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KISUMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY APPROVES COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FY 2023/2024

Kisumu County Assembly has approved the County Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

The House, during a special sitting today Friday 30th June, 2023 adopted the Budget and Appropriations Committee report on the proposed budget estimates and the Kisumu County Appropriations Bill 2023 tabled and moved by the Committee Chairperson and Kondele Ward Representative Hon. Joachim Oketch. In the approved budget estimates, the resource envelop available for allocation among the county sectors comprises of an opening balance of Kshs. 1,200,625 819; equitable share of the national revenue amounting to Kshs. 8,352,556,635; Conditional Grants amounting to Kshs. 866,176,577 and Own Source Revenue projected at Kshs. 1,785,834,036.

In the Kshs. 12,338,710,363 budget, Kshs. 4,432,549,165 has been allocated for development expenditure and Kshs. 7,906,161,198 for recurrent expenditure. Additionally, Ksh1 billion has been allocated towards pending bills. The budget focuses on revitalization of agriculture for food security and agribusiness; ensuring a healthy population living in a clean environment; environmental conservation as well as opening the Kisumu lakefront for business opportunities among other development programmes. It also concentrates on promoting development of local private sector and spur economic growth by prioritizing clearing the burden of the pending bills. In Agriculture, the County Government has prioritized crop, livestock and fisheries productivity and outputs and promotion of



Health Committee pushes for upgrade of JOOTRH.
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agribusiness; promotion of value addition and post-harvest handling infrastructure development.

In health, operationalization of the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital Cancer Center to avail the much needed oncology services to the people of Kisumu County and expansion of Kisumu County Social Health Insurance Schemes for indigents and the vulnerable populations have been given priority.

Moreover, the implementation of the County Roads Maintenance Teams is provided for in the budget as the government shifts focus to labor-intensive maintenance of roads away from the contractor-based maintenance activities.

In the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources plans to construct waste re-cycling plant at Kasese and rehabilitation and extension of water to various areas have been prioritized.

Addressing the press shortly after approval of the budget estimates, Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro urged the County leadership to ensure implementation of all programmes as outlined in the Budget for the benefit of the people of Kisumu.

At the same time, he urged Hon. Members of the County Assembly through House Sectoral Committees to step up their oversight role to ensure proper accountability and enhanced service delivery.

IN FIGURES

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.... to be financed through:

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Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Joachim Oketch poses for a photo with the Assembly Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro and Principal Clerk Assistant Mr. Peter Anditi as he prepares to move a motion on adoption of the Budget estimates



Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson Hon. Joachim Oketch moves a motion on adoption of the Budget estimates in the House



Kisumu County Assembly conducts public participation on the proposed Budget estimates FY 2023/2024 at Mama Grace Onyango Social Hall in Kisumu Central Sub County

HOUSE APPROVES NOMINATION OF DR. HEZRON MC'OBWEA TO THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON, KISUMU COUNTY REVENUE BOARD



Dr. Hezron MC'Obewa when he appeared before the House Select Committee on Appointment for vetting

over revenue collection in the County.

And a year later - in June, 2023, the House approved nomination of Dr. Hezron MC'Obewa to the position of Kisumu County Revenue Board after being nominated by Kisumu Governor H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o and vetted by the House Select Committee on Appointment chaired by the Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro.

The Board will inherit systems and staff of the current directorate of

revenue with a freehand to design new systems, reform human resource and institute innovations to enhance own source revenue in the County.

The cases of Meru, Nakuru, Laikipia and Kakamega counties show that semi-autonomous revenue collection agencies, in the format of the national government KRA, have achieved significant and sustainable increases in County revenues, across all the 4 counties thus far.



A section of Hon. Members during the vetting session

Revenue collection in Kisumu County is expected to receive a major boost after the County Assembly of Kisumu set in motion the operationalization of the Kisumu Revenue Board.

In June last year, the County Assembly passed the Kisumu County Revenue Administration Amendment Bill (2022) that established the Revenue Board as a semi-autonomous agency akin to the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) - to take

ASSEMBLY TO PARTNER WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, CIVIC EDUCATION

Kisumu County Assembly is keen to work with civil society organizations to enhance public participation in policy formulation and in the county development programs and processes.

The Assembly's Budget and Appropriations Committee yesterday held a consultative workshop with Kisumu County Development Trust (KCDT) in a bid to forge a partnership that will build a robust public participation mechanism through



KCDT Board of Trustee Chairperson Mr. John Oduuk speaking during the consultative meeting.

improved civic education and citizen engagement.

This will ensure that residents - from the village level- are part and parcel of the decisions, activities and programs of the Assembly for effective realization of Assembly's mandate of legislation, representation and oversight.

"We intend to leverage on the networks of the civil society groups to enhance our public participation and community engagements so

that our people can effectively participate in our activities and programs,” said Market Milimani MCA Hon. Seth Kanga who also doubles as the Assembly Majority Whip.

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Assembly Majority whip Hon. Seth Kanga(right) leads other Hon. Members and KCDT officials during a recent press conference.

PIC/PAC COMMITTEE: WE HAVE KEPT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON TOES



PIC/PAC Committee Chairperson Hon. Kennedy Ouko (centre) chairing a Committee session

The Public Accounts and Investments Committee of the 3rd Assembly has made tremendous efforts in putting the executive to account for public money with the aim of strengthening the public expenditure management.

The first report that the committee presented to the House was on the consideration of the financial statements of the Kisumu County Executive Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund.

In the report, the committee established long outstanding loans as the major issue. A number of recommendations on recovery with

timelines were made by the committee and the report was unanimously adopted.

In the subsequent Auditor General Report on the financial statements for the fund, the committee established a commendable improvement in the management of the fund in regards to recoveries of the long outstanding loans.

The Committee has also extensively considered the report of the Auditor General on the County Executive of Kisumu for the year ended 30, June 2020. The report is before the House for debate.

At the moment, the committee is considering the following audit reports;

1. Auditor General’s Report on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Executive Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund 2020/2021 and 2021/2022
2. Auditor General’s Report on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Education Fund FY 2020/2021
3. Auditor General’s Report on

the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund FY 2021/2022

4. Auditor General’s Report on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu Water and Sewerage Company Limited FY 2021/2022

The Committee has held meetings with the accounting officers to answer the audit queries in the respective reports. The meetings were broadcasted live by the County Assembly Broadcasting Unit.

The Committee is now planning for a retreat to culminate the reports on the consideration of the audit reports.

It is important to note that in all its undertakings, the committee is working closely with the Office of the Auditor General who has always had representation in the meetings with the Accounting Officers.

HELP US PUSH FOR UPGRADE OF JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA TEACHING AND REFERAL HOSPITAL, ASSEMBLY LEADERS URGE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH DURING COURTESY CALL



Kisumu County Assembly Health Committee Chairperson Hon. Vincent Jagongo (right) co-chairing a joint meeting with Senate Standing Committee on Health Chairperson Hon. Jackson Mandago (centre)

The Senate Standing Committee on Health visited the County Assembly of Kisumu in June, 2023 during their working tour of the Referral Hospitals in the region where Kisumu County Assembly leaders pleaded with the team to fast-track the transfer of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (-JOOTRH) to the national government.

The visitors paid a courtesy call on the Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro and later held a meeting with the host's Committee on Health, chaired by Hon. Vincent Jagongo.

They deliberated on state of health-

care provision in Kisumu County and agreed on a working formula to resolve challenges and improve healthcare provision in Kisumu County.

During the deliberations, the County Assembly's Health Committee urged the visitors to help them push for upgrade of JOOTRH to Level Six Hospital.

The move, the Committee argued, will enable the facility to attract more funding and deal with various challenges the hospital has been facing, among them growing demand of patients from neighbouring counties.

The main aim of the transformation

is autonomy which will see the hospital divorced from the county health department.

The Senate committee chaired by Uasin Gishu Senator Hon. Jackson Mandago said they will engage the national government and Health ministry to fast-track the process. "JOOTRH deserves the upgrade not only for the purpose of treatment but also for training more health workers," observed Hon. Mandago.

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The Senate Standing Committee on Health meeting with the Assembly leadership during their visit

WHY KISUMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY HAS BECOME A BENCHMARKING HUB FOR SISTER COUNTY ASSEMBLIES, OTHER INSTITUTIONS



Visiting staff welfare officials from Kwale County Assembly pose for a photo with their counterparts from Kisumu County Assembly

Kisumu County Assembly has been privileged to host various delegations who visit for benchmarking.

From sister County Assemblies, learning institutions, National Government agencies to non-governmental organizations, the growing number of visitors point to the critical position the Assembly has occupied in the devolved units and in sharing knowledge on matters legislation, representation and oversight.

Kwale County Assembly Staff Welfare officials recently visited to benchmark on matters staff welfare. The team met the Clerk Mr. Owen Ojuok and later engaged in an exchange programme with the host's staff welfare union

chaired by Principal Clerk Assistant Mr. Peter Anditi.

Last month, the Assembly was honoured to host Hon. Members of Kiambu County Assembly-drawn from the Committee on Members Services, Facilities and Welfare who visited to benchmark on an array of issues meant to improve their role of legislation, representation and oversight.

The visiting delegation held peer to peer learning with the host Committee on Welfare and Equal Opportunities - both parties intent to use the experiences and lessons learnt to enrich the operations of the respective committees.

In the same month, Members of Baringo County Assembly Service Board led by Baringo County Assembly Speaker Hon. Vincent

Kemboi (Chairperson) visited to benchmark on key operational and administrative issues.

The visitors held a discussion with Kisumu County Assembly Service Board chaired by the Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro, Clerk Mr. Owen Ojuok (Secretary) and a section of staff on the administration of car loan and mortgage, the construction of Kisumu ultra-modern Assembly and the overall Assembly fiscal management system. The Assembly also hosted officials from the County Assemblies Forum (CAF) who visited to interact with Hon. Members of the County Assembly on the successes and challenges affecting them. Led by the Secretary General Hon. Mwaura Chege, the delegation held discussions with members of

the County Assembly and resolved to collectively push the interest of the legislative arms of the devolved units to enable them realize their mandate of legislation, representation and oversight.

CAF is the coordinating body of the 47 County Assemblies in Kenya. Its primary mandate is to promote networking and synergy among the 47 County Assemblies, coordinate intergovernmental relations and enhance good practice in legislative development.



Kisumu County Assembly Speaker Hon Elisha Oraro (centre), his Baringo counterpart Hon. Vincent Kemboi (left) and Kisumu County Assembly Clerk Mr. Owen Ojuok comparing notes during a visit by Baringo County Assembly Service Board



CAF Secretary General Hon. Mwaura Chege addressing Hon. Members of Kisumu County Assembly at the Chambers



Members of Kisumu County Assembly Service Board pose for a photo with their visiting counterparts from Baringo County Assembly.

PLANS UNDERWAY TO IMPLEMENT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IN THE ASSEMBLY TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY



External Board Member Mr. Noel Olweny and Deputy Clerk Mr. Nashon Kusina during a meeting of the Performance Management Committee

Kisumu County Assembly is planning to roll out performance management system to improve service delivery.

The County Assembly Performance Management Committee members in May, 2023 held a meeting to draw

a roadmap for implementation of the initiative.

External Board Member Mr. Noel Olweny who has been tasked by the County Assembly Service Board to coordinate the process underscored the importance of the exercise in helping the Assembly to realize its set goals.

The Assembly plans to roll out performance management in July, 2023 in a move aimed to ensure staff meet set targets hence efficient and improved service delivery.

The move will see the Clerk of the

Assembly sign performance contract with the County Assembly Service Board and later the Head of Departments will sign with the Clerk and the process cascaded to the lowest units of the workforce.



A section of the Performance Management Committee members

PICTORIALS



Kisumu County Assembly Speaker's official residence whose construction has completed and now ready for occupation.



Front and rear view of the ongoing construction of Kisumu County Assembly ultra-modern Chambers and Offices. The building, once completed, is expected to offer adequate space and conducive working environment for Hon. Members and Staff



A section of Hon. Members led by Deputy Speaker Hon. Nereah Okombo pose for a photo as they share light moments before going to the Plenary



A section of participants at a recent public participation conducted by the County Assembly of Kisumu on Technical, Vocational Education and Training Bill, 2023. The Bill provides a framework for the establishment of systems for the administration, management and governance of Vocational Education and Training within Kisumu County and for connected purposes.



A section of Hon. Members pose for a photo as they prepare for debate and approval of the Budget Estimates FY 2023/2024

PREPARATION IN EARNEST FOR THE UPCOMING CASA EXTRAVAGANZA



Kisumu County Assembly football team during the 3rd edition of the CASA games festival held in Mombasa Mombasa County

Kisumu County Assembly has since the inception of devolution engaged with other 46 County Assemblies in Kenya in participating in County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) extravaganza –an annual event that brings together all the 47 County Assemblies to participate in sports, music and cultural activities.

These forums have been used as a way of encouraging cohesions and integrations as well as promoting health through sports for the wellbeing of both Members of the Assemblies and staff.

Apart from providing a platform for sporting activities, they also provide opportunities for exchange of ideas to improve

performance at the County Assemblies.

Kisumu County Assembly has begun preparation for this year's CASA games which is set to held in Nakuru from 19th – 27th August, 2023.

In his communication, Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro notified the House of the upcoming event and asked Hon. Members and staff to begin preparations for the activities.

Kisumu County Assembly, which is the Choir defending champion will be participating in various sports disciplines including Choir, Volleyball, Football, Scrabble, Tug of War, Netball, Badminton, Chess, among others.

The Assembly expects to continue the strong show at it has made in the previous competitions. During the 3rd edition of the CASA games festival held in Mombasa Mombasa County, Kisumu County Assembly Choir emerged as champions, bagging three trophies in three different categories: Set Piece, Own Composition and Own Sacred Choice.

The Assembly also emerged among the top in Scrabble, Football, Volleyball, Netball and Tug of War.



Kisumu County Assembly Netball team during 3rd edition of the CASA games festival held in Mombasa Mombasa County

FEMALE EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBER MRS MONICAH OGADA SWORN IN



Female External Board Member Mrs Monicah Akello Ogada taking an oath, witnessed by Speaker of the Assembly Hon. Elisha Oraro and Clerk of the Assembly Mr. Owen Ojuok

Kisumu County Assembly Service Board is now fully constituted after Mrs Monicah Akello Ogada took an oath to serve as female external member of the Board. Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro and Clerk Mr. Owen Ojuok oversaw the swearing in ceremony

conducted on 22nd May, 2023 in the Speaker's Boardroom. The Board, which is chaired by the Speaker is entrusted with the overall management and leadership of the County Assembly to ensure the goals and objectives of the Assembly are achieved.

Other members of the Board include Hon. Pamela Oyoo (Vice Chairperson), Hon. George Abaja (Member), Mr. Noel Olweny (External Male Member) and Clerk of the Assembly Mr. Owen Ojuok (Secretary).

Full composition of the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board



ASSEMBLY TO CHAMPION FOR DISABILITY - INCLUSIVE SOCIETY



Kisumu County Assembly Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro contributing during a consultative meeting with Cheshire Disability Services

A section of Hon. Members of Kisumu County Assembly led by the Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro, under the auspice of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Champions, was today hosted by Cheshire Disability Services to deliberate on improving life prospects of persons with disabilities.

The objective of the meeting was social accountability to effectively engage in the budget making process and make informed decisions related to intersectionality, sexual reproductive health and rights.

It also focused on creating safe space for Children and Youths living with disabilities through championing for a disability-inclusive society by having it mainstreamed in the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)III, Kisumu County Annual Development Plan (ADP) FY 2023/2024 and in the annual budget estimates.

In a bid to ensure persons with disabilities are respected and empowered to develop to their full potential and to lead a quality and

dignified life, the two parties expressed commitment to the worthy cause.

"We have achieved much on this front but we still intend to do more by enacting necessary legislations and ensuring that the existing legislations are enforced to improve life prospects of persons with disabilities," said Hon. Elisha Oraro, the Speaker of the Assembly.

HOUSE APPROVES CIDP, ADP AFTER EXTENSIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



CECM for Finance and Economic Planning Mr. George Okong'o when he appeared before Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee to discuss CIDP and ADP

The provisions of the Kenyan law require that resource allocation commences with fiscal planning which is the stage where considerations are made on the development priorities, projects and programs intended to be implemented over a given period.

The third generation of Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan is the road map for development that outlines the projects and programs intended for implementation by the County Government within a five-year period starting 2023 up to 2027. It is the social agreement between the residents of Kisumu County and the county

government of Kisumu.

The Kisumu County Annual Development Plan on the other hand offers a framework that will direct the execution of the programs and projects in the FY 2023-2024 with the goal of improving transparency and accountability to facilitate the realization of the planned county development goals as envisioned in the CIDP III 2023-2027.

Kisumu County Assembly has adopted Budget and Appropriations Committee report on the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (2023 -2027) and the Kisumu County Annual Development Plan (2023/2024).

This came after public participation and extensive stakeholder engagements with various groups such as Kisumu County Executive Committee Members and their senior technical officers, civil society organizations and other stakeholders on the two legislative documents.

Central to the issues canvassed around KCIDP and KCADP



section of Hon. Members during stakeholder engagement on CIDP and ADP

pending bills, absorption rate by various Departments and revenue raising measures by departments to finance the proposed budget estimates FY 2023/2024.

The Committee chaired by Kondele MCA Hon. Joachim Oketch incorporated the views received during stakeholder engagement forums as well as memoranda received from the public in the report which was adopted by the House.



Kisumu County Assembly engages different stakeholders including members of the public and civil society organizations on CIDP and ADP

ASSEMBLY GIVES CHIEF OFFICER NOMINEES CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH



Mr. Bovince Ochieng, Chief Officer nominee for Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing, taking an oath when he appeared for vetting

After vetting by various Sectoral Committees, the House, in June, 2023 adopted a report on the suitability of 10 Chief officer nominees - effectively paving way for their appointment by Kisumu Governor H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o.

A motion on adoption of the report was tabled and moved in the House by the Deputy Speaker Hon. Nereah Okombo.

Chief Officer Nominees:

1. Fredrick Omondi Ogola – Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
2. Mr. Timothy Nyakwamba Ajwang' – Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs
3. Mr. Daniel Okia Otieno – Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works
4. Mr. Bovince Ochieng – Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing
5. Mr. Paul Njenga Waweru – Finance, Economic Planning and ICT (E-Government) Services
6. Ms. Benter Achieng – Public Service, County Administration and Participatory Development
7. Mr. Fredrick Mula Osewe – Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services
8. Mr. Victor Ndereba Kanyaura – Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development
9. Mr. Francis Okoth Asunah – Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change
10. Dr. Ojwang' Lusi – Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation



A section of Hon. Members participating in the vetting session

EACC HOLDS MEETING WITH ASSEMBLY ON CORRUPTION PREVENTION



Speaker of the Assembly Hon. Elisha Oraro welcomes EACC team led by the Deputy Director Corruption Prevention Department Ms. Neema Mkorori and Western Regional Manager Mr. Abraham Kemboi when they paid him courtesy call.

Abraham Kemboi were received by the Speaker Hon. Elisha Oraro, Clerk Mr. Owen Ojuok and members of the Assembly Service Board. During an entry meeting, the visitors commended the efforts the Assembly has made to cure some of the issues raised in the 2018 report.

EACC technical team on crime prevention will pitch tent at the

Assembly for one week to do follow up on the implementation of the report and will be meeting various Departmental heads to monitor the progress.

Hon. Oraro and Mr. Ojuok welcomed the visitors and assured them of maximum cooperation from the Assembly in a joint bid to prevent corruption.

Kisumu County Assembly in April, 2023 played host to a delegation from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) who visited to monitor the implementation of the Kisumu County Assembly corruption risk assessment report, 2018.

The team led by the Deputy Director Corruption Prevention Department Ms. Neema Mkorori, and Western Regional Manager Mr.



Clerk of the Assembly Mr. Owen Ojuok (standing) welcoming the EACC officials during their visit to the Assembly

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