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THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE'S FIRST REPORT ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024

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ACRONYMS

BAC Budget and Appropriations Committee

CA County Assembly

CE County Executive

CECMF County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance

CGBIRR County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report

COB Controller of Budget

CoK Constitution of Kenya

CRF County Revenue Fund

DEV Development

ESR Equitable Share Revenue

FY Financial Year

IFMIS Integrated Financial Management Information System

IPPD Integrated Personnel and Payroll Database

MCA Member of County Assembly

NHIF National Hospital Insurance Fund

O&M Operations and Maintenance

OCOB Office of the Controller of Budget

OSR Own Source Revenue

PE Personnel Emoluments

PFM Public Finance Management

REC Recurrent

UPN Unified Payroll Number

1.0 OVERVIEW

- 1. Hon. Speaker, this report has been prepared in accordance with Article 228 (6) of the Constitution of Kenya (CoK), 2010 read with Sections 9 and 16 (1) (b) of the Controller of Budget (COB) Act, 2016, which requires the Office of the Controller of Budget (OCOB) to submit a report to each house of Parliament on the implementation of the National and County Governments' budgets every four months. Further, this also complies with Section 166 (2) (a) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012 which states that "In preparing a quarterly report for a County Government entity, the Accounting Officer shall ensure that the report contains information on the financial and non-financial performance of the entity". In addition, Section 168 (1) of the PFM Act, 2012 requires the Administrator of a County public fund established by the Constitution, an Act of Parliament or County Legislation, shall prepare quarterly financial statements for the Fund and Section 168 (3) which requires the Administrator to submit the quarterly reports not later that fifteen days after the end of each quarter, to the County Treasury and a copy to the Controller of Budget.
- 2. This First nine months County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report (CGBIRR) examines the cumulative budget performance of the forty-seven Counties for the period from 1st July, 2023 to 31st March, 2024. The analysis and preparation of this report is based on the financial and non-financial reports submitted to the Controller of Budget by the County Treasuries, the approved County Budgets, performance reports submitted to OCOB, exchequer requisition records and reports generated from the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS). The report presents the budget performance analysis of the approved budgets, receipts into the County Revenue Fund (CRF), exchequer issues, expenditure by major economic classification of Personnel Emoluments, Operations and Maintenance and Development Expenditure, expenditure by programmes, and the absorption of funds against the approved budget allocation. The report helps promote the prudent use of public funds and inform the public to hold to account the leaders.

1.1 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

3. **Hon. Speaker**, the Budget and Appropriations Committee (BAC) derives its mandate from standing order No. 186 (3) (a) which states that: - "There shall be a select Committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriations Committee which is mandated to, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget".

4. Further, the standing orders mandate the committee to; Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the of the county budget; discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the Assembly; examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the Assembly; examine bills related to the county budget, including Appropriations Bills; and evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays. The main objective of the committee is to ensure that public funds are well utilized and that the public realizes value for money in all government expenditure.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

5. **Hon. Speaker**, the committee on Budget and Appropriations as constituted by this Honorable Assembly comprises of the following members.

1. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki - Chairperson

2. Hon. Justus Mutuku - Vice Chairperson

3. Hon. Judas Ndawa - Member

4. Hon. Phoebe Koki "

5. Hon. Peter Kilonzo "

6. Hon. Nicholas Nzioka "

7. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi

8. Hon. Margaret Ndalana "

9. Hon. Winfred Mutua "

SECRETARIAT

1. Ms. Evelyne Kimote -Senior Clerk Assistant

2. Ms. Mary Nzembi P. -Clerk Assistant

3. Mr. Sylvester Nzangi -Senior Fiscal Analyst

4. Mr. Shadrach Mbithi -Fiscal Analyst

5. Ms. Margaret Wania -Legal Clerk.

6. Ms. Ruth Mwikali - Senior Hansard Reporter

7. Ms. Abigael Mulei - Commissionaire

1.3 ADHERENCE TO LEGAL PROVISIONS

6. **Hon. Speaker**, this report is prepared in accordance to the provision of the CoK Article 228 (4) which states that "the controller of budget shall oversee the implementation of the budgets of the national and county governments by authorizing withdrawals from public funds under Article 204, 206 and 207. Further, Article 228 (6) adds that "every four months, the Controller shall submit to each House of Parliament a report on the implementation of the budgets on the National and County Governments". Section 39 (8) of the PFM Act, 2012 states that "The COB shall ensure that members of the public are given information on budget implementation both at the National and County Government level in accordance with Article 228 of the Constitution". This report also complies with Sections 166 and 168 of the PFM Act, 2012 and Sections 9 and 16 of the COB Act, 2016.

2.0 OVERALL OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST NINE MONTHS BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION FY 2023/24

- 7. Hon. Speaker, The aggregate budget for FY 2023/24 for the County Governments was Kshs. 563.53 billion, with Kshs. 203.48 billion (36%) allocated to development expenditure and Kshs. 361.05 billion (64%) to recurrent expenditure. The allocation for development activities met the requirement of allocating at least 30 per cent of the budget to development expenditure as stipulated by the PFM Act, 2012.
- 8. To finance the FY 2023/24 budget, the County Governments expected to receive Kshs. 385.42 billion as the equitable share of revenue raised nationally, Kshs. 46.36 billion as additional conditional allocations from the National Government and Development Partners, Kshs. 80.78 billion from ordinary own sources of revenue and FIF/A-I-A, and utilize Kshs.42.26 billion of unspent funds carried forward from FY 2022/23.
- 9. The total available funds to the County Governments in the first nine months amounted to Kshs. 316.91 billion. This amount comprised Kshs. 223.55 billion as the equitable share of revenue raised nationally authorized for withdrawal from Consolidated Fund to respective CRF accounts by the Controller of Budget in line with Article 206(4) of the Constitution; Kshs. 42.26 billion as cash balances from FY 2022/23; Kshs. 41.40 billion as revenue mobilized from own source revenue streams, and Kshs. 9.69 billion as balances in the Special Purpose Account.

2.1 Own Source Revenue

- 10. Hon. Speaker, In the first nine months of FY 2023/24, the County Governments generated Kshs. 41.40 billion from their own revenue sources, which accounted for 51.3% of the annual own revenue target of Kshs. 80.78 billion. This represented an increase of 43.9% compared to a similar period in FY 2022/23.
- 11. Uasin Gishu, Samburu, Isiolo, Kirinyaga, Turkana, and Nandi counties achieved higher percentages of own revenue collection at 92.5%, 90.7%, 87.6%, 86%, 81.6% and 81.1% respectively. Bungoma, Mandera, Kericho, Nyandarua, Machakos, and Lamu counties had lower percentages at 36.7%, 32.7%, 30.8%, 27.1%, 25.61% and 20.7% respectively. A substantial proportion of the revenue was from the health FIF collections.

2.2 Authorized Withdrawals and Expenditures

- 12. Hon. Speaker, during the reporting period, the Controller of Budget authorized the withdrawals of Kshs. 263.55 billion from the CRF accounts to the County Operational Accounts for the County Governments. Of this amount, Kshs. 219.94 billion (83.4%) was for recurrent activities, and Kshs. 43.67 billion (16.6%) was for development activities.
- 13. The total expenditure by the County Governments in the period amounted to Kshs. 274.08 billion (of which Kshs. 229.18 billion (83.6%) for recurrent activities and Kshs.44.89 billion (16.4%) for development activities). The expenditure represented 48.5% of the annual County Governments' budget and showed improvement compared to the same period in FY 2022/23 when the total expenditure was Kshs. 239.67 billion. The Counties that achieved higher overall absorption rates of their respective approved annual County Governments' budgets were Uasin Gishu(59.9%,) Kitui (59.8%,) Narok (58.8%), Bomet (58.6%,) Nandi (57.9%), and Isiolo (57.5%). while Garissa, Kisumu, Migori, Siaya, Bungoma, and Kisii recorded the lowest aggregate absorption rates at 43.5%, 43.1%, 42.9%, 42.8%, 38.3% and 37.3% respectively. The overall absorption rate for Machakos County was 46.4%.
- 14. The County Governments' recurrent expenditure during the period amounted to Kshs. 229.18 billion, (an improvement of 9.2% compared to a similar period in FY 2022/23). The expenditure included Kshs. 146.53 billion (63.9 per cent) for personnel emoluments and Kshs. 82.65 billion (36.1 per cent) for operations and maintenance. The County Assemblies spent Kshs. 1.09 billion on MCAs' sitting allowances against an approved annual FY 2023/24 budget allocation of Kshs.

- 2.00 billion, representing an increase of 34.6 per cent compared to the similar period of FY 2022/23.
- 15. The development expenditure for the County Governments in the first nine months of FY 2023/24 amounted to Kshs. 44.89 billion, translating to an absorption rate of 22.1% of the annual FY 2023/24 development budget of Kshs. 203.48 billion, showing an improvement from an absorption rate of 17.5% realized in a similar period of FY 2022/23.
- 16. Narok, Bomet, Uasin Gishu, Mandera and Kitui Counties achieved higher absorption rates of their respective approved development budgets at 54.4%, 48.8%, 41.5%, 38% and 36.6% respectively. The Counties that had the lowest absorption rates of their respective approved development budgets included Bungoma at 11.7%, Nairobi City at 9%, Mombasa at 7.7%, Taita Taveta at 7% and Kisii at 5.7%. Machakos County recorded development budget absorption rate of 18.7%.

2.3 Pending Bills

- 17. Hon. Speaker, Counties reported outstanding pending bills of Kshs.152.37 billion as of 31st March, 2024. These comprised Kshs.150.85 billion by the County Executive and Kshs.1.52 billion by County Assemblies. Nairobi City County accounted for 70 per cent of the total pending bills at Kshs.106.59 billion. County governments with the lowest outstanding pending bills were Elgeyo Marakwet at Kshs.2.73 million, Nyeri at Kshs.18.22 million, Uasin Gishu at Kshs.37.10 million, Baringo at Kshs.46.11 million, and Lamu at Kshs.58.24 million.
- 18. Machakos County had pending bills amounting to Kshs. 2.90 billion. The CoB recommends that all pending bills be budgeted as a first charge in the budgets in line with Regulation 55 (2) b of the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015

3.0 OVERVIEW OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION FIRST NINE MONTHS OF FY 2023/24

19. The County's approved supplementary budget for the FY 2023/24 is Kshs.16.58 billion, comprising Kshs. 5.91 billion (35.6%) and Kshs. 10.67 billion (64.4%) allocation for development and recurrent programmes, respectively. The approved budget estimates represented an increase of 12.3% compared to the previous financial year where the approved budget was Kshs.14.75 billion and comprised Kshs.5.16 billion towards development expenditure and Kshs.9.59 billion for recurrent expenditure.

20. To finance the budget, the County expected to receive Kshs.9.55 billion (57.6%) as the equitable share of revenue raised nationally, Kshs.1.47 billion (8.8%) as additional allocations/conditional grants, a cash balance of Kshs.1.46 billion (8.8%) brought forward from FY 2022/23, and generate Kshs.4.11 billion (24.8%) as gross OSR. The OSR includes: Kshs.100 million (2.5%) as ordinary Appropriations-in-Aid (A-I-A), Kshs. 1.0 billion (24.5%) as FIF (revenue from health facilities), and Kshs.3.0 billion (73%) as ordinary OSR.

3.1 Revenue Performance

Table 1: Revenue Performance in the First Nine Months of FY 2023/24

No.	Revenue Category	Annual Budget	Actual Receipts	Actual Receipts
		Allocation (Kshs.)	During the First Nine	Percentage of
			Months (Kshs.)	Annual Budget
1.	ESR Raised Nationally	9,547,295,309.00	5,537,431,280.00	58.0
2.	OSR	4,106,879,462.00	1,051,979,267.00	25.61
3.	Balances b/f from FY 2022/2023	-	1,456,001,038.00	100
4.	Additional Allocations/Conditional Grants	1,465,101,103.00	186,605,472.00	12
TOTAL		16,575,276,912.00	8,232,017,057.00	49.7

Source: OCOB First Nine Months Report 2023/24

3.2 Own Source Revenue

Table 2: First Nine Months OSR Summary for Machakos County and other selected Counties

No.	County	Annual OSR Target FY	First Nine Months of	% of OSR
		2023/24 in Kshs.	FY 2023/24 OSR	Collection Against
			Collected in Kshs.	Annual Target
1.	Uasin Gishu	1,179,043,370.00	1,090,822,709.00	92.5
2.	Samburu	256,027,400.00	232,299,041.00	90.7
3.	Isiolo	271,208,180.00	237,641,664.00	87.6
4.	Embu	750,000,000	507,142,020	67.6
5.	Makueni	1,240,000,000.00	741,886,887	59.8
6.	Nairobi	19,690,072,415.00	9,232,015,328	46.9
7.	Kericho	1,273,421,600.00	392,356,222.00	30.8
8.	Nyandarua	1,225,000,000.00	332,511,837.00	27.1
9.	Machakos	4,106,879,462.00	1,051,979,268.00	25.6

10.	Lamu	350,000,000.00	72,616,911.00	20.7

Source: OCOB First Nine Months Report 2023/24

Note: The actual OSR is inclusive of health revenue/FIF

21. Hon. Speaker, between July, 2023 and March, 2024, analysis of OSR as a proportion of the annual revenue target indicated that Uasin Gishu, Samburu and Isiolo counties achieved the highest percentages at 92.5%, 90.7% and 87.6% respectively. Conversely, counties with the lowest proportion of own source revenue raised against targets were Nyandarua (27.1%), Machakos (25.6%) and Lamu (20.7%).

Table 3: Trend in Machakos County OSR Collection for the First Nine Months of FYs 2019/20 - 2023/24 (in Millions)

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
1,029.64	702.80	771.81	768.51	1,051.98

Source: OCOB First Nine Months Report 2023/24

- 22. The Kshs. 1.05 billion generated in the First Nine Months represented an increase of 36.89% compared to Kshs. 768.51 million realized in a similar period in FY 2022/23. The highest revenue stream of Kshs. 209.92 million was from the single business permit, contributing to 20.0% of the total OSR receipts during the reporting period.
- 23. The other top revenue streams were **Health Revenue** (Kshs. 183,052,577.00, 17%), **Land Rates** & Ground Rent (Kshs. 155,791,860.00, 15%), Quarry Extraction Fees (Kshs. 97,582,121.00, 9%) and Building Plan Approvals (Kshs. 84,753,906.00, 8%).

3.3 Exchequer Issues

- 24. The CoB approved withdrawals of Kshs. 7.42 billion from the CRF account during the reporting period which comprised Kshs. 873.95 million (11.8%) for development programmes and Kshs. 6.55 billion (88.2%) for recurrent programmes.
- 25. Analysis of the recurrent exchequers released in the first Nine Months of FY 2023/24 indicates that Kshs. 4.37 billion was released towards Employee Compensation and Kshs. 2.18 billion was for Operations and Maintenance expenditure. The cash balance in CRF at the end of the First Nine Months was Kshs. 694.53 million.

3.4 Expenditure Review

26. The County spent Kshs. 7.7 billion on development and recurrent programmes in the reporting period. The expenditure represented 103.6% of the total funds released by the CoB and comprised of Kshs. 1.10 billion and Kshs. 6.59 billion on development and recurrent programmes respectively. Expenditure on development programmes represented an absorption rate of 18.7%, while recurrent expenditure represented 61.8% of the annual recurrent expenditure budget.

3.5 Settlement of Pending Bills

27. At the beginning of FY 2023/24, the County reported a stock of pending bills amounting to Kshs.3.07 billion, comprising Kshs.1.45 billion for recurrent expenditure and Kshs.1.62 billion for development activities. In the first nine months of FY 2023/24, the County settled pending bills amounting to Kshs.177.33 million. They comprised Kshs.33.89 million for recurrent expenditure and Kshs.143.46 million for development programmes. Therefore, as of 31st March 2024, the outstanding amount was Kshs.2.9 billion. The County Assembly reported outstanding pending bills of Kshs.83.11 million.

3.6 Expenditure by Economic Classification

28. The County Executive spent Kshs. 4.67 billion on employee compensation, Kshs. 1.17 billion on operations and maintenance, and Kshs. 1.09 billion on development activities. Similarly, the County Assembly spent Kshs.390.04 million on employee compensation, Kshs.351.51 million on operations and maintenance, and Kshs.17.89 million on development activities.

3.7 Expenditure on Employees' Compensation

29. In the first nine months of FY 2023/24, expenditure on employee compensation was Kshs.5.06 billion, or 60.1% of the available revenue, which amounted to Kshs.8.43 billion. This expenditure represented an increase from Kshs.3.99 billion reported in a similar period in FY 2022/23.

3.8 County Emergency Fund and County-Established Funds

30. The County allocated Kshs.347.56 million to county-established funds in FY 2023/24, constituting 2.1 per cent of the County's overall budget. Further, the OCOB notes that the County government uses commercial bank accounts to operate these established public funds contrary to Regulations 82(1) (b) of the PFM (County Governments) Regulations, 2015, which require that County government bank accounts be opened and maintained at the Central Bank of Kenya.

3.9 Expenditure on Operations and Maintenance

Table 4: Summary of the First Nine Months of FY 2023/24 Spending

	CATEGORY	AMOUNT IN KSHS.		
		MILLIONS		
1.	Domestic Travel and subsistence	484.60		
2.	Specialised materials & Supplies	368.44		
3.	Other current transfers	363.06		
4.	Insurance Costs	349.91		
5.	Other operating Costs	130.78		
6.	Foreign Travel	106.99		
7.	Fuel and Lubricants	85.21		
8.	Hospitality Supplies and Services	70.33		
9.	Motor Vehicle Maintenance	65.11		
10.	Training Expenses	44.48		

Source: OCOB First Nine Months Report 2023/24

31. During the period, expenditure on domestic travel amounted to Kshs.484.60 million and comprised Kshs.165.19 million spent by the County Assembly and Kshs.319.41 million by the County Executive. Expenditure on foreign travel amounted to Kshs.106.99 million and comprised Kshs.57.54 million by the County Assembly and Kshs.49.45 million by the County Executive.

3.10 Budget Performance by Department.

- 32. The Department of Health recorded the highest absorption rate of development budget at 46.6%, followed by the Department of Finance, Economic Planning & Revenue Management at 32.2%. The Department of Devolution had the highest percentage of recurrent expenditure to budget at 70.9 per cent. In comparison, the Department of Office of the County Attorney had the lowest at 29%.
- 33. Further analysis shows expenditures to exchequer issues for the Department of Finance, Economic Planning & Revenue Management is at 111.5% for recurrent expenditure, which is above 100% as indicated by the financial information generated from IFMIS. This also applies to the Department of Trade, Industry, Tourism & Innovation (129.6%), Department of Lands, Urban Development, Housing & Energy (111.5%), Devolution (124.9%), and County Assembly (100.7%).
- 34. Regarding development expenditure, the Department of Health has 787.5% expenditure, above 100 per cent, and Roads, Transport and Public Works. 105.1%.

35. Generally, a substantial number of transactions may appear to have been paid in IFMIS, but in practice, they are awaiting funding at the CBK Internet Banking (IB) level. The approved recurrent budget for the County Executive was Kshs.628.89 million, which was above the recurrent expenditure ceiling set in the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA), 2023 of Kshs.618.89 million. The County Executive, therefore, did not comply with the legal ceiling. On the other hand, the County Assembly's approved recurrent budget was Kshs.1.00 billion, which was within the legal ceiling set in the County Allocation of Revenue Act, 2023 at Kshs.1.02 billion.

3.12 Budget Execution by Programmes and Sub-Programmes

- 36. The department of Agriculture, Food Security and Co-operative Development recorded the highest absorption rate of development budget at 58.3%, followed by the Department of Finance, Economic Planning & Revenue Management at 47.7%.
- 37. The department of Devolution recorded the highest absorption rate of recurrent expenditures budget at 70.9%, followed by the Department of Health and Emergency Services at 69.3%. Subprogrammes with the highest levels of implementation based on absorption rates were: Mwala Level 4 Hospital in the Department of Health at 93.3 per cent, Matuu Level 4 in the Department of Health at 86.9 per cent, Kalama Level 4 in the Department of Health at 85.9 per cent, and General Administration and Support services at 71 per cent of budget allocation.

Table 5: Summary of the First Nine Months of FY 2023/24 Spending

Recurrent	Development	Total	Absorption R	ate (%)	Overall
Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure			Absorption
					Rate (%)
6,590,099,338.00	1,104,358,656.00	7,694,457,994.00	61.8	18.7	46.4

Source: OCOB First Nine Months Report 2023/24

3.13 Accounts Operated in Commercial Banks

38. The County government operated a total of 31 accounts in commercial banks. This is contrary to Regulations 82(1)(b) of the PFM (County Governments) Regulations, 2015, which requires that County government bank accounts be opened and maintained at the Central Bank of Kenya except for imprest bank accounts for petty cash and revenue collection bank accounts.

4.0 COMMITTEE'S KEY OBSERVATIONS

- 39. **Hon. Speaker**, the OCOB report for the first nine months of fy 2023-2024 identified the following challenges which hampered effective budget implementation;
 - 1. The under-performance of own-source revenue collection at Kshs.1.05 billion against an annual target of Kshs.4.01 billion, representing only 25.61 per cent of the annual target.
 - High level of pending bills, which amounted to Kshs.2.9 billion as of 31st March, 2024.
 Further, there was non-adherence to the pending bills payment plan by the County Treasury.
 - 3. Use of manual payroll, Personnel emoluments amounting to Kshs.427.21 million were processed through the manual payroll, accounting for 8.4 per cent of the total payroll cost. The manual payroll is prone to abuse and may lead to the loss of public funds where there is a lack of proper controls.
 - 4. The county government operates commercial bank accounts contrary to Regulations 82(1)(b) of the PFM (County Governments) Regulations, 2015, which requires that County government bank accounts be opened and maintained at the CBK. There are 31 commercial bank accounts.
 - 5. County Assembly Committees' sitting allowance amounted to Kshs. 48.12 million.
 - 6. Unexplained variances of Kshs.400.90 million between the submitted expenditures reports and IFMIS expenditure reports.
 - 7. The underperformance of the development budget at an 18.7 per cent absorption rate as opposed to the expected absorption rate of 75 per cent of the total development expenditure in the reporting period.

5.0 PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

- 41. Hon. Speaker, the Committee recommends the following:
 - The County Treasury should address its own-source revenue performance to ensure the approved budget is fully financed. Meanwhile, appropriate austerity measures should be implemented to ensure expenditure commitments are aligned with available revenue. Further, the County Treasury should set realistic OSR targets
 - 2. The County Treasury should ensure that genuine pending bills are paid promptly in line with the payment plan.

- 3. The Government requires that salaries be processed through the IPPD system. Accordingly, the County is advised to fast-track the acquisition of Unified Personnel Numbers for their staff. The County Public Service Board should regulate staff engagement on contract and casual workers as provided under Section 74 of the County Governments Act, 2012 and also ensure strict compliance with the approved staff establishment.
- 4. The County Government should ensure that bank accounts are opened and operated at the Central Bank of Kenya as the law requires. However, imprest bank accounts for petty cash and revenue collection accounts are exempted.
- 5. The County Assembly should allocate sufficient budget for committee sitting allowances.
- 6. The County Treasury should improve the Vote book and budgetary control to ensure expenditure is within the approved budget and plans.
- 7. The County Government should address the procurement challenges so as to improve the absorption capacity of the development budget.

6.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Budget and Appropriations appreciates the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for facilitating the committee to undertake its mandate. I also wish to acknowledge the Honorable Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the meetings and in preparation of this report. Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table the report on the First nine months County Budget Implementation Review by the OCOB for the FY 2023/24 before this Honorable Assembly for consideration and approval.

Thank you, Hon Speaker.	
SIGNED_	DATED: _ 18/10/24
HON. DOMINIC NDAMBUKI (MCA I	KATHIANI CENTRAL WARD)
CHAIRMAN, BUDGET AND APPROL	PRIATIONS COMMITTEE