

# THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FACTS ON THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT 2018/2019**

A report of the Auditor General for Kisumu County for the Financial year 2018/19 was sensationally aired by Citizen Television, insinuating that there have been gaps in the county financial reporting. The media report was a total misinterpretation of the audit report and nothing could be further from the truth. For clarity, we wish to state as follows:

1. **THAT** there has been no money lost or misappropriated as alleged;
2. **THAT** the county runs one County Revenue Fund Account to which all the disbursements are sent - both for the Executive and the Assembly. The transfers to the County Assembly amounting to KES 684 Million in 2018/19 were spent and reported on by the County Assembly. There is no illegality in these transfers;
3. **THAT** KES 151 Million was transferred to health facilities in the County to support operations and development in the financial year under review. Health is a devolved function and the Executive is obligated to send resources to support health facilities in their operations and improve their infrastructure. This is a constitutional responsibility of County Governments that cannot amount to an illegality.



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4. **THAT** indeed 153,000 fingerlings were bought and distributed to various farmer groups. A physical count of fingerlings in the ponds, as suggested in the media, could not have been practically possible in our view;
5. **THAT** the County Government will await the report of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission on any matters in the 2018/19 financial year that may be before the Commission; and
6. **THAT** due to delays in disbursements, counties experience variances in personnel emoluments expenses mainly due to salary arrears carried forward to a new financial year.

The County Government further wishes to clarify that what is contained in the report are queries which will be further responded to substantively at the Senate's Public Accounts and Investments Committee.

Finally, the Government will continue to engage with the Office the Auditor General to strengthen the County financial reporting capabilities.

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GPU AND THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN:**

