

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU



THIRD ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

REMARKS BY SPEAKER HON. ELISHA ORARO ON THE APPROVAL OF KISUMU COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FY 2023/2024 BY THE HOUSE ON 30TH JUNE, 2023

Distinguished Hon. Members of the County Assembly

Members of the Press

Esteemed members of the public

Ladies and gentlemen

I stand before you today as the Speaker of the County Assembly of Kisumu with immense pride and a profound sense of accomplishment to announce approval of the Kisumu County Budget Estimate FY 2023/2024 by this Honourable House.

This momentous occasion signifies a significant milestone in our continuous journey towards progress, prosperity, and sustainable development.

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Members of the County Assembly for their unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and unwavering commitment to serving the people of Kisumu.

Throughout the rigorous process of scrutinizing and deliberating on the budget proposals, you have demonstrated remarkable diligence, professionalism, and a strong sense of responsibility.

On this, I extend my appreciation to the Budget and Appropriations Committee under the able leadership of Hon. Joachim Oketch. I wish to thank the Hon. Members of the Committee and the Secretariat for a job well in guiding us all through u to the level that we have now approved this budget estimate.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the residents of Kisumu County. Your active participation, valuable feedback, and constructive suggestions have been instrumental in shaping this budget. Your voices have been heard, and your concerns have been taken into careful consideration as we formulated the financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year. This budget is a testament to our collective aspirations, priorities, and the challenges we face as a county.

Finally, I thank all our partners – both state and non-state actors who have walked this journey with us up to this level. Without mentioning you by name, we recognize all the civil society organizations who have convened meetings with us, sent memoranda and supported us during this journey of budget making.

The 2023/2024 budget estimates embody our vision for a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable Kisumu. It serves as a comprehensive roadmap that outlines our strategic plans, key initiatives, and targeted investments aimed at addressing the critical needs of our citizens, promoting economic growth, enhancing service delivery, and improving the overall quality of life for every resident.

In our unwavering commitment to education, we recognize the paramount importance of a well-functioning and inclusive education system as a catalyst for social mobility and economic empowerment. Therefore, we have allocated substantial resources to improve access to quality education, build and rehabilitate schools, enhance teacher training programs, and provide necessary educational materials and infrastructure. By investing in education, we are investing in the future of our youth and ensuring that they have the tools and opportunities needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

Healthcare, another vital pillar of our society, remains a top priority. We are acutely aware of the ever-increasing demands on our healthcare system, especially in light of the ongoing pandemic and other health challenges. To address these pressing needs, we have allocated significant resources to expand healthcare facilities, equip hospitals with state-of-the-art technologies, and enhance the capacity of our healthcare professionals. Our aim is to ensure that every resident of Kisumu has access to affordable and quality healthcare services, regardless of their socio-economic background.

Infrastructure development is crucial for the growth, connectivity, and competitiveness of our county. Recognizing this, we have allocated substantial funds to improve and expand our road networks, enhance public transportation systems, invest in water and sanitation projects, and develop key infrastructure that supports economic activities and enhances the overall livability of our communities. By modernizing our infrastructure, we are unlocking new opportunities, attracting investments, and fostering sustainable economic development.

The agricultural sector, as the backbone of our economy, requires our unwavering support. We acknowledge the crucial role of our farmers and the significance of ensuring food security, promoting agricultural productivity, and enhancing the resilience of our rural communities.

Hon. Members, together, we can achieve our vision of a prosperous, equitable, and sustainable Kisumu. Let us work collaboratively to ensure the successful implementation of this budget for the benefit of all our residents.

Thank you.

Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro

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