in governance, and promoting transparency and openness.

The law requires that each county holds public hearings before developing annual budgets. The hearings are meant to produce an inclusive and participatory process where all stakeholders, including those who may be marginalized, can have their voices heard. Participatory budgeting has been shown to lead to more efficient and equitable budget allocation, improving public trust and confidence in government.

Also, the PFMA mandates the establishment of a County Budget and Economic Forum which comprises representatives from the county government, civil society organizations, the private sector, and other interested parties. The forum is responsible for reviewing and providing feedback on the budget process, promoting public engagement, and ensuring the budget reflects the needs of the people.

In conclusion, the Public Finance Management Act is a critical tool for promoting public participation in the budget-making process. It not only ensures that citizens' voices are heard but also leads to more equitable budget allocation and improves public trust and confidence in government. It's essential that these provisions be upheld to ensure a transparent, accountable, and participatory process in the management of public finances.

The Act contains various provisions on public participation in Kenya that relate to Chapter 13 of the Constitution on public finance.

1. Section 125(2): The County Executive Committee member for finance shall ensure that there is public participation in the budget process (provided for under Section 125:1).

2. Section 175(9): The accounting officer of an urban area or city shall ensure public participation in preparing the strategic plan (175:1) and the annual budget estimates (175:5) as 6 outlined in the

second schedule of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011. For that purpose, he or she may publish guidelines for public participation.

3. Section 207: County Governments are to establish structures, mechanisms, and guidelines for citizen participation.

1.2.3 The County Governments Act

The Act places a legal obligation on County Governments to promote public participation in all public processes. County Governments are required to develop and implement policies and procedures that will ensure that the public is informed and involved in decision-making processes. Public participation forums such as public hearings, public meetings, and barazas are to be organized to encourage the public's participation in governance matters.

Further, the Act provides for the creation of Ward Committees that will facilitate public participation at the grassroots level. The Ward Committees act as a link between the citizens and the County Governments, ensuring that the concerns of the public are heard and addressed.

A robust and inclusive public participation mechanism promotes transparency, accountability, and good governance. It ensures that the County Governments make informed decisions that reflect the needs and aspirations of the citizens. In conclusion, the Kenya County Governments Act on public participation is a significant step forward in promoting citizen participation and democracy at the local level.

The following are the provisions on public participation in Kenya contained in this Act: -

1. Section 113: Makes public participation in county planning processes compulsory.

2. Section 87: Stipulates the principles of public participation. They include timely access to information and reasonable access to planning and policy-making processes.

3. Section 88: Citizens have a right to petition the county government on any matter under the responsibility of the county government.

4. Section 90: A county government may conduct a local referendum on among other local issues— county laws and petitions, or planning and investment decisions affecting the county for which a petition has been raised and duly signed by at least twenty-five percent of the registered voters where the referendum is to take place.

Section 91: The county government shall facilitate the establishment of modalities, and platforms for citizen participation e.g., town hall meetings, IT-based technologies, and establishment of citizen fora at county and decentralized units.

Sections 94, 95, and 96: Counties are to establish mechanisms to facilitate public communication and access to information using media with the widest public outreach. Every county shall designate an office for ensuring access to information.

Sections 100 and 101: County governments should create an institutional framework for civic education

1.3 Specific Objectives of FY2024/25 Budget Estimates Public Participation

The following specific objectives were to be achieved:

First, the FY2024/25 budget estimates public participation process is designed to enhance public awareness and understanding of the budget plan. Public participation provides citizens with an opportunity to learn about the budget, its goals, and its objectives. This process helps citizens understand the various programs and projects outlined in the budget and how they will be funded and executed. By enhancing public awareness and understanding of the budget, the public participation process ensures that the county government has the support and engagement of the community.

Second, the objective of the FY2024/25 budget estimates public participation process is to gather community input, feedback, and suggestions. This process serves as a platform for citizens to share their views, ideas, and suggestions for the budget. Feedback from the community helps to ensure that the budget aligns with the needs and aspirations of the people. Additionally, involving the community in the budgeting process fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility toward fiscal decisions.

Third, the objective of the FY2024/25 budget estimates public participation process is to enhance accountability and transparency in budget planning. Public participation ensures that the budgeting process is conducted openly, transparently, and accountably. This transparency helps to mitigate corruption, conflicts of interest, and political biases. Moreover, involving the community in the budgeting process ensures that citizens' voices in the county's financial planning are heard, leading to a budget that genuinely serves the county's needs.

Fourth, the objective of the FY2024/25 budget estimates public participation process is to cultivate partnerships and collaboration. Public participation encourages partnerships between the county government, the community, and other stakeholders. These partnerships and collaborations strengthen the county's ability to form effective alliances, secure external funding, and foster consensus around shared financial goals.

1.4 The rationale for Public Participation

- 1. Ensures transparency and accountability:** Public participation in the development of an integrated county plan promotes transparency and accountability in decision-making. By involving the community, decision-makers are kept accountable for their choices, and the plan can be reviewed by the public for its effectiveness.
- 2. Generates diverse ideas and perspectives:** The participation of a diverse group of stakeholders provides new and varied ideas for the development of an integrated county plan. The inclusion of a variety of perspectives can help identify issues that would have been overlooked without the involvement of the public.
- 3. Builds trust and credibility:** Public participation in the planning process builds trust and credibility between communities and the government. This is because public participation assures that all voices are heard and considered in the decision-making process, creating a more responsive and inclusive system.
- 4. Enhances Communication:** Public participation creates a platform to discuss issues and ideas, which reinforces better communication between the community and the government. It enables the community to have access to accurate and timely information about the plan's progress and development.
- 5. Encourages community ownership:** Public participation encourages community ownership of the plan by making stakeholders feel like they are a part of the process. It leads to a greater sense of responsibility and ownership which can contribute to the successful implementation of the plan.
- 6. Builds capacity:** By participating in the integrated county planning process, the community members develop skills and knowledge on various issues pertinent to the planning process. Capacity building empowers people with skills and knowledge that they can use to improve their own lives and contribute to the wider development of their county.
- 7. Promotes a culture of democracy:** A key value of public participation is democracy. Participatory planning is an essential aspect of democratic governance, and through this process, people learn about democracy and its principles. This fosters a culture of democracy promoting active citizenship.
- 8. Improves development outcomes:** When the community participates in the development of an integrated county plan, they become more invested in its implementation. As a result, development outcomes are often more successful, and the plan is more realistic, focused, and responsive to the needs of the community.

CHAPTER TWO: COUNTY PRIORITIES

The FY2024/25 Budget estimates public participation took place on April 18, 2024, at the KEFRI Grounds in Kitui Central Sub- County. County officials from the Economic Planning and Budget Department, along with representatives from various county line ministries, facilitated the public participation session in adherence to legal mandates for fiscal responsibility. This engagement allowed for stakeholder input and feedback to inform the budgeting process, ensuring transparency and inclusivity in governance and resource allocation.

2.1.1 Provision of Background Information on FY2024/25 Budget Estimates

The Kitui County Economic Planning Unit (EPU) played a vital role in ensuring the success of public participation in the FY2024/25 Budget Estimates process which Centrally at KEFRI Grounds in Kitui Central Sub-County. Public participation is essential for the development of an inclusive and sustainable economy, and the EPU had to take steps to ensure that the public was informed about it and encouraged to participate. There were some ways the EPU achieved this:

1. **Used social media and other digital platforms:** social media and online platforms are significant sources of information for the public. The EPU leveraged these tools to raise awareness about the FY2024/25 Budget Estimates and its importance to county development. The EPU created user-friendly posters, engaged with the public on social media, ran digital ad campaigns, and used email newsletters to keep people informed.
2. **Worked with the media:** The media played a vital role in disseminating information to the public. The EPU worked with the media to publicize the FY2024/25 Budget Estimates.

2.1.2 Structure of Public Participation

Introductions: The County Secretary **Mr. Alex Kimanzi** broke the ice by introducing the forum and participants while allowing the participants to know one another while voicing their expectations.

2.1.2.1 Members Present

1. Deputy Governor (Chief Quest)
2. County Budget Economic Forum Members
3. County Executive Committee Members
4. Chief Officers
5. Municipal Managers
6. Directors
7. Deputy Directors
8. Assistant Directors
9. Staff
10. People With Disabilities
11. Church Representatives
12. Media Personalities.
13. General Public

2.1.3 Purpose of the forum:

The County Executive Committee Member of Finance, Economic Planning, and Revenue Management then had the opportunity to guide the participants through the 3rd Basis CRA Formula and the key highlights of the FY2024/25 Budget Estimates, as shown below.

S/N	Source	Actual Revenue 2020/21	Projected Revenue Estimates 2023/24	Projected Estimates	
		Kshs	Kshs	2024/25 (Kshs)	2025/26 (Kshs)
1	Equitable share				
	Equitable share	8,830,350,000	10,824,785,855	10,990,205,956	12,089,226,552
	Transfer of Library Services		4,701,081	-	-
	Sub Total Equitable Share	8,830,350,000	10,829,486,936	10,990,205,956	12,089,226,552
2	Grants				
	Free Maternal Healthcare				
	Compensation for User Fees Forgone	22,499,906		-	-
	Road Maintenance Fuel Levy	264,131,437		445,098,850	489,608,735
	Grants from World Bank (KDSP)	45,000,000		37,500,000	41,250,000
	World Bank (Universal Health)	36,872,242		-	-
	World Bank (Agriculture - Rural Growth)	190,631,819	150,000,000	-	-
	World Bank (Emergency Locust Response Project (ELRP))		133,683,244	121,025,000	133,127,500
	IDA (World Bank) credit (National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP))		250,000,000	151,515,152	166,666,667
	HSSP/HSPS - (DANIDA/IDA)		16,112,250	13,601,250	14,961,375
	County Aggregation and Industrial Parks Programme			250,000,000	
	Community Health Promoters			58,050,445	
	World Bank loan to Supplement financing of County Health Facilities	25,110,000		-	-
	World Bank Credit to Finance Locally - Led Climate Action Program (FLLoCA)		11,000,000	-	-
	UNFPA (9th Country Programme Implementation)			-	-
	Development of Youth Polytechnics			-	-
	Other GOK Grants (Doctors & Nurses Allowance)			-	-
	Kenya Urban Support Project - World Bank	92,149,894	-		-
	Kenya Urban Support Project (UIG)- World Bank			35,000,000	38,500,000
	ASDSP	126,367,908	1,292,965	-	-
	Allocation for Court Fines			50,000	
	Allocation for 20% Share of Mineral Royalties			114,279	

S/N	Source	Actual Revenue 2020/21	Projected Revenue Estimates 2023/24	Projected Estimates	
		Kshs	Kshs	2024/25 (Kshs)	2025/26 (Kshs)
	KCEP-KRLA			-	-
	FAO	12,329,648		-	-
	GoK Conditional Grant - Covid Fund			-	-
	Pro Poor			-	-
	Subtotal	815,092,853	562,088,459	1,111,954,976	884,114,277
		9,645,442,853	11,391,575,395	12,102,160,932	12,973,340,829
3	Own Source Revenue	326,450,311	585,000,000	600,000,000	616,059,573
	TOTAL	9,971,893,164	11,976,575,395	12,702,160,932	13,589,400,402
	% of Equitable Share	89	90	87	89
	% of Own Resources	3	5	5	5
	% of Grants	8	5	9	7
		100	100	100	100
	Revote from previous budget	1,578,584,301	2,012,204,897	-	
	Total Resource Envelope	11,550,477,465	13,988,780,291	12,702,160,932	13,589,400,402

2.1.4 Budget allocation per spending entity

VOTE CODE TITLE	GROSS CURRENT ESTIMATES	GROSS CAPITAL ESTIMATES	GROSS TOTAL ESTIMATES
	2023/24 - Kshs		
Office of the Governor	1,191,647,423	825,524,093	2,017,171,517
Office of the Deputy Governor	158,355,306	23,702,808	182,058,114
Ministry of Water & Irrigation	139,813,158	556,280,836	696,093,994
Ministry of Education, Training & Skills Development	958,584,773	63,981,493	1,022,566,265
Ministry of Roads, Public Works & Transport	220,470,323	656,160,582	876,630,905
Ministry of Health & Sanitation	3,644,577,957	177,774,729	3,822,352,686
Ministry of Trade, Industry, MSMEs, Innovation & Cooperatives	199,341,944	511,549,631	710,891,575
Ministry of Energy, Environment, Forestry, Natural & Mineral Resources	123,041,344	191,633,726	314,675,070
Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports & Social Services	120,830,924	53,560,406	174,391,330
Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning & Revenue Management	486,850,579	57,500,000	544,350,579
County Public Service Board	65,807,658	5,000,000	70,807,658
County Assembly Service Board	1,095,630,000	5,000,000	1,100,630,000
Kitui Municipality	80,196,569	92,261,711	172,458,280
Mwingi Town Administration	63,071,759	27,500,000	90,571,759
Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock	350,962,379	333,504,083	684,466,462
Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development	91,469,103	239,543,725	331,012,828
Total Voted Expenditure Kshs	8,990,651,198	3,820,477,823	12,811,129,022
	70%	30%	100%

2.1.5 Ministerial Presentations

Each Spending entity representative either a Municipality Manager, a Chief Officer or a Chief Executive Committee Member took the participants through the Key highlights of the FY2024/25 for each spending entity which was as follows.

MINISTRY	VOTELINE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
VOTE 3711: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	Public Service Management & General Administration		
	2210904	Motor Vehicle insurance	40,000,000
	2210910	Medical Insurance (Group Cover Insurance)	175,000,000
	2211201	Refined Fuels and Lubricants for Transport- facilitate GVN movement	6,860,000
	2211399	Other Operating Expenses-Other (Facilitation for Governor's movements)	60,000,000
	3111401	Pre-feasibility, Feasibility and Appraisal Studies (CLIDP Administrative budget)	20,700,000
	3110202	Non-Residential Buildings-Construction of Additional office space	30,000,000
	3110202	Non-Residential Buildings-Refurbishment of Governors Administration Block and completion of the kitchen on 1st floor with Furnishing	4,000,000
	3110202	Non-Residential Buildings-Construction of Enforcement Office Block	8,000,000
	3111108	Purchase of Police and Security Equipment-CCTV surveillance for GVN Block	7,500,000
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works-CLIDP (72% Infrastructure)	496,800,000
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works-CLIDP (25% Infrastructure)	172,500,000
	3110599	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works - CLIDP Pending Bills	31,774,535
	2210801	Catering Services (receptions), Accommodation, Gifts, Food and Drinks)- To cater for cabinets sessions	4,748,500
	Governor's Service Unit and Public Communication		
	SEKEB and Intergovernmental Relations		
	2210802	Boards, Committees, Conferences and Seminars (cater for Implementation and Operationalization of intergovernmental relation Acts and Sekeb- (and Commitees expenses),	3,290,000
	2211399	Other Operating Expenses <i>8M-Annual Contribution to SEKEB</i>	5,000,000
	3111001	Purchase of Office Furniture and Fittings (Furnishing of SEKEB offices)	5,180,000
	County Attorney		
	2211308	Legal Dues/ Fees, Arbitration and Compensation Payments (including on-going cases)- with pending bills	30,000,000
	County Chief of Staff		
	2211320	Temporary Committee Expenses - (Liaison meetings between County Executive and County Assembly	35,370,000
	2211399	Other Operating Expenses-(Council of Governors Activities, Intergovernmental,SEKEB, intra and intercounty activities)	2,650,000
	Decentralized Units Service Delivery Cordination		
	2110202	Casual Labour (Casuals- Market 235 casuals, Cleaners' engagement (233) casual/market cleaners for 20 days per month @ksh.411 amounting to ksh.1,915,260 Monthly hence ksh. 22,983,120. per annum.Cleaners' engagement (2) Kabati market; for 30 days per month @ksh.411 amounting to 24,660 Monthly hence ksh. 295,920 per annum.Employers' contribution on Nssf @ 6% and 1.5% Housing levy) amounting to Ksh.1,745,927)	25,024,968

MINISTRY	VOTELINE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	2210303	Daily Subsistence Allowance (VAs paid 5,000 each (247), Ward Admns 7,000 Each (40), DSCA 8,000(8), Sub-C.Admins 10,000(8))	4,170,000
	2210603	Rents and Rates - Non-Residential (To cater for VAs and Ward Admns offices rent)	7,300,000
	3111001	Purchase of Office Furniture and Fittings (Furnishing all the 247 Village administrators offices across the County)	6,527,222
	3110202	Non-Residential Buildings (Offices, Schools, Hospitals)- Completion of 4 Ward offices	15,000,000
	3110299	Construction of Buildings (Construction of three (3) police stations (Tseikuru, Nuu and Kanziku)	34,468,930
	3110299	Construction of Buildings (Completion of construction of 5 Police stations along the Borderline; KONAKALITI/ KATUMBA/TWAMBUI/MANDONGOI/IMUMBA)	10,000,000
	3110299	Construction of Buildings (Pending Bills)	15,480,628
VOTE 3728: OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Construction of Entrance gate and sentry at George Adamson in Mwingi National Reserve)	2,727,261.00
	0305003710 P 3: Tourism Development and Promotion		
	3111404	Research Allowance (Development of Tourism support infrastructure nature trails and camping structures at Mumoni and Mutitu Hills IBAs.)	2,000,000.00
	SP 3.2 0305033710 Tourism Infrastructure Development		
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Development phase 2 of Kalundu Eco- Park (Swimming pool, Orphanage, Zipline, Quick Shops, Benches, Nature trails, Landscaping)	1,000,000.00
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Establishment of Mutomo Reptile Park: Construction of crocodile pen, construction of snake house floor and ceiling, and stocking of the reptile park)	6,542,546.00
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works- (Development of Ikoo Valley (Bazaar View Point) and Development of Yanzuu Rock Retreat centre)	1,083,001.00
	0717003710 Performance Contracting, Disaster and Emergency Services		
	2210807	Medals, Awards and Honors (Performance Contracting Awards)	30,000,000.00
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Construction and rehabilitation of projects affected by disasters and response to cases of emergencies)	5,000,000.00
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Construction and installation of ICT infrastructure at the Emergency Response Centre)	2,350,000.00
	3110599	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Construction of Phase II Emergency Response Center)	3,000,000.00
VOTE 3729: MINISTRY OF WATER AND IRRIGATION	0111013710 SP. 4.1 Water Storage and Flood Control		
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Construction of Water Structures)	262,727,045
	0111023710 SP. 4.2 Water Supply Infrastructure		
	2510199	Subsidies to non-financial (another budget - KITWASCO/KIMWASCO)	50,000,000
	3111504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Repairs & Rehabilitations)	24,907,301
	3111505	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Repairs & Rehabilitations) - Pending Bills as approved by PBRC	4,494,650
		Capacity building of water management committees	2,000,000
		Cash For Assets (CFA) Water pipeline extensions	40,000,000
	#2	IRRIGATION	

MINISTRY	VOTELINE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Construction of 120 sand dams - 3 per ward for irrigation)	120,000,000	
	3110505	Construction of Cluster irrigation projects	42,151,840	
	3110599	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Solar powered irrigation)	5,000,000	
	3110600	Construction of Farm Ponds	5,000,000	
VOTE 3730: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	2640101	Scholarships and other Educational Benefits (Pro-Poor Programme) (75%)	90,000,000	
	3110203	Non-residential buildings- Pending Bills	4,737,123	
	3111101	Purchase of Furniture and fittings ECDE	3,600,000	
	3111109	Purchase of educational aids and related equipment (ECDE CBC Curriculum Teaching and learning materials)	5,823,575	
	3111120	To improve hygiene and sanitation in ECDE centres (WASH Programme)	4,000,000	
	2640101	Education support programme (Pro-poor)- pro-poor infrastructure support programme 25%	30,000,000	
	Polytechnics, Vocational Centres and Homecraft Centres			
	3110504	Other infrastructure and civil works- Face lifting of existing VTCs.	2,625,207	
	3111101	Mounting of workshops for Training Officers, VTC managers and instructors	2,000,000	
	3111101	Provision of Start- up tool kits to VTC graduates	3,000,000	
	3111101	Supply of training tools and Equipment to VTCs	6,128,843	
	3111101	Pending Bills	66,745	
	3111499	Feasibility Studies - (Education Quality Standards Improvement Programme: Improve the curriculum to include market demand courses)	2,000,000	
	VOTE 3731: MINISTRY OF ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORT	Roads & Public Works		
3110599		Other Infrastructure and Civil Works - Construction of Office block at Kitui East (Zombe)	4,540,000	
3110599		Other Infrastructure and Civil Works - Construction of Office block at Mwingi North (Kyuso)	4,540,000	
0110003710: Roads				
3110401		Major Roads (Fuel Levy - Grant Revote) RMLF	445,098,850	
3110499		Construction of Roads - (Road widening and Dozing works.) -New -5kms per Ward translating to 200kms in the County	21,600,000	
3110499		Construction of Roads - (Road widening works.) - Cash For Assets (CFA) Programme - Bush and Road Clearance	40,000,000	
3110499		Major Roads (pending bills - Outstanding commitments for FY 2023-24)	29,161,270	
Transport and Boda Boda Sector				
2211006		Purchase of Workshop Tools, Spares and Small Equipment - Wearing parts of Equipments	7,520,000	
2220201		Maintenance of Plant, Machinery and Equipment	15,330,000	
Department of Transport and Mechanical Services				
3110402		Access Roads (Fuel, maintenance of plant and machinery)-In-house grading 1,600km - 40km per Ward)	39,448,000	
3110599		Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Construction of BODABODA sheds and associated civil works - Construction of 15No. Boda Boda sheds)	6,750,000	
3110799	Purchase of various Mechanical and other relevant equipment - Purchase of 1No. Heavy Plant Machinery (1 Grader)	35,000,000		

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	3111401	Pre-feasibility, Feasibility and Appraisal Studies - Training of 1,000No. Boda boda riders to issuance of Smart Driving Licences	15,700,000
	3111401	Pre-feasibility, Feasibility and Appraisal Studies -Develop Boda-boda Policy	8,000,000
	3111401	Pre-feasibility, Feasibility and Appraisal Studies - Purchase and Issuance of safety riding gears to 2,000No. (FY 2024/2025 trained Riders-helmets, reflectors	5,000,000
VOTE 3716: MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION	MEDICAL SERVICES		
	2110202	Casual Labour - Others (Locum + CHMT)	12,656,000
	3111112	Operationalization of Integrated Health management information system (IHMIS) in hospitals	2,157,207
	3110202	Construction of a kitchen at Kyuso sub-county hospital	4,400,000
	3110202	Completion and operationalization of kitchen at Migwani sub-county hospital	2,500,000
	3110202	Construction of Kyuso general theatre	8,000,000
	3110202	Construction of Kyuso female Ward	5,800,000
	3110202	Construction of Kyuso Paediatric Ward	4,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of construction of stalled Kitui County referral hospital Amenity/ Surgical Ward	5,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of construction of Nzamba Kitonga Memorial Hospital	13,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of Construction of renal centre KCRH	10,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of Construction of medical/female ward at Mwingi Level IV hospital (stalled)	5,000,000
	3110202	Initiate upgrading of Sosoma dispensary to a level 3B	2,000,000
	3110202	Completion of Musovo dispensary	2,000,000
	3110202	Initiate construction of Mwakini dispensary	4,950,000
	3110202	Continuation of upgrading of Mbitini health centre to a level 3B	2,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of Upgrading of Kanziko health centre to a level 3B	2,000,000
	3110202	Initiate upgrading of Katse health centre to a level 3B	2,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of Upgrading of Endau dispensary to a level 3B	2,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of Upgrading of Tiva dispensary to a level 3B	2,044,690
	3110202	Construction/operationalization of dispensaries at katumbi, Ngwate,gatoroni,Kimela, Kilimu, Nguutani/Katuyu/Mukauni,Kangondi, Nzunguni-kasang'o, Kathithu,Thitha, Kamanyi,Tuvaani, Kwa Song'e, Thua, Kimangao, Mwambuni, Yumbu	7,923,249
	3110202	Completion of Kauwi Sub-County Hospital theatre (Walkway, water tank installation,gas cubicles, drainage and electrical works)	2,000,000
	3110302	Renovations of primary health facilities (Tharaka and Yanzuu health centres)	3,600,000
	3111504	Continuation of construction of perimeter wall and chain-link Fencing at Mwingi level 1V hospital (stalled)	3,000,000
	3111504	Continuation of construction of perimeter wall and chain-link Fencing at KCRH	3,000,000
	2640400	Other Current Transfers, Grants and Subsidies	374,292,690
	2640499	Primary Health Facility (Health Centres & dispensaries) Support. To supplement Donor funding	15,066,000
2640499	Primary Health Facility (Health Centres & dispensaries) -County funding	34,590,250	

MINISTRY	VOTELINE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	2640503	Universal Healthcare in Devolved System Program from DANIDA - support for Health centres & dispensaries	10,044,000
	PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION-		
	2110202	Casual Labour - Others (Stipents for Community Health Volunteers) (247 villages 10 CHvs per village*3000 monthly stipend for 12 months)	88,920,000
	3111101	Procurement of cold chain equipment for Usiani dispensary,Makongo dispensary, Ilika dispensary,Kakeani health centre, Mwala dispensary, Nyaani dispensary, mbondoni dispensary and Usueni dispensary	3,000,000
	3111101	Procurement of paqua lab (water quality analysis)	1,200,000
	3111101	Purchase of 2 coolers for Kyuso mortuary	1,000,000
	3111101	Pending bill- Repair of mortuary coolers at Mutomo Sub-County hospital	1,950,000
	3110202	Completion and equipping of KCRH and Mwingi level IV mortuaries	6,200,000
	3110202	Pending bill- Construction of KCRH mortuary by millenium stores ltd	2,061,165
	3110202	Construction of pit latrines for health care facilities- at Zombe sub-county hospital, Kiomo dispensary, Tulia health centre, Kamayangi dispensary, Kangalu dispensary,Ngiluni dispensary (Mwingi Central), Ngaaka Yakwa dispensary and Wii dispensary	4,000,000
	2640503	Universal Healthcare in Devolved System Program from DANIDA - To support level 1 facilities	3,557,250
	DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT		
	2211001	Pharmaceutical Medical Items	218,512,729
	2211002	Dressings and Other Non-Pharmaceutical Medical Items	112,075,105
	2220203	Maintenance of Medical and Dental Equipment (maintenance of haematology, biochemistry, CT scan, Ultra sound machines, mortuary coolants, washing machines, generators, renal dialysis machine, anaesthesia, oxygen analyser, ECG machines, water purification machine at the dialysis unit)	8,000,000
	3111101	Equipping Laboratory Units in 4 hospitals with: Semi automated haematology analyser. The facilities are: Mutomo, Katulani, Kanyangi and Kyuso hospitals for all round diagnosis	5,200,000
	3111101	Equiping of 2 hospitals with bio safety cabinets each at Kshs. 1,500,000. These include KCRH, Mwingi level iv hospital for screening of TB and other contagious diseases	3,000,000
	3111101	Purchase of 2 microscopes for Mutitu hospital and Mwitika health centre	452,400
	3111101	Purchase of laundry machine for KCRH (electrolux washer 45kgs) to replace the obsolete one	4,200,000
	3111101	Purchase of dental chair for KCRH to replace the current obsolete dental chair	2,000,000
	3111101	Equipment to operationalize 3 completed maternity units (Malalani health centre, Nguni health centre, Kauma health centre)	2,000,000
	3111101	Purchase of medical equipment for rehabilitation departments Mwingi Level IV Hospital for orthopaedic technology	2,553,820
	3111101	Continuation of equipping of surgical/amenity ward at mwingi level IV hospital enhance healthcare delivery in the facility	2,500,000
	3111101	Purchase of 3 incubators for Mwingi level iv hospital (1), KCRH(1),Tseikuru(1)	3,250,000
	3111101	Purchase of CPAP machines for five newborn units KCRH, Mwingi level IV Kanyangi, Kauwi and Tseikuru	3,250,000
	3111101	Equipping of 8 primary health facilities one per sub-county based on priority needs with essential basic equipment (Blood Pressure Machines, Thermometers, Pulse Oximeters, Adult weighing scale, Newborn weighing scales and Stethoscopes, etc) Tharaka health centre, Waita health centre, Thitani health centre, Kwa Mutonga health centre, Tiva dispensary, Endau dispensary, Ngiluni dispensary, Kanziko health centre	3,000,948

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	3111101	Procurement of delivery beds for Nguni health centre and Tseikuru hospital	600,000
	3111101	Purchase of voltage stabilizers 50KVA at Kanyangi, Zombe, Katulani and Kyuso hospitals	4,380,000
	3110202	Upgrading medical stores at Kyuso sub-county hospital (shelving, permanent door and ceiling), Mwingi level IV hospital (shelving, ceiling and airconditioning), Migwani sub-county hospital (shelving, permanent door and tiling), Nuu sub-county hospital (shelving, permanent door and tiling) and Zombe sub-county hospital (Shelving and airconditioning)	5,000,000
	3110202	Continuation of construction of a medical store at Mwingi level IV hospital	1,300,000
	3110202	Completion and equipping of a medical store at KCRH	3,700,000
VOTE 3732: MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, MSMEs, INNOVATIONS & COOPERATIVES	030101 P.1 General administration planning and support services		
	3110701	Purchase of Motor Vehicles	8,500,000
	030300 P 2: TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION		
	2210505	Conduct and organize a trade fair	3,000,000
	2211320	Temporary Committees Expenses (Formulation of Kitui Vision for Economic & Social Transformation- KIVEST II)	8,469,562
	3111401	Development and improvement of a policy for trade and markets)	2,500,000
	3110202	Market infrastructure and livestock market development	19,000,000
	3110202	Market infrastructure and livestock market development- (pending bills)	19,049,631
	3110504	Other civil works (Installation of Market Security Lights)	22,000,000
	3110504	Other civil works (Establishment of dumping sites and waste bins in the markets)	1,000,000
	3130101	Acquisition of Land (purchase of land for Ngomeni livestock yard and Mutha Market)	4,000,000
	030702 S.P 2.2: FAIR TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (INDUSTRY & INVESTMENT)		
	3110504	Establishment of aggregation and industrial park at the Economic and Investment zone (CAIP)	150,000,000
	3110504	Establishment of aggregation and industrial park -Grant	250,000,000
	3110504	operationalization of the County's Economic and Investment Zones (EIZs)	2,000,000
	3111401	Organize Investors Conference	20,000,000
	3111499	Consultancy on the County Industrial Parks - Multiyear project	20,000,000
	3111499	Development and establishment of Value addition of value chains (Cereals and Pulses, Horticulture, Livestock, Apiculture, Textile and Apparel and Forest, Forestry	2,000,000
	Cooperatives and Citizen Group Economic Empowerment Initiatives		
	030400 P.3: COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT		
	3111401	Pre-Feasibility, Feasibility and Appraisal Studies (Kitui County cooperative bill & Kitui county cooperative policy)	3,600,000
	2210502	Publishing and printing services- (information pamphlets to highlight the various county programmes being undertaken and success stories)	1,500,000
	2210504	Brand all ongoing county projects with standard county brand colours and architecture including branding of the County Industrial Parks; Branded roll-up banners for all ministries, highlighting ministry vision. mission and objectives, duties and responsibilities, to be strategically placed at each ministry's main gates)	3,500,000
3110504	Installation of county-branded light boxes to be used to generate advertising revenues	2,500,000	
VOTE 3733: ENERGY,	ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT		
	2630203	Capital grants - (1.5% of the County Development budget contribution towards operationalisation of county climate fund)	52,636,701

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY, NATURAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES	3111305	Purchase tree seeds and seedlings (Cash for Assets Programme - CFA - Tree Growing)	20,000,000	
	3111305	Purchase tree seeds and seedlings (Pending Bills)	445,014	
	3111401	Cash For Assets (Community remuneration)	13,278,720	
	ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT			
	31110504	Rural Electrification, Power Transmission and Distribution	40,000,000	
	3110504	Installation of solar security lights in upcoming markets in Kitui County	27,000,000	
	3110599	Maintenance of solar security lights in upcoming markets in Kitui County	14,000,000	
	3111504	Installation of solar powered water pumping system	4,735,228	
	3111504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Pending Bills)	1,712,504	
	3111403	Research (Development of community liaison committee in Kitui South – Kanziko)	2,690,000	
	3111109	Purchase of Educational Aids and Related Equipment (Training and capacity building materials on value addition of gemstones and other minerals)	800,000	
	3110701	Purchase of Motor Vehicles (2 double cabin pick - ups @8.5 million)	17,000,000	
	3111401	Establishment of Aggregation sites	2,000,000	
	3111402	Development and implementation of Basin Based Environmental Management Plans	2,000,000	
	2630203	Capital grants - Allocation for 20% for Mineral Royalties - Grants	114,279	
	3110299	Construction of Buildings (Construction of mineral testing and gemology laboratory)	6,000,000	
	3111401	Pre-feasibility, Feasibility and Appraisal Studies (Community sensitization in mineral reach areas)	500,000	
3111403	Research (Establishment of Mineral Database)	500,000		
VOTE 3734: MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, YOUTH, ICT, SPORTS & SOCIAL SERVICES	0301003710 P 1: General Administration, Planning and Support Services			
	Youth, Sports, ICT & Innovations			
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works - Pending Bills	2,626,501	
	PROGRAMME 2: ICT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT			
	3111111	Purchase of ICT networking and Communications Equipment - Equip at least 2 VTCs with ICT equipment's at an average cost of 1,600,000 per centre	3,200,000	
	3111111	Purchase of ICT networking and Communications Equipment - Installation of Wi-Fi in vocational training centres	1,134,000	
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works - Establishment of Kitui County Innovation Hub (KCIH)	2,216,000	
	030600 P.5 Sports			
	2210707	Project Allowance- County competitions and tournaments in popular sports disciplines to nurture, develop and expose sports talent (including Kenya Youth Inter- County Sports Association – KYISA and Kenya Inter-County Sports and Cultural Association – KICOSCA)	2,440,000	
	0306023710 SP. 5.2 Development and Management of Sport Facilities			
	3130101	Acquisition of Land - Purchase land for construction of Kyuso Stadium	2,000,000	
3110504	Grading, levelling, chain link fencing, erection of two gates, installation of football goal posts, volleyball posts for boys and girls and construction of 4-door pit latrine	21,000,000		
3110504	Construction of two stadia (Kyoani & Kivou HE State of the County Address	10,000,000		

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		Culture, Gender & Social Services	
	3130101	Acquisition of Land - Purchase land for construction of Kyuso Social Hall	500,000
	3110504	Construction of Kyuso Social Hall	5,000,000
	3110504	Pending Bills	32,905
		030700 P. 6 Culture	
	3110504	Other civil works - Construction of sump-well and solarisation at Lower Eastern Heritage Centre	10,185,000
		030800 P.7 Social Development and Children services	
	2211029	Purchase of Safety Gears - To procure and distribute Assistive Devices for PWDs	2,533,000
VOTE 3735: MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND REVENUE MANAGEMENT		070100 P1: General Administration Planning and Support Services	
	4110403	Housing loans to public servants - Car and Mortgage Facility for County Executive Staff	35,000,000
		Emergency Fund	20,000,000
		KDSP	37,500,000
		Economic Planning & Budgeting	
	3111401	County statistical abstract	4,000,000
	3111401	County sectoral plan	8,000,000
	2220210	Maintenance of Computers, Software, and Networks	13,007,934
VOTE 3722: COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD	3110202	Non-Residential Buildings (Offices, Schools, Hospitals) - • Construction of County Public Service offices	5,000,000
VOTE 3724: KITUI MUNICIPALITY	3110504	Installation and Maintenance of Street/Security lights in Municipality (Solar powered with concrete post) Within Municipality	21,100,000
	3110599	Construction of pedestrian walkways Huduma Centre-Kitui Amenity Gate-300M	6,000,000
	3110699	Marking of parking slots in Kitui Town	1,500,000
	3110202	Construction of new barrier point along Kitui-Kibwezi road	1,500,000
	3110299	Installation of revenue collection booths-4	2,800,000
	3110402	Grading and Gravelling Works St. Ursula-Isangwa-Green Africa-Signal Hotel Road-1KM	2,500,000
	3110499	Upgrading Roads to Bitumen Standard, Thome wa Akristo -St. Raphael Catholic Pre School-0.5KM	20,000,000
	3110504	Construction of pedestrian walkways from Muslim Primary- Masjid Noor Mosque-0.25KM	4,500,000
	3110599	Construction of Car parking area from Magunas-Kalundu River Bridge with Drainage Works and construction of Footbridges-0.25KM	12,000,000
	3110601	Road opening from Delta to Seku town campus with drift construction-1KM	6,500,000
	3111499	Review of existing ISUDP, Data collection, Validation workshop, Approval and official launch	3,000,000
	3110202	Fabrication and Installation of two Barrier point at Kunda Kindu bus Entry and Syongila barrier-2	2,000,000
	3110299	Construction of four door pit latrine at Kwa Kinyai shopping Centre	1,800,000
	2110202	Casuals Labour-other-147 casuals working in Township ward,Kwa Vonzha shopping centre,Nzambani ward(Chuluni&mwembe Tayari),Kyangwitya west ward(Kyamathyaka,Nduumoni,Itoleka,Ithiani&Mulutu),Kyangithya East ward(Kwa Ngindu,Mutune&Museve),Matinyani ward(Matinyani Market),Mulango ward(Katulani&wikililye)	10,000,000

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	3110504	Landscape and plant flowers and ornamental shrubs –flower garden along hospital perimeter wall from Huduma Centre to Rubis Petrol Station	2,561,711	
	3110599	Grow assorted 1000 shrubs (ornamental) in Kitui town especially along the streets and	500,000	
	3111120	Purchase, label and distribute plastic waste receptacles (medium for households and large for business premises)-pilot project	2,800,000	
	2211006	Purchase of Assorted Cleaning Tools and Equipment	1,200,000	
VOTE 3725: MWINGI TOWN ADMINISTRATION	3111504	Cabro paving works along Kyuso Junction Road next to KANU Hall	5,000,000	
	3110504	3rd Phase of Rehabilitation of street lights	1,000,000	
	3110302	General maintenance of non-Residentials	500,000	
	3110299	Public toilets at Thokoa and Musuuani markets	2,000,000	
	3110504	Installation of solar ‘Mulika Mwizi’ at Kyomo/Kyethani, Waita and Migwani wards	6,000,000	
	3110599	Grading and slab construction along Kiberiti – Kwa Mukeni Road	2,500,000	
	3110599	Construction of open storm water drains along Ideal-Kathonzweni Road (phase 2)	2,500,000	
	3110504	Construction of stone fence at Mwingi Slaughterhouse)	2,000,000	
	3110599	Installation of high mast floodlight between Police line and St. Gabriel school)	4,000,000	
	3110599	Construction of open storm water drainage along Kitui Teachers Sacco Junction to AIC Township Road	2,000,000	
3736: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK	3110701	Purchase of Motor Vehicles	12,543,768	
	2211004	Fungicides, Insecticides and Sprays	954,363	
	2630203	Capital grants-World Bank (Emergency Locust Response Project - ELRP)	121,025,000	
	3111399	Purch. of Certified Seeds - (promote horticulture production through SHEP approach)	1,065,446	
	0103003710 P3: Agribusiness and Information Management			
	2220201	Maintenance of heavy Plant machinery & Equipment	15,064,867.00	
	3110599	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (subsidized tractor ploughing services)	4,619,106.00	
	3111103	Purchase of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment (Levelling kits)	90,000.00	
	4550201	World Bank funded (NAVCD Project)	151,515,152.	
		World Bank funded (NAVCD Project)-Counterpart fund	11,500,000.00	
	0103023710 SP 3.2 Agricultural Information Management (Extension services)			
	2640499	Other Current Transfers - Other (ATC)	4,567,800.00	
	Development			
	2210505	Trade Shows and Exhibitions	15,000,000	
	2211007	Improving the capacity of ATC to provide quality services to farmers/customers	771,406	
	2211007	Agricultural Materials, Supplies and Small Equipment (ICT Equipments)	1,000,000	
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Refurbishment of ATC)	5,412,055	
	3110504	Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Upgrading Ithookwe Showground)	1,500,000	
	3111002	Purchase of Computers, Printers and other IT Equipment (Procure 15 assorted Extension ICT equipment)	649,013	
	3111499	Research, Feasibility Studies (Extension and Advisory services programme)	3,453,655	

MINISTRY	VOTELINE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	0105003710 P5:	Fisheries Development and Management	
	0105013710 SP 5: 1	Aquaculture Development	
		Development	
	3110504	Aquaculture Development	2,218,400
		Dam stocking	2,480,000
	0106013710 SP 6.1	Livestock Production and Management	
	2211007	Agricultural Materials, Supplies and Small Equipment (To Procure and assign transport units)	3,000,000
	3111302	Livestock Breed improvement (Goat and Dairy Breeds)	1,000,000
	3111499	Research, Feasibility Studies (Extension and Advisory services programme, Improve extension skills of extension staff)	1,200,000
	2211026	Purchase of Vaccines with Vaccination Services	2,000,000
	3110504	Construction and equipping a laboratory	2,000,000
VOTE 3737: MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT	3110504	Equipping and updating of County Land registry	1,900,000
	3110505	Support for land titling and adjudication	4,500,000
	3111499	Plot verification, plot valuation and plot mapping	2,000,000
	#2	Urban Development	
	3111401	Supplementary Valuation roll	1,000,000
	3111402	Geo referenced market layouts in each of 8 sub counties	2,300,000
	3110504	Pending bills	1,531,598
	2211301	Beautification along the urban roads and urban open spaces in the 6 Urban areas	2,812,127
	3111401	Preparation of Integrated Urban development plans for upcoming urban areas	8,000,000
	3110501	Fencing of Kyuso Town bus park and dumpsite	5,000,000
	3110502	Construction of Transfer stations and installation of assorted dust bins at upcoming Urban Areas	5,000,000
	3110505	Installation, repair and maintain 300 integrated solar energy street lights in upcoming urban areas	40,000,000
	3110506	Dustless Towns	100,000,000
	3110507	Walk ways, Culverts, Storm water drains in the upcoming Urban areas	10,000,000
	3110508	Improve the Mutomo dumpsite access road (Grading and Gravelling)	5,000,000
	3110509	Construction and desilting of 600M stormwater drainage channels in the upcoming Urban	4,000,000
	3110504	Kenya Urban Support Project (UIG) - World Bank	35,000,000
	3110699	Installation of cabro paved walkways and parking slots in the upcoming urban areas	11,500,000

CHAPTER 3: DISCUSSION SESSION

3.1 Questions with Responses

NAME	MINISTRY	QUESTION/ SUGGESTION	RESPONSE
Peter Kitonyo- Representative of People with Disabilities	Gender	A Budgetary allocation for people with disabilities	Isaac Mwanzia- Deputy Director, Culture- The government has allocated funds specifically for people with disabilities. To ensure that individuals benefit from these provisions, we encourage your assistance in sensitizing them to register with the county. Establishing a comprehensive database of individuals with disabilities will enable us to effectively reach out and provide tailored support and services to those in need.
	Gender	Provision of aid materials to people with disabilities in Kitui County should be undertaken similarly to other counties.	Isaac Mwanzia- Deputy Director, Culture- Currently, there is a budgetary allocation designated for providing aid materials to people with disabilities in Kitui County, including the distribution of wheelchairs. Additionally, we are actively engaged in negotiations with the National Government and development partners to secure further support for this important initiative. This collaborative effort aims to enhance accessibility and support for individuals with disabilities within our community.
Janet Wambua- Member of County Gender Sector Working Committee	Health	There is a laboratory located in Manyenyoni Sub-location, Kitui Central, Township Ward that has not yet been operationalized. I kindly request the county government to repair the facility due to structural cracks and equip it with necessary consumables. This initiative will greatly benefit the community as originally intended.	Audrey Kamba-Chief Officer, Medical Supplies- Currently, there is no plan to operationalize this laboratory as it is not a priority for the financial year in question. This decision is based on the fact that residents from this location can easily access services from Kitui Referral Hospital.
	Health	The current stipend of Ksh 2000 being given to County Health Promoters is insufficient considering the extent of their responsibilities. Are there any plans by the county government to increase their remuneration?	Audrey Kamba-Chief Officer, Medical Supplies- The County Government is actively pursuing a partnership with the National Government to explore the possibility of increasing the allocation for County Health Promoters to a more reasonable amount. However, given the current resource constraints, the county is

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			unable to make significant promises or provide any incremental increase in the stipend at this time. Efforts are underway to seek alternative avenues for funding and support to improve the situation for County Health Promoters.
	Office of the Deputy Governor	I've heard that the office of the Deputy Governor has a substantial budget allocation for emergencies. Are there any plans to use this allocation to train people in emergency response? Additionally, considering that the Red Cross does not have an evacuation center, what plans does the county have to address this need?	Joel Ndingi, Director Disaster Management - This year, we conducted comprehensive training on emergency and disaster mitigation in March. Additionally, similar training was provided to our county officers last year. As a result of these initiatives, our officers are now well-prepared to provide expert guidance to the public and those affected during emergencies, and are equipped to effectively manage emergency situations as they arise.
	Gender	There has been ongoing discussion about constructing a safe center for individuals affected by Gender-Based Violence. What are the county's plans for initiating the construction and operationalization of this center? If there is a plan in place, why has it taken the County Government so long to act on it?	Isaac Mwanzia- Deputy Director, Gender -The Gender Based Violence Safe Center in Ikutha was commissioned last year, and construction is currently ongoing. This project is a work in progress and cannot be completed all at once in the upcoming financial year due to resource constraints. However, significant progress has been made, with the construction of two offices already completed and a toilet currently under construction. The County Government is fully committed to seeing this project through to completion. Despite the challenges posed by limited resources, we remain dedicated to advancing the construction of the GBV Safe Center which will provide essential support and services to address issues of gender-based violence in our community.
Dominic Mulandi Kyuti- Paralegal (Kyangwithya East Ward)	Boda Boda Sector	Boda Boda operators face difficulties during rainy weather in the area between Kafoka and Kwa Ngindu due to the lack of a shelter. I propose the construction of a Boda Boda shed between the Courts and Kwa Ngindu to address this issue and provide a covered area	Bernard Mulevu- Deputy Director (Roads, Transport and public works) - The area under Kitui Municipality has been allocated four new Boda Boda sheds. To proceed effectively, we will conduct a survey of the designated area to identify the most strategic location for building these sheds. This survey will involve assessing factors such as accessibility, convenience for

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		for Boda Boda operators during adverse weather conditions.	Boda Boda operators and passengers, and overall suitability of the site. Our goal is to select locations that optimize the functionality and utilization of the Boda Boda sheds, ensuring they are well-positioned to serve the transportation needs of the community efficiently.
Sammy Kithunzi-Kyangwithya East Location	Agriculture	The extension officers should undergo additional training to equip them with the knowledge needed to address any questions that farmers may have.	Jonathan Kyambi Nzau- Chief Officer Livestock Development and Apiculture- As a ministry, we are dedicated to actively engaging competent individuals as agricultural extension officers. We recognize the importance of having skilled professionals in this role to effectively support and empower our agricultural community. Our commitment is to ensure that the selection process is thorough and focused on identifying individuals with the necessary knowledge, experience, and passion for agricultural development. By prioritizing the recruitment of competent agricultural extension officers, we aim to enhance agricultural productivity and promote sustainable farming practices across our region.
Munyoki Mutua-Kyangwithya East	Roads	I propose that the road from Picnic to Isaangwa and then to the highway be included in the budget for the fiscal year 2024/25. The road should be graded and, if feasible, upgraded to tarmac with the installation of culverts and other drainage systems to improve its quality and durability.	
Felistus Nzisa-Kiimo (Mandala Village in Kyuso Ward)	Office of the Governor	I have been sent by the people of Mandala ward to express our concerns about the lack of development in our area. Despite our support for the current government through voting , we feel neglected and overlooked within Kitui County. Mandala ward lacks	County Secretary- Our Governor prioritizes equitable development throughout the county. I will ensure that your message is delivered to him and to the relevant ministries responsible for addressing your concerns. It is important that your feedback and suggestions are communicated effectively to promote inclusive and balanced development in our community.

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		<p>essential infrastructure such as health facilities and sufficient government schools. Our roads are in poor condition and often impassable, with no bridges to facilitate travel.</p> <p>We urge the county government to prioritize the development of Mandala ward by addressing these critical issues and investing in much-needed infrastructure. It is crucial that our community receives the attention and resources necessary to improve our quality of life and ensure equitable development across Kitui County.</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing your thoughts, and rest assured that your input will be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities for consideration and action.</p>
Benedict Mutiso-Kauwi Ward (Ward Development Committee Member)	Office of the Governor	<p>I understand that there is an allocation of funds to complete the construction of Ward Administrator Offices. However, many wards, including Kauwi Ward, do not yet have these offices established. I would like to inquire what plans or actions the County Government is undertaking to address this issue and ensure that all wards, including Kauwi Ward, have functional Ward Administrator Offices.</p>	<p>Ambrose Mutha-Deputy Director, Decentralized Units-During this financial year, we have successfully completed the construction of 8 Ward Administrators' offices. Looking ahead to the next financial year, we have allocated funds to continue this initiative, with Kauwi Ward set to benefit from the construction of a new Ward Administrator's office.</p> <p>This ongoing effort underscores our commitment to improving administrative infrastructure and services at the ward level.</p>
	Office of the Deputy Governor	<p>In the event of emergencies such as houses being affected by heavy rains, I would like to know if the Department of Emergency has any plans in place to assist affected individuals with rebuilding or providing financial aid, including supplies of foodstuffs. It's important to understand how the county government supports residents during such challenging times and what measures are in</p>	<p>Augustine Kanani -Deputy Governor- All county ministries, coordinated through the office of the deputy governor, have established a comprehensive disaster preparedness and mitigation plan aimed at effectively assisting people in the event of any disaster.</p> <p>In recent times, our region has experienced several incidents resulting from the El Niño rains. My office has taken a proactive approach in supporting those affected. For instance, there have been instances of individuals being swept away by rivers. The</p>

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		place to address the needs of those affected by natural disasters.	government promptly initiated search and rescue operations, aiding in the recovery of affected individuals. Additionally, during a tragic incident where three children lost their lives in the Kauwi river due to a vehicle accident, the government provided assistance in funeral arrangements. As our budget allocation increases, we anticipate expanding our coverage of emergency response concerns, enabling us to enhance our support and services to our community during critical times.
	Livestock	There have been discussions about operationalizing the Kabati slaughterhouse, as the current use of a kiosk for slaughter is unhygienic and poses risks of meat contamination. This situation is also not environmentally friendly. I am interested to know what plans or actions are being considered by the relevant authorities to address this issue and ensure the proper functioning of the Kabati slaughterhouse for the benefit of public health and environmental sustainability.	Jonathan Kyambi Nzau- Chief Officer Livestock Development and Apiculture -This project was initiated by the national government and was never formally handed over to the county government. Currently, there are legal issues surrounding the project that are being litigated in court. Additionally, the contractor involved demanded a significant amount of money, which was deemed disproportionate to the value and feasibility of completing the project. In the meantime, we are committed to supporting private slaughterhouses and exploring alternative solutions, such as constructing a new slaughterhouse.
	Health	I am concerned about the withdrawal of medical supplies for lifestyle diseases such as hypertension (high blood pressure) and diabetes from dispensaries, especially given their prevalence among elderly individuals. I urge the government to consider reinstating these essential drugs in dispensaries, particularly in remote areas. Reintroducing these medications will provide much-needed relief to patients suffering from these chronic conditions and ensure they have access to	Audrey Kamba-Chief Officer, Medical Supplies -Medical supplies for patients with chronic conditions, such as medications, can only be issued by medical specialists and under supervision, which our dispensaries lack. Therefore, it is understandable that these drugs can only be obtained from health centers and Level IV facilities where appropriate supervision and expertise are available. This ensures the safe and proper management of chronic conditions for patients in need of specialized care.

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		vital treatments close to home. This action is crucial for promoting public health and supporting the well-being of vulnerable populations, especially in underserved communities.	
Muimi Mali-Mutonguni Ward	Health	A dispensary was constructed at Utoo but has not been operationalized since its completion. I am interested to understand the government's plan regarding this dispensary, especially considering that public funds were used for its construction.	
	Office of the Governor	During the campaign period, I actively participated in walking with the Governor from village to village, making development promises to the citizens of Kitui. I would like to urge the Governor to send representatives back to the village levels, similar to our campaign efforts, to gather the views and opinions of Kitui citizens on the development priorities they believe should be implemented. This inclusive approach will ensure that community voices are heard and considered in shaping the agenda for meaningful and impactful development across Kitui County.	
Nzuki Wambua-Business Man	Office of the Governor	I am deeply concerned about the issue of pending bills within Kitui County. The Governor made a commitment to collaborate with the people of Kitui, and in line with this pledge, I believe that anyone who has provided services to the Kitui Government and has an outstanding payment should be	Peter Mwikya Kilonzo-CECM Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management- Upon assuming office, we inherited a significant pending bill burden of approximately 2.5 billion, with around 98% of this amount attributed to development projects. To date, we have successfully paid off pending bills worth 1.2 billion, and we remain committed to settling the remaining balance until every bill is cleared.

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		promptly settled. Failing to honor these payments is akin to causing financial hardship and distress to individuals and businesses who have already invested their resources. It is essential that the government upholds its financial obligations to ensure fairness and uphold the trust and credibility of the county administration.	It is important to note that paying off this entire amount in one financial year is not feasible, as it would jeopardize essential services such as healthcare. Additionally, some of these pending bills are a result of contractors not adhering to project timelines, which has contributed to the accumulation of these debts. Moving forward, we are implementing measures to ensure contractors adhere to agreed timelines and deliverables to mitigate the recurrence of pending bills. Our goal is to responsibly manage these financial obligations while maintaining the delivery of critical services to our community.
	Office of the Governor	Throughout the county, there are numerous stalled projects, such as the mortuary at Kitui Referral Hospital and Kithomboani Market, among others. Despite these existing stalled projects, the County Government continues to commission new ones. It is crucial that the government prioritizes the completion of these stalled projects to ensure that taxpayers' money is used effectively and efficiently. By finishing these projects, we can deliver tangible benefits to the community and demonstrate responsible stewardship of public funds.	Audrey Kamba-Chief Officer, Medical Supplies- Regarding stalled projects, the government is actively working towards completing a significant number of these initiatives. For instance, key projects such as the blood satellites and drug store at KCRH (Kitui County Referral Hospital) are being prioritized for completion. Additionally, a new mortuary at KCRH is currently undergoing the handover process to a contractor, marking progress towards its completion. It's important to note that while there is a concerted effort by the government to finalize these projects, the reality is that not all of them can be completed within a single financial year. However, there is a dedicated focus on advancing these critical initiatives to improve infrastructure and services for our community.
Stephen Kyalya Wambua	Health	I am deeply concerned about the persistent absence of consumables and critical services at Kitui County Referral Hospital. It is alarming that essential laboratory tests like haemoglobin and urea are unavailable, and critical equipment such as the CT-Scan and radiology machines are frequently non-operational or in constant breakdown.	Audrey Kamba-Chief Officer, Medical Supplies Currently, the CT-Scans are operational, and most of our machines are functioning effectively at this time. We are making every effort to ensure that all services are available at these facility.

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		Despite raising these concerns repeatedly during public participation sessions, no action seems to have been taken by the concerned ministry. I urgently seek to understand the government's plan to address this issue decisively and permanently. It is imperative that immediate steps are taken to ensure the availability of necessary consumables, repair and maintain essential medical equipment, and enhance the overall quality of healthcare services at the hospital.	
KEVIN KIVALA (County Chair, Boda Boda operators-Kitui County)	Boda Boda Sector	What is the status of the Boda Boda Policy	Bernard Mulevu- Deputy Director (Roads, Transport and public works) - The Department of Boda Boda is currently in the process of crafting a comprehensive Boda Boda Policy, which is awaiting approval by the County Assembly. Once it transitions into a bill, the Ministry, along with other pertinent ministries such as Trade, Culture, and Gender, will convene representatives from Boda Boda groups across the county. This gathering will provide an opportunity for Boda Boda stakeholders to share their insights and suggestions on ways to enhance and streamline their operations. Additionally, we aim to explore avenues for economic upliftment within the Boda Boda sector, ensuring that our policies align with the needs and aspirations of Boda Boda operators while promoting their socioeconomic well-being.
	Boda Boda Sector	A Budgetary allocation for Rehabilitation of Boda Boda Sheds.	Bernard Mulevu- Deputy Director (Roads, Transport and public works) -As of now, there is no budget allocation for the rehabilitation of vandalized or worn-out Boda Boda shades. However, we are committed to addressing this issue. Upon returning to the office, we will convene to discuss and allocate funds specifically for this purpose. We have already conducted mapping exercises to identify the

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			<p>specific shades requiring rehabilitation. This proactive approach ensures that once the necessary budget is allocated, we can swiftly move forward with the rehabilitation efforts to enhance the infrastructure for Boda Boda operators in our area.</p>
	TRADE	Proposal for Capacity Building of Boda Boda Operators	<p>Paul Ngei Monyi- Chief Officer, Cooperatives and Citizens Group Empowerment-We have implemented a capacity-building program for Boda Boda cooperatives through the Trade and Department. This program aims to train these cooperatives on essential business skills such as effective business management, bookkeeping, and developing saving plans.</p> <p>The training sessions are designed to equip Boda Boda cooperative members with the necessary knowledge and tools to enhance their businesses' efficiency and sustainability. By focusing on areas like financial literacy, record-keeping, and savings strategies, we aim to empower cooperative members to make informed decisions and strengthen their economic stability.</p> <p>Through this initiative, we are committed to supporting the professional development and success of Boda Boda cooperatives in our region, ultimately contributing to the overall economic growth and well-being of our community.</p>
	TRADE	Support the Establishment of Boda Boda Cooperatives	<p>Paul Ngei Monyi- Chief Officer, Cooperatives and Citizens Group Empowerment- In collaboration with the Department of Boda Boda, we are currently mapping all groups that have not yet formed cooperatives. As part of this initiative, we will actively involve the Chairman of the Boda Boda Association of Kitui County. Our objective is to assist these operators in forming cooperative societies. By facilitating the formation of cooperative societies among Boda Boda operators, we aim to foster unity, collaboration, and mutual support within the industry.</p> <p>Cooperatives can provide various benefits such as access to financial services, collective bargaining power, and opportunities</p>

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			for skills development. This effort underscores our commitment to empowering Boda Boda operators and promoting sustainable growth within the transportation sector of Kitui County.

3.2 Questions with No Responses

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	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	Can you consider having a refilling oxygen plant in KCRH to devolve oxygen supply in other remote facilities.
Simon Kasiva (Nguni Ward)	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	Masavi Dispensary- (i) Fence the facility (ii) Equip the facility with Medical Supplies
	MINISTRY OF CULTURE	What plan do you have for the community members who are being affected by drug/substance abuse and what plan do you have to curb it.
	OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	What can it be done to achieve the rights as a Kitui Citizen when it comes to tender distribution and especially to those who do not have Capital
	OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	What effort is the County doing to create Jobs to curb Unemployment situations.
Felistus Nzisa Mutua	ROADS	Upgrading of Road from Kimu to Madaraka
	EDUCATION	Upgrading of School King'ong'o
	ROADS	Upgrading of Road from Madaraka to Kasinywa
	HEALTH	Upgrading of Hospital of Kasingwa
Mutua Kanyamse- Migwani	TRADE	Stalled Industrial Development Centre in Migwani Town. The Government has spend a lot of money in this project since 2014 which has since then stalled. Why waste public fund? Was this a misguided investment?
	WATER	Please, consider digging a borehole at Kyangwithya East Ward at Kwa-Ngindu Sub-location (Misewani)
Bonface Mbuvi	ENERGY	Kindly, Consider Rehabilitation of the street lights from Kitui Town to Kalawa-Ngwani Market. Replace the electricity poles to solar lights
Philip Mulangu	Mwingi Municipality	The Road through Sharon School to Faith Medical is impassable. What is the Plan

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		The Road from Manyenyoni through Syilumani to Kyandoi was Budgeted for FY2023/24 is not yet done. What is the plan?
Mutiso-Kauwi Ward	WATER	Kindly Consider digging a sub well at Kauwi river in FY2024/25
Muema Mulei-Mulango Ward	WATER	I express my deep concern regarding recent instances where contractors have been paid without proper assessment of project completion and quality. Specifically, I am troubled by the case of a recently constructed sand dam that was prematurely cleared despite exhibiting significant issues such as leaking and inability to hold sand as intended. It is imperative that all ministries involved prioritize monitoring and evaluation processes to ensure that public funds are utilized efficiently and effectively. Projects must meet required standards and deliver the intended benefits to our community. By implementing rigorous monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, we can safeguard against issues like incomplete or substandard work, ultimately ensuring that taxpayers' money is used responsibly and that projects contribute positively to our development goals. I urge you to take proactive steps to address this issue and strengthen oversight to prevent similar occurrences in the future. It is crucial that we uphold transparency and accountability in project management to build trust and confidence among the public.

CHAPTER 4: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Strengthen Monitoring and Evaluation:** Implement robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for all projects to ensure contractors are held accountable for quality and timely delivery. Regular inspections and assessments should be conducted before authorizing payments to contractors.
- **Enhance Transparency and Accountability:** Prioritize transparency in budget allocation and project implementation. Public disclosure of budgetary allocations, expenditure, and project progress will foster trust and accountability among stakeholders.
- **Improve Oversight and Governance:** Establish clear oversight mechanisms at both local and national levels to prevent premature project clearances and ensure adherence to timelines and standards. Independent review boards or task forces can enhance project assessments.
- **Invest in Capacity Building:** Provide training and capacity building for project managers and government officials involved in procurement and contract management. This will improve their ability to oversee projects and identify potential issues early on.
- **Promote Public Participation:** Actively engage the public in decision-making processes, especially concerning budget allocations and project priorities. Solicit feedback from citizens to better understand community needs and preferences.
- **Address Pending Bills Systematically:** Develop a strategic plan to systematically address pending bills, prioritizing payments based on project completion and impact on essential services. This will help alleviate financial burdens and improve fiscal management.
- **Enhance Revenue Collection:** Implement strategies to improve revenue collection efficiency, such as modernizing billing systems, increasing outreach efforts, and offering electronic payment options. Addressing revenue leakages through thorough audits and internal controls will also be crucial.
- **Reduce Dependency on Grants:** Develop a roadmap to gradually reduce dependence on grants by enhancing revenue generation and implementing cost-saving measures. Diversifying revenue sources and exploring alternative funding mechanisms will contribute to financial sustainability.
- **Promote Financial Independence:** Foster a culture of financial independence within government agencies and service providers by empowering management teams, investing in capacity building, and promoting accountability in financial management.
- **Regular Monitoring and Reporting:** Establish regular reporting mechanisms to track progress and performance of projects, including financial expenditures and outcomes. This will facilitate timely interventions and corrective actions.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The proceedings of the Kitui County Public Participation Forum on the FY2024/25 Budget Estimates were also being broadcasted live on **YouTube**

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ANNEX 1: PICTORIAL PRESENTATION OF THE FY2024/25 BUDGET ESTIMATES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEEDINGS



Picture 1: Directors attentively taking notes during the Public Participation Session.



Picture 2: CECM Finance, Economic Planning & Revenue management giving a presentation



Picture 3: Chief Officer Decentralized Unit giving a presentation



Picture 4: Public Participation in Session



Picture 5: Citizens asking questions/Giving Proposals During Discussion Sessions



Picture 6: Public Participation in Session

ANNEX 2: Advert on the FY 2024/25 BUDGET ESTIMATES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM

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AI, data to drive border management

Kenya's borders are vital conduits for legitimate trade and travel, facilitating exchange of goods and cultures



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Future border control and management will be driven by technology with minimal human contact.

Officials believe, while traditional security hardware will remain crucial for countries in the immediate future, the border of the future is going to be secure but contactless. Human interaction will be minimal.

The secure flow of people and goods is already improving and more secure due to more transborder inter-agency interaction, better equipment and help from communities.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki emphasised the future of securing the borders lies in technology and artificial intelligence as security threats continue to change.

"The use of technology, in particular digital technology, is crucial for future border control and management. Future border control management is going to be driven by data," the CS told the first regional meeting on border control.

He spoke during three three-day inaugural National Border Management Conference in Nairobi on April 2, attended by delegates from Tanzania, Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Kenya's borders are vital conduits for legitimate trade and travel, facilitating exchange of goods, ideas and cultures, not just with the neighbours, but the whole world.

"However, they also present challenges in the form of transnational crime, terrorism and other illicit activities that threaten the safety and security of our people," the CS said.

"To keep our borders safe and secure for Kenya and neighbouring countries, the government has made significant investments in equipping security agencies with the latest technology and resources. They will combat complex security threats such as terrorism, human trafficking and trafficking in narcotics."

He added Kenya's commitment to border security is not merely about safeguarding her own national interests, but also fostering regional co-



Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Orullo

operation and promoting economic prosperity locally and regionally.

Inter-agency cooperation is essential for success in border management, the CS said, adding no single agency alone can address the myriad challenges posed by border security.

This will require fostering a culture of collaboration and information sharing among all stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, immigration, customs and intelligence. Speakers discussed the need to harness technology, use proactive engagement strategies and work jointly to enact positive transformation and bolster border communities.

Kindiki said the concept of the border has changed in the sense that, while physical borders still exist, there's also the virtual border. That virtual border has become even more critical to manage and control, more so than the physical border.

The conference theme was "Building on Coordination and Moving Towards Integration".

It sought to address drivers of conflict and strengthen cooperation in trade and the safe movement of persons.

"As we struggle to harness our efforts to control and manage the physical border, we are confronted with the virtual border which is giving us even more complications," the CS said.

"The traditional way of securing our country will remain relevant and therefore the traditional secu-



Immigration Principal Secretary Julius Bito

ry hardware will remain crucial for countries in the immediate future.

"The government has recently equipped our security forces with the latest equipment and resources to combat threats to national security." The modernisation programme includes the National Police Service, National Intelligence Service and the

Kenya Defence Forces." This will mean more concentration of security efforts on virtual space in the foreseeable future.

He emphasised the need for vigilance and collaborative participation of citizens and neighbouring countries in intelligence-sharing to avert crime. Interior PS Raymond



Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki

Ombati said the conference seeks to build a culture of collaboration and synergy to mitigate against common challenges.

He said locally, the adoption of a multi-agency approach at the points of entry and exit has improved data collection and analysis, which translate to more effective operations.

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INVITATION TO A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM ON ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY 2024/25.

Pursuant to Section 125(2) of the PFM Act 2012, The County Government of Kitui invites members of the public for public participation forum on FY 2024/25 Budget Estimates. The main purpose of this forum is to gather feedback from the public on the proposed budget estimates. The draft budget estimates for FY 2024/25 are available for review on the Kitui County Government's website (www.kitui.go.ke). The forum will take place on **Thursday 18th April 2024 at the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) in Kitui town, starting from 10:00 AM.**

We wish to invite all interested parties including Civil Society Groups, State Agencies, Private Sector, and the Public. Written submissions / memorandum can also be shared to the Chief Officer, Economic Planning and Budgeting at the Kitui County Headquarters Office - Ground Floor, or at any Sub-County or Ward offices within the County. Additionally, submissions can be sent via email to planning@kitui.go.ke and should be received by **18th April, 2024.**

The Public may also follow the proceedings on County's social media platforms (Kitui County Government Facebook and YouTube channel).

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