

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI**



**COUNTY TREASURY**

**ECONOMIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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## **SUMMARY OF ATTENDEES**

1. Deputy Governor (Chief quest)
2. County Secretary
3. County Executive Committee Members
4. Members of the County Assembly
5. Chief Officers
6. Directors
7. Assistant Directors
8. Economists
9. Municipal Managers
10. Deputy Municipal Managers
11. County and Sub-County Administrators
12. Ward Administrators
13. Village Administrators
14. Ward Development Committee Chair-Persons
15. Kitui County Budget Economic Forum Members
16. Representatives of different groups and forums i.e., SACCOS, Churches, Unions, etc.
17. Community members

## INTRODUCTION

The activity was conducted by the provisions of Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. The act mandates that a public participation forum be held when formulating the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to guarantee accurate representation and inclusion of views and proposals from all groups and citizens of the County's planning unit (The 40 Wards).

For clarity and a better understanding of the day's agenda, Augustine Kanani, the Deputy Governor read the opening message from His Excellency the Governor to the people. In his message, he elaborated on each of the Governor's sixteen sector priorities, which collectively form the Kitui promise.

*Table 1: The Sixteen sector priorities*

NO	Sector	Proposed Interventions
1	<b>Agriculture</b>	Under this sector, the County will revamp the agricultural extension services up to the grassroots to ensure famers have the prerequisite agricultural information. This shall be complemented by a well-maintained and managed farm tractors program in each ward. To promote livestock production, the county will establish a viable livestock trade centers in each ward.
2	<b>Water Provision</b>	To solve the perennial problem of water for domestic and farm use, the county has proposed to construct one mega dam in each sub county, two large dams in each ward, one medium dam in each village and sixty sand dams in each ward. This will be complemented by sinking and equipping of boreholes and extension/ repair of water pipelines across the county.
3	<b>Health</b>	The county will undertake infrastructural improvement in the county's two main hospitals (Kitui and Mwingi) to elevate them to a level of teaching and referral hospitals. The other county health facilities will also be improved with a view of ensuring that there is a functional level IV hospital in each sub county, a level III hospital in all the 40 wards and a level II hospital in each village. This will be complemented with a robust referral system where each ward has a functional Ambulance. The health facilities will also be well stocked with drugs to serve the community well. On public health, the county will invest more to ensure that the Community Health Strategy is well functional. This will entail engaging Community Health Volunteers and training them to spearhead health promotion and disease prevention at the community level.
4	<b>Education</b>	The main focus under education sector will involve ensuring that there is a modern ECDE classroom in every public primary school and converting ECDE teachers into permanent and pensionable. The county will also collaborate with the national government to improve primary and secondary schools' infrastructure. To ensure that youth polytechnics are responsive to the modern technology, the county intends to install WI-FI in every youth polytechnic.
5	<b>Urban Development</b>	The county is working towards re-installation and maintenance of street lights in urban centers in addition to installation of solar security lights in each ward headquarters, small and upcoming trading centers. To enhance access to water and sanitation facilities in the urban areas, the county will establish refuse collection and re-cycling centers and improve water and sanitation services in each sub-county

NO	Sector	Proposed Interventions
		headquarter and municipalities.
6	<b>Roads and Construction</b>	To enhance mobility of people, goods and services in the county, a major programme on tarmacking and grading prioritized county roads and the main streets in ward headquarters and key towns will be rolled out. Additionally, the county has identified tarmacking of Kitui Town- Museve- Miambani –Ndithini- Kiviu-Kamandio- Ikoo - Mwanzilu-Nzeluni- Mumbuni- Kalisasi to Mwingi town road as a flagship project. Other roads proposed for improvement are: Mutha to Kona kaliti road; Ukasi-Sosoma –Engamba, Kandolongwe road; Kwa Kamuru (Ngalange)- Kaningo –Kora and George Adamson bridge; Kwa-Vonza- Mwakini-Kanyonyoo (B2 ranch etc). This will complement the programme on grading and putting murrum 50 kms per year of county roads in each ward. To effectively improve roads, the county will acquire and maintain road construction machineries for each sub county (dozers, graders, excavators, shovels, rollers, backhoes)
7	<b>Trade and Investments</b>	To spur trade and investment, the county will embark on aggressive programme on operationalization and marketing of the county’s six Economic and Investment Zones (EIZs). This will include organizing an Investor Conference and reinstate and organize annual agricultural and trade fair. Other interventions will include: ensuring safe and environmental friendly operations at the crusher; establishing annual livestock auction markets in each sub county and construction of a storage facility in each modern market. To spur trade and investment, the county will embark on aggressive programme on operationalization and marketing of the county’s six Economic and Investment Zones (EIZs). This will include organizing an Investor Conference and reinstate and organize annual agricultural and trade fair. Other interventions will include: ensuring safe and environmentally friendly operations at the crusher; establishing annual livestock auction markets in each sub county and construction of a storage facility in each modern market.
8	<b>Micro Small and Medium Enterprises</b>	The county will install and maintain infrastructure to facilitate 24-hour economic activities. These include access roads, water and sanitation facilities, street lighting, enhanced security, merchandise storage facilities, well-lit merchandise loading and offloading bays, convenient boda boda; taxi and vehicle parking facilities. Additionally, SMEs will be Capacity built on entrepreneurial and business skills and supported to acquire modern working equipment (e.g fabricated kiosks, computerized wheel alignment, hair dressing machines, shavers, carpentry and masonry tools, concrete mixers)
9	<b>Cooperative Societies</b>	To strengthen cooperative movement in the county, registration of cooperatives will be done in each sector (honey producers, tailoring and garment making, hide and skins, charcoal producers etc.) in addition to training and strengthening of cooperative societies through enforcing self-regulations in the internal operations, administrative guidelines and application of information technology (internal audits and automation of the operations). For the dormant cooperatives, the county will revive them through partnerships and capacity building in management, access to finance, production and marketing (honey processing, fruit processing etc.)

<b>NO</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Proposed Interventions</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Tourism and Hospitality</b>	The county intends to refine and market a robust and sustainable tourism circuit connecting Kitui county with coastal region and Mount Kenya region. This will also include protection, conservation and erection of entry gates for the South Kitui Game Reserve, Mwingi North game Reserve and the Mutomo Reptile Park. Additionally, the county will provide incentives for private sector investors/businesses in the entire hotel and hospitality value chain (through moderate taxation, licensing fees, land rates)
<b>11</b>	<b>Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities</b>	The county will roll-out a programme to scout and nurture local talents in various fields (athletics, football, acting, music, modeling, drawing and painting among others). To empower the women, the county will support and facilitate at least one self-help group in each sub-county in the formation of cooperatives in key economic sectors. Further, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) will be supported to register with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) and with the National Treasury to enable their 5% Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) and Reservation of 30% of the County’s budgeted annual procurement opportunities for AGPO women, youth and PWDs. This also includes considering youth – both men and women - for county senior level and other employment opportunities in addition to ensuring participation of all youth, women and people with disabilities in public participation forums.
<b>12</b>	<b>Boda Boda Sector</b>	The county government will establish a division within the ministry of Roads, Public Works & Transport headed and staffed by officers who appreciate the sector and are passionate in the promotion, empowerment and development of the persons operating within the sector. The county will also assist boda boda operator’s access subsidized loan facilities to help them acquire motor bikes on manageable repayment terms. To enhance their safety, the County will organize trainings on road safety, provide boda bodas with reflector jackets and helmets (for both the rider and passenger) and assist them in acquisition of riding licenses. In every market center, a more spacious boda boda sheds with cabro floor will be constructed. Further, grading of all roads and construction of drifts, and installation of culverts will be done to improve movement. The county will also equip Level IV and V county hospitals with necessary equipment and treatment facilities in the event of accidents.
<b>13</b>	<b>Environment</b>	To mitigate the adverse impact on climate change, a comprehensive programme will be rolled out which will involve tree planting in county schools, river banks and county forests; supporting planting at least 5 trees in each homestead; training and sensitization on environmental conservation in collaboration with other stakeholders and fully implement climate related policies (sustainable charcoal management policy; sustainable sand harvesting management policy and formulate and implement a sustainable mineral management policy).
<b>14</b>	<b>Energy</b>	The county intends to enhance household electricity connection in collaboration with Rural Electrification Authority, provide solar power to off-grid social facilities (schools, hospitals and youth polytechnics), provide community solar access in partnership with private sector and NGOs and support community access to green energy (Biogas, Solar, Wind) in partnership with National government, private sector, NGOs, CBOs and Faith Based Organizations.



NO	Sector	Proposed Interventions
15	<b>Information and Communications</b>	The intervention under this sector include: installation of mobile telephony masts in underserved areas of county in collaboration with mobile service providers; installation of boosters and modern technologies for improved network coverage and facilitate access to fiber optic infrastructure and use of digital technology in government offices and private sector entities within Kitui, Mwingi, Kwa-Vonza and other key county urban centers.
16	<b>Security</b>	To enhance security in urban and rural areas, the county will embark on installation of security and street lighting in the county's towns, market centers and public facilities including hospitals, village polytechnics, administration offices, day care centers. A collaboration mechanism will be developed with the National Government in security enhancement within the location/villages, divisions/ wards, sub-counties and in border areas prone along the county borders which shall include operationalization of the County Policing Authority in partnership with the National Government. Further, the county will install CCTV monitors in the county's two municipalities of Kitui and Mwingi in partnership with private sector/business.

## **CHAPTER 2.0: MINISTRY PROPOSALS**

In addition, The County Executive Committee Members and Chief Officers of all the ministries and Spending Entities walked the attendees through the key highlights of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024/2025, as shown below.

Proposed Projects FY 2024/2025 County Fiscal Strategy Paper

### **2.1 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

- Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme (CLIDP)
- Education support programme (Pro-poor) with pro-poor infrastructure support programme
- Construction of Enforcement offices and ablution block
- Construction of Additional office blocks
- County wide Civic Education Promotion
- Construction of three (3) police stations (Tseikuru, Nuu and Kanziku)
- Completion of five (5) ongoing police stations Mutha (Konakaliti), Voo/Kyamatu (Imumba), Endau/Malalani (Twambui), Ngomeni (Mandongoi), and Nguni (Katumba)
- Completion of Ward administrators' Offices.

### **2.2 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR**

- Performance Contracting
- Construction Finishes on snake house floor and ceiling
- Purchase of land parcel and Construction of Bazaar view point (5m)
- Toilets and water provision at Yanzuu rock Retreat centre
- Fencing to secure tourism parcel of land at Nzambani rock
- Construction of George Adamson Entrance gate
- Renovation of George Adamson and Ikime Camp site
- Making of access roads in MNR
- Grading of 33 km access road for game drives in Kanyonyoo Wildlife conservancy
- Desilting of water pan at Kanyonyoo wildlife conservancy
- Construction of Rangers' campsite at Kanyonyoo wildlife conservancy
- Initiation for electrical fencing of South Kitui National Reserves' 143km stretch
- MOU, Review of management plans, Drafting of conservancies establishment bill
- 45 County rangers and wardens specialized training at KWS Training Institution
- Marketing familiarization tours with media houses, nature Kenya and other special teams to expose Kitui County tourism sites (3m)
- Tourism Infrastructure support for site support groups (SSG) in Mumoni and Mutitu IBAs
- Offer Infrastructure support to the religious tourism attraction site of Museve Shrines
- Undertaking branding of all tourism attraction sites.
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- Organize 3 hospitality symposium targeting hoteliers, investors and stakeholders in tourism and hospitality sectors
- Hold beauty pageantry- miss tourism event together with annual cultural festival
- Formulation of tourism investment policy

### **2.3 MINISTRY OF WATER**

- Drilling and/or Equipping of Boreholes
- Construction/desilting of Mega earth dams
- Construction/desilting of medium earth dams
- Construction/desilting of small earth dams/pans
- Construction/Extension of water pipelines including Spring Water Supplies
- Construction of Sump Well Water Supplies (Sand/sub-surface dams with uptake wells, infiltration galleries and distribution lines)
- Borehole hybridization- Conversion of public water points from genset to solar-powered engines
- Water Supplies maintenance, repairs & rehabilitations
- Subsidies to Water Service Providers (WSPs), Kiambere -Mwingi Water & Sanitation Company (KIMWASCO) & Kitui Water & Sanitation Company (KITWASCO).
- Promote cluster irrigation schemes
- Construction Sand dams
- Construction of farm Ponds
- Promote Solar Powered Irrigation

### **2.4 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ICT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- Construction of ECDE Classrooms
- To improve hygiene and sanitation in ECDE centers
- To build capacity of ECDE teachers
- Employment of 12 VTC Instructors
- Renovation of Vocational Training Centers
- Payment of fees for Trade Test for eligible trainees
- Implementation of co- curricular activities in VTCs
- Monitoring and Assessment of Curriculum implement and management VTCs
- Mounting of workshops for Training Officers, VTC managers and instructors

### **2.5 MINISTRY OF ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORT**

- Construction and maintenance of roads, box culverts, slabs and drifts
- Dustless Towns programme in which market roads will be upgraded to bitumen standards
- Road maintenance (In-house Road opening and widening-dozing) 280km-7km per Ward
- Purchase of Heavy Plant Machinery (1 Grader)
- Construction of 40No. Boda boda Shades with Kiosk
- Training of 1,000No. Boda boda riders to issuance of Smart Driving Licences
- Purchase and Issuance of safety riding gears to 2,000No. (FY 2024/2025 trained Riders- helmets, reflectors)
- Boda Boda Policy

## 2.6 MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- Stipend allowances for County Health Promoters
- Facility Improvement Fund (FIF)
- DANIDA primary Healthcare funding (60% county funding)
- County Primary Health Centres funding (health centres and dispensaries funding)
- Integrated Health Management Information System in the hospitals
- Construction of a kitchen at Kyuso sub-county hospital
- Completion and operationalization of kitchen at Migwani sub-county hospital
- Construction of Kyuso general theatre
- Continuation of construction of perimeter wall and chain-link Fencing at Mwingi level IV hospital (stalled)
- Continuation of construction of perimeter wall and chain-link Fencing at KCRH
- Continuation of construction of stalled construction of Kitui County referral hospital Amenity/ Surgical Ward (stalled)
- Construction of Nzamba Kitonga Memorial Hospital
- Continuation of Construction of renal centre KCRH
- Continuation of construction of stalled Maternity/ pediatric ward at KCRH (stalled)
- Continuation of Construction of medical/female ward at Mwingi Level IV hospital (stalled)
- Renovations of primary health facilities (level 2 and 3)
- Completion of Mutomo OPD block
- Initiate upgrading of Sosoma dispensary to a level 3B
- Completion of Musava dispensary
- Initiate construction of Mwakini dispensary
- Continuation of upgrading of Mbitini health centre to a level 3B
- Continuation of Upgrading of Kanziko health centre to a level 3B
- Initiate upgrading of Katse health centre to a level 3B
- Continuation of Upgrading of Endau dispensary to a level 3B
- Continuation of Upgrading of Tiva dispensary to a level 3B
- Construction/operationalization of dispensaries at katumbi, Ngwate,gatoroni,Kimela, Kilimu, Nguutani/Katuyu/Mukauni,Kangondi, Nzunguni-kasang'o, Kathithu,Thitha, Kamanyi,Tuvaani, Kwa Song'e, Musovo, Thua, Kimangao
- Baby Friendly Community Initiative (BFCI- Nutrition promotion activities for under-fives) and malezi bora programme(Vitamin A supplementation and deworming)
- Integrated healthcare outreach services
- Stipend allowances for the 2470 (Community Health Promoters) CHPs
- Completion and equipping of KCRH and Mwingi level iv mortuaries
- Procurement of cold chain equipment.
- Procurement of paqua lab (water quality analysis)
- Construction of toilets for primary healthcare facilities
- purchase of 2 coolers for Kyuso mortuary @500000
- Pharms and non-pharm

- Equipping Laboratory Units in 5 hospitals with: semi-automated biochemistry analyser each at Kshs. 1,300,000. The facilities are: Mutomo,Nuu, Zombe, Kanyangi and Kyuso hospitals for all round diagnosis
- Equipping Laboratory Units in 8 hospitals with: Semi automated hematology analyser The facilities are: Kauwi,Mutomo,Katulani, Nu, Zombe, Ikanga, Kanyangi and Kyuso hospitals for all round diagnosis
- Equipping of 2 hospitals with bio safety cabinets each at Kshs. 1,500,000. These include KCRH, Mwingi level iv hospital and Zombe sub-county hospital for screening of TB and other contagious diseases
- Purchase of 2 microscopes for Mutitu hospital, Mwitika health centre, Yanzuu health centre, kavuta dispensary, konyu dispensary and Kakungu dispensary each at Kshs. 226,200
- Purchase of laundry machine for KCRH (electrolux washer 45kgs) to replace the obsolete one
- Purchase of dental chair for KCRH to replace the current obsolete dental chair
- Equipment to operationalize 13 completed maternity units (Malalani health centre, Yanzuu health centre, Nguni health centre, Kyuso hospital, Tiva dispensary, Endau dispensary, Miambani health centre, Kauma health centre, Mui dispensary, mivukoni dispensary (Mwingi north), Itongolani dispensary,Kiseuni dispensary, Katilini dispensary)
- Continuation of equipping and furnishing of new Outpatient Department (OPD)/ casualty Department for Kitui County referral hospital
- Purchase of medical equipment for rehabilitation departments in KCRH, Mwingi Level IV Hospital, Ikutha, Migwani, Kanyangi,Mutitu,kyuso and Kauwi for occupational therapy and physiotherapy
- Purchase of medical equipment for rehabilitation departments in KCRH, Mwingi Level IV Hospital for orthopaedic technology
- Continuation of equipping of surgical/amenity ward at mwingi level IV hospital enhance healthcare delivery in the facility
- Purchase of 3 incubators for Mwingi level iv hospital (1), KCRH(1),Tseikuru(1)
- Purchase of 10 CPAP machines for five newborn units each 2 machines (KCRH, Mwingi level iv, Kanyangi, Kauwi, Tseikuru)
- 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)
- Procurement of delivery beds for Nguni health centre and Tseikuru hospital @300000
- Purchase of voltage stabilizers 50KVA at Kanyangi, Zombe, Mutitu, Katulani and Kyuso hospitals each at Kshs. 545,664
- Upgrading medical stores (shelving, ceiling, tiling,airconditioning) at Kyuso,Mwingi level iv,Migwani and Mutitu hospitals
- Continuation of construction of a medical store at Mwingi level IV hospital
- Completion of construction of a medical store KCRH (stalled)

## **2.7 MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, MSMEs, INNOVATION & COOPERATIVES**

- Maintenance of livestock markets
- Maintenance of market infrastructure to facilitate 24-hour economic activities
- Development and improvement of a policy for trade and markets

- Establishment of dumping sites and waste bins in the markets
- Organize an agricultural and trade fair
- Market Security Lights
- Verifying weighing scales and acquisition of Weights and Measures equipment for Fair trade
- Promote formation & registration of new cooperative societies
- Training cooperatives on value addition and processing
- Carry out market research & disseminate research findings
- Co-operators Training
- Supervision of Society Elections
- Attend Cooperative Societies General & Management Committee Meetings
- Conduct Cooperative societies governance training workshops
- Inspection Of cooperative Societies
- Conduct cooperative audits
- Branding & Marketing: 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
- Install county-branded light boxes to be used to generate advertising revenues
- Active participation in various sales and marketing activities to create product and services awareness
- Information pamphlets to highlight the various county programmes being undertaken and success stories
- Operationalization of the County's Economic and Investment Zones (EIZs)
- Establishment of Industrial parks at the six economic and industrial zones aggregated and established
- Conducting investor conference forums
- Development and establishment of Value addition of value chains (Cereals and Pulses, Horticulture, Livestock, Apiculture, Textile and Apparel and Forest, Forestry)

## **2.8 MINISTRY OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY, NATURAL & MINERAL RESOURCES**

- County tree growing programme
- Forest and woodland conservation
- Tree growing in all county hilltops, riverine, and institutions
- Promotion of modern agro-forestry technology in the county wards
- Sensitization of farmers to adopt forest farming for wealth creation
- Awareness creation for farmers and communities on harvesting non-wood forest products (e.g., gums, resins, honey, etc.)
- Domestication and propagation of High Value & Multi – Purpose Trees and Shrubs (HVMPTS)
- Operationalization of Transition Implementation plans (TIPs)
- Institute and operationalize Kitui County Climate Change Fund (KCCCF) by allocating 1.5% of the County Development budget to climate adaptation and mitigation projects
- Promotion of environmental conservation in forested and protected areas, tree growing

- Tree Nursery Establishments and enhanced community afforestation
- Conservation of water catchment areas and rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems
- Institute measures for building community resilience against climate change through community-led adaptation strategies
- Promotion of Sustainable waste management within the communities through training on Reduce, Recycling, Reuse (3Rs)
- Promotion and training of communities on installation of clean cook stoves
- Promotion of uptake of renewable energy to mitigate climate change
- Promote uptake of sustainable biomass and biogas technology
- Mapping, documenting, training, and capacity building of artisanal and small-scale miners on value addition of gemstones and other minerals as a climate change adaptation measure
- Conduct training and capacity building workshops on climate change mainstreaming of the CCU and other officers
- Development of a participatory Risk Assessment Report
- Develop a Kitui County Climate Change Action Plan
- Develop Ward Planning Committees. 17 in place, 23 to be formed
- Enhanced resilience among communities
- Improved access to donor funding
- Increased standards of living
- Environmental education and awareness program (including the commemoration of international environmental events, schools and church outreach activities, and general civic education and campaigns)
- Publication and distribution of educational and awareness creation materials and media campaigns
- Utilize benchmarking for exposure to best practices in environmental sensitization
- Mount trainings and workshops for staff and community groups (youth and women) on environmental conservation
- Rural electrification of institutions and households in partnership with REREC and Kenya Power
- Installation of solar security lights in the upcoming markets in the county
- Maintenance of solar security lights in the upcoming markets in the county
- Installation of solar-powered water pumping systems
- Promotion and training of communities on installation of clean cook stoves
- Training and capacity building of artisanal and small-scale miners on value addition of gemstones and other minerals
- Development of community liaison committees
- Develop awareness, information, and education for communities in mineral-rich areas of the county, establish, and capacity build community liaison committees in Kanziko, Mui basin, Ikutha/Athi, Mbangwani, Ngaai, and Twimuma
- Establishment of Mineral Database
- Establishment of mineral testing and gemology laboratory



## **2.9 MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, YOUTH, ICT, SPORTS & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Hosting cultural festival (Exhibitions and performances on Kamba culture)
- Composing, mastering, and copyrighting the County Signature song by the Kitui Youth Band
- Developing the Kitui County Culture and Heritage Policy
- Constructing sump-well and solarization at Lower Eastern Heritage Centre
- Constructing chain-link fence, gate, landscaping, and installation of water-tank at Mwingi Library
- Cascading of gender mainstreaming committee at ward level
- Celebrating International Days (International Women’s Day, Day for People with Disability celebrated)
- Providing socio-economic empowerment for women groups
- Conducting Community GBV Sensitization Programs
- Phase I Construction of Rescue Centre for GBV Survivors at Ikutha Level 5
- Conducting trainings on youth employment and leadership
- Celebrating International Youth Day
- Organizing a youth entrepreneurship and innovation challenge within the County (Plug Mtaani)
- Equipping Mwingi Community Library with ICT equipment
- Equipping at least 2 VTCs with ICT equipment at an average cost of 1,600,000 per centre
- Installing Wi-Fi in vocational training centres
- Establishing Kitui County Innovation Hub (KCIH)
- Participating in Kenya Youth Inter- County Sports Association (KYISA) games in volleyball, football, and basketball for both men and women and Kenya Inter-County Sports and Cultural Association (KISOSCA) games for county staff in various sports disciplines. Both of these will involve scouting for players at sub –county level, camping, and actual competition
- Procuring and distributing sports equipment to Sports clubs in Kitui County
- Organizing competitions in football from ward level to county finals for both men and women aged 19 years and below. Training of Sports administrators (referees/coaches/umpires)
- Grading, leveling, 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
- Providing support for the elderly
- Conducting training sessions for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
- Supporting PWDs with assistive devices
- Supplying groups with items for income generation
- Conducting trainings and monitoring on AGPO for community groups



## **2.10 MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING & REVENUE MANAGEMENT**

- Audit Services
- Procurement of Goods and Management of Services
- Financial Services
- Economic Planning and Budgeting
- Development of County Sectoral Plan

## **2.11 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK**

- Promote pests and disease management in fruit farming
- Promotion of horticulture production
- Promote soil and water conservation (Levelling Kits procured and distributed)
- Subsidized tractor ploughing/Ripping
- Extension and Advisory services programme
- Improve extension skills of extension staff
- Refurbishment/Construction of Offices (Kitui South- Mutomo)
- Procure Extension ICT equipment
- Host Kitui Agricultural show and trade fair
- Improving the capacity of ATC to provide quality services to farmers/customers
- Aquaculture Development
- Dam stocking
- Extension and Advisory services programme
- Improve extension skills of extension staff
- To Procure and assign transport units
- Poultry breed improvement
- Goat breeds improvement
- Dairy cattle breeds improvement
- Establish 2,500 acres of pasture
- To Promote beekeeping
- To enhance rabbit keeping
- To Construct and equip laboratory

## **2.12 MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

- Preparation of draft supplementary Valuation roll to capture changes due to increased value, new subdivisions, and new plots.
- Operationalization of the registry.
- Market stakeholders meeting, delineation of market boundaries, and ground picking of data in respective markets followed by a validation exercise.
- Renovation of Ikutha Town public toilet.
- Construction of a 4-door pit latrine at the Ministry of Lands Office compound.
- Preparation of Integrated Urban Development Plans for upcoming urban areas.
- Installation, repair, and maintenance of 300 integrated solar energy street lights in upcoming urban areas.
- Implementation of Dustless Towns initiative.

- Installation of cabro paved walkways and parking slots in the upcoming urban areas.
- Construction of walkways, culverts, and stormwater drains in the upcoming urban areas.
- Construction and desilting of 600 meters of stormwater drainage channels in the upcoming urban areas.
- Construction of transfer stations and installation of assorted dust bins at the upcoming urban areas for solid waste management.
- Improvement of the Mutomo dumpsite access road through grading and gravelling.
- Planting of trees along urban roads and urban open spaces in the six urban areas.

### **2.13 COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

- Construction of Board offices

### **2.14 KITUI MUNICIPALITY**

- Fabrication and Installation of two Barrier points at Kunda Kindu bus Entry and Syongila barrier-2
- Installation of revenue collection booths-4
- Construction of a new barrier point along Kitui-Kibwezi road and Renovation of Kiembeni Market Barrier point
- Review of existing Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan (ISUDP), Data collection, Validation workshop, Approval, and official launch
- Installation, Reinstatement & Maintenance of Street/Security lights in Municipality (Solar powered with concrete post)
- Upgrading Roads to Bitumen Standard, Thome wa Akristo - St. Raphael Catholic Pre School-0.5KM
- Construction of pedestrian walkways from Muslim Primary- Masjid Noor Mosque-0.25KM
- Construction of pedestrian walkways from Huduma Centre-Kitui Amenity Gate-300M
- Road opening from Delta to Seku town campus with drift construction-1KM
- Grading and Gravelling Works St. Ursula-Isangwa-Green Africa-Signal Hotel Road-1KM
- Construction of Car parking area from Magunas-Kalundu River Bridge with Drainage Works and construction of Footbridges-0.25KM
- Landscape and plant flowers and ornamental shrubs –flower garden along the hospital perimeter wall from Huduma Centre to Rubis Petrol Station
- Grow assorted 1000 shrubs (ornamental) in Kitui town especially along the streets
- Purchase, label, and distribute plastic waste receptacles (medium for households and large for business premises)-pilot project
- Purchase of Assorted Cleaning Tools and Equipment
- Purchase of Fire and Emergency Response Unit Assorted Tools and Equipment

### **2.15 MWINGI MUNICIPALITY**

- Street light repairs, rehabilitation, and maintenance
- Erection of 1 high mast floodlight at Stockyard area
- Cabro paving works along Nzeluni road

- Construction of open stormwater drainage along Kitui Teachers Sacco Junction to AIC Township Road
- Construction of stone fence at Mwingi Slaughterhouse
- Renovation of waste drainage channels at the slaughterhouse
- Construction of slab and drainage works along Pinnacle – Level IV Hospital gate road (Phase 2)
- Construction of open stormwater drains along Mamro Café – Police line road
- Construction of open stormwater drains along Ideal-Kathonzweni road (Phase 2)
- Grading and slab construction along Kiberiti – Kwa Mukeni road



### CHAPTER 3: DISCUSSION SESSION

NAME	QUESTION/ SUGGESTION	MINISTRY	RESPONSE/ ANSWER
Dominic Mulee (Representative of people with Disabilities)	-ECDE Centers with no Teachers to handle Children WDs (I.e Partially Impaired) and Braille materials and machines to help blind or deaf-blind students to write and read by touch -No Special Classrooms for Children WDs	EDUCATION	Joyce Titus- ( <b>CECM - Education</b> ) As of now, the County can solely establish Child Care ECDE Facilities. However, it remains the responsibility of the National Government to furnish the Counties with ECDE Teachers possessing the requisite skills to cater to children with disabilities. Regarding the construction of specialized classrooms for children with disabilities, the county will duly consider this matter.
	Devolve the celebration of PLWDs to Constituency level	CULTURE	Phoeba Mutemi- <b>CECM Culture</b> -A discussion will be conducted with the executive to assess the feasibility of decentralizing these celebrations for people with disabilities to Sub-County Levels in future Financial Years. However, the current budget constraints present a challenge to immediate implementation.
	Social Economic Empowerment for women with disabilities (We have about 220 groups of Women with Disability)	CULTURE	Phoeba Mutemi- <b>CECM Culture</b> - Within our Ministry, we have initiatives dedicated to supporting endeavours such as Women Empowerment, which also places significant emphasis on the recognition and support of people with disabilities.
	Include People with disabilities in all sports activities and inter school tournaments	CULTURE	Phoeba Mutemi- <b>CECM Culture</b> - I fully recognize the importance of inclusivity in all aspects of our society, including sports activities and inter-school tournaments. It is imperative that we ensure equal opportunities for all, including people with disabilities. I will work closely with relevant stakeholders to develop strategies and policies to promote the participation of individuals with disabilities in sports events at both school and community levels. This aligns with our commitment to fostering a more inclusive and diverse cultural landscape.

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	Doctors at Kitui County Referral Hospital not Trained enough to handle the massive assessment of PWDs. Budget be allocated for them to be trained.	HEALTH	Dr. Audrey Kamba- <b>(CO.- Drugs and Medical Supplies)</b> - Regarding the assessment of people with disabilities, we have taken proactive steps by allocating a budget to train our medical practitioners. However, recognizing the urgency of the situation, we are also actively engaging with the National Government to expedite the process of sending medical practitioners with specialized expertise in handling the needs of people with disabilities to support our efforts. This collaborative approach ensures that we can provide the necessary care and support to individuals with disabilities in a timely and effective manner.
	Special Toilets be built in hospitals for specifically PLWDs.	HEALTH	Dr. Audrey Kamba- <b>(CO.- Drugs and Medical Supplies)</b> - In our commitment to ensuring equality for all, particularly for People with Disabilities (PLWDs), our government is dedicated to implementing plans to construct toilets specifically designed to accommodate their needs. This initiative underscores our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessibility in public infrastructure. By prioritizing the construction of these specialized facilities, we aim to foster a more inclusive environment where individuals with disabilities can access essential amenities with dignity and ease.
Patrick Kitheka (Resident- Matinyani Ward)	Youths to be given the first priority in CLIDP tender awarding since most of them are unemployed.	OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	Peter Kitonga- <b>(CECM- Water &amp; Irrigation)</b> - The matter of prioritizing youth in the awarding of CLIDP tenders will be carefully considered, and further discussions will be initiated by both the cabinet and the executive. It is crucial to explore ways in which we can enhance opportunities for youth participation and empowerment within the CLIDP framework. By engaging in collaborative dialogue, we will develop strategies that will ensure fair and equitable access to economic opportunities for young people, ultimately contributing to their socioeconomic advancement and the



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			overall development of our community.
	There should be sufficient time for CLIDP tenders' application like three weeks due to IFMIS system downtimes and also to give contractors who are from remote areas with no internet connectivity enough time to go to towns and apply (Online)	OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	Peter Mwikya Kilonzo-( <i>CECM. Finance, Economic Planning &amp; Revenue Management</i> )-The timelines for tender application are primarily determined by the National Government's IFMIS System, and thus the county has limited control over them. As such, we must work within the parameters set by the IFMIS System to ensure compliance with procurement regulations and procedures. While we may encounter challenges related to these timelines, it is essential to adapt and streamline our processes to effectively navigate within the framework established by the National Government. Additionally, we can explore avenues for collaboration and communication with relevant authorities to address any issues or concerns that may arise during the tender application process.
	Include Leather Jackets and trousers for kits given to boda boda operators	ROADS- BODA BODA	Engineer Reuben Itiko- ( <i>CECM Roads and Public Works</i> )- We are currently in the process of developing a comprehensive Boda Boda policy, which will outline the mandate of the Boda Boda Unit and specify the safety gear to be provided to Boda Boda operators. This policy aims to enhance safety standards within the Boda Boda industry, ensuring the protection of both operators and passengers. Through extensive consultation and collaboration with stakeholders, we are working towards the formulation of guidelines that promote responsible and safe practices among Boda Boda operators while also addressing the unique needs of this vital transportation sector.
Patricia Mwema (Civic Educator- Uraia Trust, Matinyani Ward)	Do we have Civic Education Department? If it is there, what does it Do? Who is incharge of the Department?	OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	Peter Kitonga- ( <i>CECM- Over seeing Departments under Office of the Governor</i> )- Indeed, Civic Education is under the jurisdiction of the office of the Governor in our decentralized unit. Our primary mandate is to promote and support civic education among the people of Kitui.

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	Is there plan to employ More civic educators by the County? Is there Enough Budget allocation for Civic Education?		Presently, we are in the process of crafting a policy that is at the Cabinet stage. This policy will delineate how public participations will be communicated and conducted, along with strategies for reaching out to citizens in all 40 wards, among other essential aspects. Our aim is to foster a culture of active citizen engagement and ensure that every resident has the opportunity to participate meaningfully in the governance processes of our county.
KEVIN KIVALA (County Chair, Boda Boda operators-Kitui County)	Propoasal for establishment of County Road Safety Boda Boda Authority Board.	ROADS- BODA BODA	Engineer Reuben Itiko-( <i>CECM, Roads, Transport &amp; Public Works</i> )- 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.
	Proposal for Allocation of an Office for Boda Boda for proper Cordination of Boda Boda operations	ROADS- BODA BODA	
	Proposal for Capacity Building of Boda Boda Operators on Road Safety	ROADS- BODA BODA	
	Support the Establishment of Boda Boda Cooperatives	TRADE	
	Proposal for creation of empowerment fund for the existing boda boda societies	TRADE	
	Enterprenure Capacity Building for Boda Boda Operators	TRADE	
KENNEDY MUTISYA JOSEPH (Member of Kitui County Civil Society Network-	A concern about stalled projects where by we have many stalled buildings in Kitui County Referral Hospital	HEALTH	<b>Dr. Audrey Kamba- (CO.- Drugs and Medical Supplies)-</b> ,It is indeed true that there have been several stalled projects within the County, with a significant concentration in the Ministry of Health. However, under the leadership of His Excellency Dr. Julius Malombe, our government remains steadfast in fulfilling its promises to
	In Kanziku Hospital, there is a stalled maternity ward that	HEALTH	

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Kyangwithya East Ward)	stalled for two years ago and yet there is another ward started in the same facility		the citizens of Kitui. Many of these projects, which had stalled since 2014, have now been completed and commissioned for use. Examples include the new
	Roads that were supposed to be tarmacked very long ago within the Kitui municipality have some areas not tarmacked like along Naivas Supermaket to Magunas Supamarket which possess risk to pedestrians.	TRANSPORT	Outpatient Department in Kitui County Referral Hospital, the blood satellite in KCRH, and the maternity ward in Kanziku Hospital, among others. <b>Peter Mwikya Kilonzo-( CECM. Finance, Economic Planning &amp; Revenue Management)</b> -In addition, the County Government is diligently working to strike a balance between recurrent expenditure and development, as stipulated by the Public Finance Management Act of 2012. It's important to note that we inherited a significant amount of pending bills. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to prudent financial management and ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to meet the needs of our citizens."
	What is the position of stalled projects that has no court orders, because stalled projects equits to no value for public money used.	FINANCE	
	As plans are under way for developing eco-park, more security measures need to be put under place since there has been several reported cases of insecurity among the civilians	OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR	<b>Augustine Kanani- (Deputy Governor)</b> - As we move forward with plans to develop the eco-park, it's imperative that we prioritize the safety and security of all citizens. In light of several reported cases of insecurity in the area, additional security measures will be implemented to ensure the safety of visitors and residents alike. By taking proactive steps to address security concerns, we will create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy the eco-park and its Environment.
STEPHEN KYALYA WAMBUA (Citizen-Voo Kyamatu Ward)	People are being reffered outside by Medical practitioners for Lab test since the Labs in our hospital facilities partuculary Kitui County Referral Hospital are not in operational due to Lack	HEALTH	<b>Dr. Audrey Kamba- (CO.- Drugs and Medical Supplies)</b> - Presently, we've made significant strides in streamlining administration within our facilities, addressing one of the major contributors to issues encountered. Moreover, we've implemented measures and engaged in discussions with our suppliers to ensure a consistent supply of consumables to our facilities. I'm

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	of reagents. What is the measure that the ministry will put to ensure that all lab tests are available in the FY 2024/2025?		pleased to report that as of now, all laboratory tests and services are readily available at the facility in question, namely KCRH. This progress underscores our commitment to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of our healthcare services, ultimately benefiting the Citizens we serve.
MICHAEL MWANZIA (Member of Kitui Civil Society Network)	Proposed for Building of Toilets for pupils and Children with disability	EDUCATION	Joyce Titus- <b>CECM Education</b> - Regarding the construction of specialized Toilets for children with disabilities, the county acknowledges the importance of providing inclusive educational environments. We are committed to ensuring that all children, regardless of their abilities, have access to quality education. Therefore, we will give due consideration to this matter and explore options for constructing specialized structures that cater to the unique needs of children with disabilities. Our aim is to promote inclusivity and create an enabling environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.
	Proposal for Rehabilitation of existing Boda Boda shades before committing to build new ones	BODA BODA	<b>Engineer Reuben Itiko-CECM Roads, Transport &amp; Public Works</b> - We have formulated a comprehensive plan to construct new Boda Boda shades in all 40 wards across the county. Our strategy involves building shades in areas where none currently exist and relocating existing shades to better serve the needs of Boda Boda operators. Additionally, we will conduct assessments in each ward to gather data on the condition of existing shades and determine which ones require rehabilitation.  By undertaking these initiatives, we aim to improve the infrastructure for Boda Boda operators county-wide, ensuring that they have safe and functional spaces to conduct their business.
	Proposed for Women to be included in Boda Boda capacity building and Training(atleast 20 women per training)	BODA BODA	
	How long does it take for	FINANCE	
			<b>Peter Mwikya Kilonzo-( CECM. Finance, Economic</b>

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	contractors to get paid after they have completed their work		<p><b>Planning &amp; Revenue Management)-</b> Once contractors complete their work in accordance with the contracts issued by the ministries, they submit a voucher to the County Treasury. This voucher undergoes a thorough review process to ensure compliance with all regulations and procedures. Upon approval, the voucher is assigned a voucher number and a list containing the company names of the contractors is prepared.</p> <p>Subsequently, the list is forwarded to the National Treasury for funds allocation, a process that typically takes approximately 24 days. Once funds are released, payments to the contractors are made on a first-come, first-served basis, following the principle of first in, first out. This systematic approach ensures transparency and fairness in the disbursement of funds to contractors for their completed work.</p>
CHRISTINE (Citizen, Mwingi West)	What is it being done to reduce the County Wage bill?	FINANCE	<p><b>Peter Mwikya Kilonzo-(CECM. Finance, Economic Planning &amp; Revenue Management)-</b> The County is currently engaged in conducting Human Resource Audit reports to identify and address any instances of fraudulent activity. Through this process, we have successfully reduced the wage bill from 48% to 44%, while also ensuring that ECDE Teachers are included under Permanent and Pensionable terms.</p> <p>Regarding the issue of Ghost workers, the committee tasked with this responsibility is diligently finalizing its report. We understand the sensitivity and complexity of matters related to our workforce, and thus, we are allocating the necessary time and resources to ensure a thorough and accurate assessment. Our commitment to transparency and accountability remains unwavering as we</p>
	How far has the County Gone on the status of Ghost Workers?	FINANCE	

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			strive to optimize the efficiency and integrity of our human resource management practices.
JAMES MUNUVE (Director, KITWASCO)	Requested for Additional Funds subsidy to the two Water Service Providers (KITWASCO & KIMWASCO)	WATER	<b>Peter Mwikya Kilonzo-(CECM. Finance, Economic Planning &amp; Revenue Management)-</b> You As a board member, I urge you to leverage your expertise and experience to ensure that our water providers become less reliant on government subsidies for their operations. It's essential to enhance your revenue collection capacity and address any revenue leakages, as both water service providers have the potential to sustain themselves through your own collections. It's becoming increasingly difficult for me to defend these subsidies in the county assembly, so it's crucial that you take proactive steps to improve your financial independence.



## CHAPTER 4 MEMORANDUM PROPOSALS

### Proposal I

NAME	ORGANISATION	PHONE NUMBER
Faith Kiema	KITUI WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT	0722-766-507
Petronila Mutua	KALANDINI CBO	0721324572
Lucianna Ndila	COUNTY DIRECTOR STATE DEPT FOR GENDER	0725054063
Mariam Noor	SUPKEM	0729651729
Kilonzi Kangangi	KITUI CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK	0722656723
Manoti Mutunga	EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF KENYA	0721789918
Patricia Kanau	URAI TRUST	0718947715
Paul Kathenge	ROCKVILLE CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVPT	0722817197
Andrew Kitavi	KEFF	071436071

### PROPOSALS

#### Ministry of Education, ICT and Youth Development

---Promote skills development by ensuring women friendly courses such as tailoring and catering are factored in  
 --- Develop and set aside funds or initiatives for providing female students with sanitary towels to improve rates of readmission and retention, this will also increase the proportion of girls who are engaging in sustainable, environment friendly and proper menstruation hygiene management. This goes a long way in promoting the kitui county slogan Kisomo no Kyo.

#### Ministry of Water and Irrigation

---The ministry to provide safe access to water per every kilometer to reduce the risk of gender based violence women are subjected to as result of long distance of search for water, it also saves on time hence addressing the component of unpaid care and domestic work, We also request a revolving fund on subsidized water tanks for water harvesting to organized women groups.

#### Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

---Kitui County Poultry Traders is an organized group of seven thousand plus members who are poultry farmers but they are unable to produce enough chicken and eggs to meet the market demand, this being one example we propose capacity strengthening of poultry farmers on best practices, market linkages, value addition, fasttracking of extension services for poultry.  
 ---We also propose tailor made trainings for organized special interest groups in commercial kitchen gardening and climate smart

## **PROPOSALS**

irrigation agriculture and generally for women in agribusiness.

### **Ministry of Gender, Culture, Youth, ICT, Sports and Social Services.**

---We propose the development of youth empowerment and development policy, programmes that will seek to have benefits such as improved conflict resolution skills, increase civic efficacy, empowerment programs to help develop fundamental life skills, improved economic contribution quality education, vocational training and entrepreneurial opportunities, improved innovation towards boosting productivity, improved social skills that will in academic achievement and positive behavior change. We recommend enactment of the kitui county gender policy

### **Ministry of Trade, Industry, MSMEs, Innovation and Cooperatives**

---We propose a business financing program for women in business regardless of the scale. Capacity building programmes on book keeping, record keeping, business registration and access to government procurement opportunities, legal requirements, and opportunities for linkages and collaborative partnerships, financial literacy which should be structured in every ward. This should include online digital marketing technologies and information.

## CHAPTER 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Enhance Revenue Collection Capacity:** Implement strategies to improve revenue collection efficiency, such as modernizing billing systems, increasing outreach efforts, and implementing electronic payment options.
- **Address Revenue Leakages:** Conduct thorough audits to identify and address any sources of revenue leakages within the water service providers. This may involve strengthening internal controls, enhancing transparency, and implementing stricter oversight mechanisms.
- **Reduce Reliance on Grants:** Develop a roadmap to gradually reduce dependence on Grants by increasing self-sufficiency through enhanced revenue generation and cost-saving measures.
- **Promote Financial Independence:** Foster a culture of financial independence within the water service providers by empowering management teams, investing in capacity building initiatives, and promoting accountability at all levels.
- **Regular Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track progress towards financial sustainability goals, identify areas for improvement, and ensure accountability in the implementation of strategies.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

The proceedings of the Kitui County Public Participation Forum on the FY 2024/2025 County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) were also being broadcasted live on **Facebook** and on **YouTube**

● Youtube 🖱️ [Youtube Stream Link](#)

● Facebook 🖱️ [Facebook Stream Link](#)

## **ANNEX 1: Pictorial Presentation of the CFSP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Proceedings**



*Picture 1: Deputy Governor H.E. Augustine Kanani Wambua-Chief Quest*





***Picture 2: Minister for Finance, Economic Planning & Revenue Management Peter Mwikya Kilonzo giving a presentation.***



***Picture 3: CFSP Public Participation in Session***





*Picture 4: CFSP Public Participation in Session*




*Picture 5: Members of the County Assembly Present Introducing themselves*






Picture 6: Citizens asking question/Giving Proposals During Discussion Sessions



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**MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND REVENUE MANAGEMENT**

**INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM ON THE FY 2024/2025 KITUI COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER, DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PAPER 2024, AND MODEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Section 125(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 on public participation in the budget process, the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management hereby invites members of the public, civil society groups, private sector, state agencies and all other interested stakeholders to public consultative forum for the following documents: -

**1. FY 2024/25 KITUI COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER**

Pursuant to Section 117(1) of the PFM Act 2012, which states The County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and the County Treasury shall submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the county assembly, by the 28th February of each year.

**2. KITUI COUNTY DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PAPER 2024**

Section 123 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 states "On or before the 28<sup>th</sup> February in each year, the County Treasury shall submit to the county assembly a statement setting out the debt management strategy of the county government over the medium term with regard to its actual liability and potential liability in respect of loans and its plans for dealing with those liabilities".

**3. KITUI COUNTY MODEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Further, section 191A to E of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires that the National Treasury and County Governments shall enter into intergovernmental agreements for purposes of the additional allocations. In view of this, the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management hereby invites members of the public, civil society groups, private sector, state agencies and all other interested stakeholders to public consultative forum for the Model Intergovernmental Conditional Allocations Transfer Agreement in IDA (World Bank) credit (National Agricultural and Rural inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP), IDA (World Bank) credit National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP), World Bank (Emergency Locust Response Project (ELRP), Sweden- Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) II, World Bank Credit to Finance Locally - Led Climate Action Program (FLLOCA), Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP), DANIDA Grant - Primary Health Care in Devolved Context, Roads Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF), Kenya Devolution Support Programme and County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPs).

The Public Participation Forum will be held on **Thursday, 15th February 2024 at Kefri Centre – Kitui Town from 10.00am.**

The draft FY 2024/2025 County Fiscal Strategy Paper, County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2024 and Model Intergovernmental Conditional Allocations Transfer Agreement are available on Kitui County Government's website via link [www.kitui.go.ke](http://www.kitui.go.ke). The members of the public, civil society groups, private sector, state agencies and all interested persons or groups are also invited to submit their comments, memoranda and proposals for inclusion in the FY 2024/2025 County Fiscal Strategy Paper and Model Intergovernmental Conditional Allocations Transfer Agreement at the following offices:

- Office of the Chief Officer, Economic Planning and Budgeting at the County Treasury.
- Any of our Sub County or Ward offices.

The public may also submit their views online via the email [planning@kitui.go.ke](mailto:planning@kitui.go.ke) so as to be received on or **before Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**. The members of the public can also follow the proceedings through a link to be posted on Kitui County Government's website i.e. [www.kitui.go.ke](http://www.kitui.go.ke) and the county's official social media platforms.

**County Executive Committee Member  
Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management**

## National News

**Crisis** Stress causing physical, mental health problems

# Half of Kenyans are financially stressed, new survey shows

Many say situation made worse by pay that has stagnated for years

BY VINCENT OWINO

Nearly half of Kenyans have reported financial stress amid income stagnation since 2019, forcing many to live on debt as the economic situation worsens, a new survey shows.

The Financial Services Monitor by Old Mutual Group reveals that about five out of 10 (48 per cent) Kenyans feel overwhelmingly or highly stressed by their financial situation, with lower-income earners and women feeling much more stressed.

Informal sector workers, who take home less than Sh20,000 monthly, are the most stressed, with 51 per cent of them saying they're overwhelmed, compared to 45 per cent of those taking home more than Sh50,000 monthly.

This is against a backdrop of 62 per cent of Kenyans saying their incomes have reduced compared to their pre-Covid earnings and 29 per cent continue to earn the same amount, despite the high inflation and currency depreciation that have eroded consumer purchasing power.

"This means that the majority of these consumers currently have less money in their pockets than they did prior to being impacted by the pandemic," states the report published on Monday.

Based on the survey, several Kenyans fall in the "sandwich generation", meaning that they have both their children and elderly parents relying on them financially, increasing the economic burden on the working class and heightening the stress.

Currently, about 75 per cent have children dependants, while 58 per cent have elders relying on them. Generally, about 46 per cent of Kenyan adults are currently taking care of both their children and their parents, the survey shows.

"The sandwich generation is growing because of two trends; first, life expectancy has moved up, so people are looking after their parents long into their own retirement. Secondly, the children are not getting independent fast enough," said Nanzala Mwuira, chief growth officer at research firm Ipsos.

The financial stress could be brewing a significant health crisis in the country with over two-thirds of those feeling highly or overwhelmingly stressed by their financial situation saying the stress is taking a toll on their



Shoppers look through second-hand clothes at Gikomba Market in Nairobi on February 4. A new survey shows half of Kenyans are suffering financial stress. BILLY OGADA/INATION

physical and mental health, yet many are not covered by any insurance scheme.

According to the research, the financial stress is pushing many Kenyans deeper into debt and reshaping priorities, and several are not planning adequately for retirement and emergencies.

Over the last year, at least 41 per cent of Kenyans had to borrow from friends and family to make ends meet, while about 35 per cent had to dip into their savings to pay their bills.

While the majority (40 per cent) of those taking loans from different sources are doing so to stock

or equip their businesses, about 38 per cent are borrowing to meet everyday needs and 33 per cent do it to meet unexpected expenses like school fees, medical needs, and household repairs.

At the same time, paying debt is now the third most important financial priority for Kenyans, coming after job or income security and cutting expenses. According to the survey, about 17 per cent of indebted Kenyans are struggling to service their loans, and some are now borrowing to repay debt.

About 74 per cent of Kenyans are also not saving for retirement, even though over 80 per cent acknowledged that it is important. Less than 50 per cent believe that their children will take care of them in old age, while 54 per cent think the government will take care of them.

The hard economic times are also encouraging the gig economy with about 23 per cent of Kenyans now turning to side hustles, contract work and second jobs to supplement income.

On the flip side, Kenyans are increasingly appreciating the importance of saving, with emergency savings emerging as the sixth most important financial priority. Majority of people aged below 30 are saving to start a business, while older Kenyans are saving mostly for their children's education.

### AT A GLANCE

#### Kenyans caught up in a debt cycle

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