



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

KISUMU COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (KCFSP) FY 2023/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

THEME: *Towards a peaceful and prosperous county*

FOREWORD

I am delighted to present this report on public participation in the development of the county fiscal strategy paper 2023/2024. The purpose of this report is to document the extent to which members of the public were involved in the development of the county's fiscal strategy 2023/2024 and to provide an overview of the feedback received from participants.

At its core, this report underscores the importance of involving the public in the development of public policies and strategies. By engaging with citizens and stakeholders, policymakers are better able to understand the needs and concerns of the community, and to develop policies and strategies that are responsive to those needs. The county fiscal strategy paper is a critical document that outlines the county's priorities for the upcoming year and provides a roadmap for how resources will be allocated to achieve those priorities. As such, it is essential that the document reflects the priorities and concerns of the community.

To that end, the county government engaged in a robust public participation process, including public meetings in form of focus groups, to gather input from community members. This report summarizes the feedback received during that process and provides insights into the priorities and concerns of the community.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this process and shared their thoughts and ideas with the county. Their contributions were invaluable in shaping the county's fiscal strategy 2023/2024 and ensuring that it reflects the needs and priorities of the community. I hope that this report serves as a useful resource to community members and stakeholders as we work to build a more prosperous and equitable county.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I want to express our sincere gratitude to all those who participated in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) Public Participation process. Your valuable contributions and feedback have helped to shape the direction and priorities of the County’s fiscal strategy.

I want to thank the following groups for their participation: Members of the public who attended the CFSP public meetings and provided feedback, comments, and suggestions on the County’s fiscal strategy; Community leaders, organizations, and businesses who participated in the CFSP stakeholders meetings and provided valuable insights and recommendations; County staff members who organized and facilitated the CFSP public participation process and provided guidance and support throughout the process; and the County Executive, who supported the CFSP 2023/2024 public participation process and provided leadership in developing the County’s fiscal strategy.

Moreover, I also extend our gratitude to the wider community for their ongoing interest and support in the County’s fiscal affairs. Their engagement and contributions demonstrate their commitment to building a strong and sustainable County for all residents.

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of the public participation for the county fiscal strategy paper. The County recognizes the importance of public participation in developing the fiscal strategy that reflects the needs and priorities of its residents. As such, the county engaged in an extensive public participation process to ensure that the fiscal strategy paper reflects the concerns and aspirations of its citizens. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the public participation outcomes for the county fiscal strategy paper. It includes information on the key themes that emerged from the feedback received, and how the County will address the feedback in the final version of the fiscal strategy paper. Overall, the county recognizes the value of public participation in decision-making and is committed to ensuring that the fiscal strategy reflects the priorities and concerns of its citizens. This report is a testament to the county's commitment to transparency, accountability, and community engagement.

SEME

Major issues/concerns that emerged from the discussions.

- i. A concern raised during the public participation process for the county fiscal strategy paper was the inadequacy of water supply in the community, as highlighted by participants who emphasized the need for more water.
- ii. There was a concern of rising number of ECDE classrooms which were either stalled or incomplete.
- iii. The department of water to provide more tree seedlings to address the issue of Climate change.
- iv. There was need to conduct civic education on budget process and other county processes.
- v. There was need for operationalization of village council.
- vi. Public participation documents to given prior to the event for proper scrutiny of the document.

Recommendations

- i. Increase allocation for Education department.
- ii. Increase allocation for Infrastructure department.
- iii. Increase allocation for Water department.
- iv. Increase allocation for trade department to ensure access to trade funds.
- v. Prioritize completion of all stalled projects

KISUMU EAST

Major issues/concerns that emerged from the discussions

- i. The rising wage bill putting a strain on the county's finances, ultimately affecting the county's ability to provide quality services to the people.
- ii. The imperative that the county government to prioritize disaster preparedness in its budget allocation and policy-making processes.
- iii. The county government to take into account the public's concerns and prioritize investment in sectors that will have a significant impact on the county's economic growth.
- iv. Wasteful expenditure particularly on operations and maintenance.

Recommendations

- i. Significant portion of the budget allocated to the Medical Services, Public Health, and Sanitation Department be directed towards the provision of essential drugs in public facilities.
- ii. County government leadership to adopt prudent measures that would align the salary expenditure with actual performance, promote transparency and accountability, and ensure that public resources are efficiently utilized to benefit all citizens.
- iii. Investing in disaster preparedness and mitigation measures especially in disaster prone areas.
- iv. The county government to make strategic sector investments and ensure that the budget is allocated in a manner that is responsive to the needs of the people.
- v. Revise the O&M budget downwards and increase the development budget allocation across departments.

KISUMU WEST

Major issues/concerns that emerged from the discussions

- i. Health- The development ceiling allocated to Health department was insufficient to complete all the stalled projects.
- ii. Bodaboda- There was no collection from the bodaboda sector in the 1st half of the Financial Year.
- iii. High Wage bill- The amount allocated to Salaries was almost half of the total budget.
- iv. City of Kisumu- The participants observed that huge amounts are allocated to City but the impact is not seen.
- v. Own Source revenue- The was an unrealistic estimation in own source revenue.

Recommendations

- i. There was need to increase the allocation for Health Department to enhance completion of ongoing projects.
- ii. The department of finance should develop policies to enable revenue collection from the bodaboda sector.
- iii. There was need for Audit of the County Payroll.
- iv. There was need for a reduction of the Allocation to City's Development budget and increase that of Agriculture.
- v. There was need for a realistic estimation in Own Source revenue.

NYAKACH

Major issues/concerns that emerged from the discussions

- i. Allocation should be increased by 8% in the department of Agriculture
- ii. Allocation should be increased by 5% in the department of Agriculture and reduced by 5% from department of Finance and Economic Planning.
- iii. Allocation should be increased by 2% in the department of Water, Environment, Natural resources and Climate change and reduced by 2% from department of Finance and Economic planning.
- iv. Allocation given in the department of Health has always been high but all the hospitals within Nyakach sub county does not have medicine
- v. Hospital ambulance should be well serviced in preparation of emergency cases within the hospitals.
- vi. There is need to avail medicine in Nyakach sub county hospitals and health centers within the Nyakach sub-county.

MUHORONI

Major issues/concerns that emerged from the discussions

- i. The inability of the county to collect revenue from Boda boda operators to boost local collection.
- ii. The rising wage bill putting a strain on the county's finances; 47% PE was considered too be high.
- iii. There was a need for sugar factories to remit Cess collected from farmers to the County Government to improve road infrastructure within the sugar belt.
- iv. Additional funds to be allocated to the department of Agriculture, Irrigation, Livestock, and Fisheries and Land, Physical planning, housing, and urban development for development.
- v. The county treasury should transfer funds to Town Managers for operation, maintenance, and development.

NYANDO

Major issues/Concerns that emerged from the discussion

- i. Poor Revenue Collection: Participants highlighted that there was a huge difference in the revenue collection between First quarter and Second Quarter from various locally revenue streams.
- ii. There was no collection of revenue from the Boda-Boda sector due to the poor communication between the Government and the Boda-boda riders.
- iii. There was concern on the reason why there was no expectation of collection in the next financial year from the department of Roads, Transport and Public Works

Recommendations

- i. Increase funding in the department of Education for additional funds for Scholarship and Bursary Programmes.
- ii. Increase funding in Department of Health
- iii. Develop a Marketing Cooperative Society program for Sugarcane to boost Cess collection.

- iv. The Participants urged the County Government to come up with a strategy to maintain or improve the revenue collection from departments and Other revenue Streams, they noticed a huge drop in the expected revenue collection in the next financial year i.e. Department of Lands in FY 2022/2023 the collection was Ksh 109,944,340 and in FY 2023/2024 the Collection expected was Ksh 45,000,000.
- v. County should form a committee member to monitor the collection of Cess fees.

KISUMU CENTRAL

Major issues/concerns that emerged from the discussions.

- i. Learners from TVETs should be given opportunities at county construction sites to help them better their skills and experience.
- ii. Participants noted that health centers and dispensaries were not user disability friendly and they should be restructured to conform to the Disabilities user requirements.
- iii. Members suggested that PWDs to be considered in all service offered by county government e.g employment and tender related jobs.
- iv. There was a concern that mental health services should be factored in the Budgetary allocations.
- v. The public wanted trade fund to be made affordable by reviewing the collateral requirements and other ‘modus operandi’.
- vi. Members suggested that more industries to be constructed to solve unemployment problem within the sub-county.
- vii. Liquor license fees was being collected but revenues reflected a NILL collections every year of Fiscal reporting

Recommendations.

- i. Enhance the use of automated systems for revenue collection to ensure there is accountability.
- ii. There is need to meet the targets in revenue collection to avoid short falls in Budget implementation.
- iii. There is need for physical Planning at Migosi to enhance revenue collection as public lands are used by individuals without paying land rates.
- iv. Liquor License fee to reflect in County Revenue Fund (CRF) as opposed to current establishment.
- v. Increase allocation for the department of Environment to help in Desiltation, drainage and sewerage management system within Kisumu central i.e Migosi ward.
- vi. Need to Lease government buildings to private sectors to boost on revenue i.e building at Kosawo Hall.
- vii. Increase allocation for the department of energy to help in the maintenance of existing street lights and floodlights as well as installation of new ones.
- viii. Increase allocation for the department of education to increase bursary fund.
- ix. Need to review Boda Boda sector operations and start collecting revenue from the sector as it currently remits NILL.
- x. Land rates and market fee should be on an increasing trajectory not decreasing.