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"SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL TAKEOFF"

Foreword

The 2018 County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for the Financial years 2018/19 and the medium term 2019/20 and 2020/21 respectively reiterates the county government's development objectives of creating employment, increasing land productivity, and reducing the number of the poor in the population. Strategies to enable the county attain the above stated objectives includes;

- creating a conducive business environment that promotes investments in the county;
- investing in key interventions particularly in the agricultural sector to increase productivity, reduce post harvest loses, ensure food security and promote value addition and diversification;
- investing in infrastructural development in areas such as county roads, fresh produce markets, health facilities and other social infrastructure, including street lighting and provision of water;
- investing in quality and accessible health care services and quality education as well as strengthening the social safety net to reduce the burden of dependence on the households and promote shared and equitable growth and
- Supporting the county public service for better service delivery.

The above key interventions have translated into increased maize harvest from about 4 million bags to over 5 million bags annually, increased milk production, increased acreage on coffee, tea and horticultural crops. Two hundred (200) ECD classrooms have been constructed therefore improving enrolment rate, upgraded/increased health facilities leading to improved quality and access to better health services. Grading/rehabilitation and construction of county access roads and bridges has improved transport and communication across the county. Several water projects/schemes among them drilling of new boreholes have also been completed hence increasing access to clean portable water. The gains from the above interventions go a long way to address the county development objectives and create a strong base for raising more revenues locally.

While the above trends are expected in the financial year 2018/19, the low agricultural prices, coupled with increasing cost of input are likely to depress the growth momentum. In addition, volatility in oil prices in the world market and unpredictable rainfall patterns may distort the framework upon which this policy is based on. But overly, County and national development parameters point to a positive growth.

The 2018 is the fifth County Fiscal Strategy Paper to be prepared by the County Government of Trans-Nzoia since the inauguration of the county government in 2013 under the new constitutional dispensation. The overall objective of the CFSP is to link policy, planning and budgeting. Specifically, the CFSP seeks to:

- Ensure a sound and sustainable balance between the county Government's spending, revenue and borrowing requirements that are in line with the law and economical sustainability;
- > Set out strategies of enhancing local revenue collection to augment the CRA allocations;
- ➤ Outline policy initiative and spending that support growth in the key sectors of the economy including agriculture, health care services, trade and industry whose contribution to employment creation is vital in the county economy.

- ➤ It will also be a means of communicating and disseminating the county's budget proposal and therefore encourage transparency and partnership in the budget making process during the public hearings
- ➤ It provides an updated resource envelop and presents a fiscal framework for 2018/19 budget and the medium term.

This strategy is aligned to the country's growth objectives of 50% poverty reduction, 50% job creation, and increasing productivity by 50%. In consistent with PFM Act 2012, resource allocation has been aligned to the County's medium-term plan; the County integrated Development Plan (CIDP) which is being developed and being aligned to the National government's big 4 development agenda namely food security, affordable housing, universal health care and manufacturing.

This policy has also been aligned to the National Budget policy statement (BPS) whose theme is " **creating jobs, transforming lives-The Big Four Plan**" through; (i) creating a conducive business environment for job creation; (ii) investing in sectoral transformation to ensure broad based and sustainable economic growth with a major focus on agricultural transformation to ensure food security and increased farm yields; (iii) investing in infrastructure in areas such as transport, logistics, energy and water; (iv) investing in quality and accessible health care services and quality education as well as strengthening the social safety net to reduce the burden on households and promote shared prosperity; and (v) further consolidating gains made in devolution in order to provide better service delivery and enhanced economic development.

This agenda is well entrenched the 2018/19 county budget where the focus is in:-

- Training and Capacity Building & motivation of county staff for effective service delivery;
- Entrenching Citizen participation in the county development process;
- Creating enabling investment environment;
- Fast tracking the implementation of the CIDP;
- Creating an enabling environment for growth in business and investments;
- Re-engineering the county systems of service delivery in order to attain the development objectives of the County;
- Rehabilitating, expanding and maintenance of county roads
- Promoting agricultural productivity and diversification,
- Ensuring easy access to basic social services including water, education and health care

The performance in the 1st half of 2017/18 has also greatly informed this strategy. There has been a major underperformance on the local revenue collections as well expenditure on capital projects. This situation is attributed to the political scenario of the whole of the 2017 calendar year. However improvement is foreseen at the start of 2018 calendar year as seen in improved local revenue collection and absorption rate of the development funds. Consequently, the budget ceilings set out for FY 2018/19 have been adjusted accordingly.

Other factors that impacted negatively the growth process in the local economy include; rising cost of living, food insecurity, declining agricultural productivity, inadequate and high cost of energy, drought and fall army warm invasion, poor transport network, and high and unsustainable public sector wage bill. However, their impacts were dampened by increased maize harvests, and increased milk production among others.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

Acknowledgement

The 2018 CFSP has to been developed as per the requirements of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. The CFSP outlines the county's broad strategic macroeconomic issues and medium term fiscal framework, together with a summary of the county Government's spending plans, as a basis of the 2018/19 and medium term budget. It will therefore pronounce the county's development objectives and policy direction in the MTEF period 2018/19-2020/21.

In line with the PFM act 2012, the preparation of the 2018 CFSP has been a collaborative effort from all the County Departments whose inputs form the basis upon which the paper is based. We are also grateful for the capacity training facilitated by various development partners including AHADI (USAID), and the Kenya School of Government in collaboration with the COG among others. Other county government organs whose inputs were considered include the C.E.C. Members, the County Assembly, the Budget and Economic Forum and public consultative fora. The County Budget Review and Outlook Paper, 2017, MTEF sector reports for 2018/19-2021/22, the national government's "Big Four Development Agenda, all provided inputs to this 2018 CFSP.

My special appreciation goes to the office of the governor, the county secretary, the C.E.C. Members, the budget secretariat and the taskforce comprising of officers from the county treasury and planning department for their dedication and commitment in ensuring quality and professionalism in the production of this document.

CHIEF OFFICER FINANCE

Abbreviations

A.I.A Appropriation-in-Aid

AHADI Agile and Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions

ATC Agricultural Training College **BPS Budget Policy Statement**

C.R.A. Commission of Revenue Allocation **CADP** County Annual Development Plan

CBROP County Budget Review and Outlook Paper **CECM** County Executive Committee Member

CFSP County Fiscal Strategy Paper

County Integrated Development Plan **CIDP**

DANIDA Danish International Development Agency

ECD Early Childhood Development **GDP Gross Domestic Products**

ICT Information Communication Technology

IFMIS Integrated Financial Management Information System

KDSP Kenya Devolution Support Programme

MSE Micro and Small Enterprise

MTEF Medium Term Expenditure Framework

MTP III Medium Term Plan

O&M Operations & Maintenance PFM Public Financial Management **PWD**

persons with Disabilities

USAID United States of Agency International Development

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REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

A. legal Basis for County Fiscal Strategy Paper

The basis of developing and preparing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper is contained in Article 117 of the PFM Act 2012 which states that;

- i. The County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and the County Treasury shall submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the county assembly, by the 28th February of each year.
- ii. The County Treasury shall align its County Fiscal Strategy Paper with the national objectives in the Budget Policy Statement.
- iii. In preparing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the County treasury shall specify the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide the county government in preparing its budget for the coming financial year and over the medium term.
- iv. The County Treasury shall include in its County Paper the financial outlook with respect to county government revenues, expenditures and borrowing for the coming financial year and over the medium term.
- v. In preparing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the County Treasury shall seek and take into account the views of
 - a. The Commission of Revenue Allocation;
 - b. The public;
 - c. Any interested persons or groups; and
 - d. Any other forum that is established by legislation

B. County Government Fiscal Responsibility Principles

This County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2018 has been developed and takes into account the principles of public finance together with the fiscal responsibility principles of county governments that includes;

- i. Ensuring that the county government's recurrent expenditure shall not exceed the county government's total revenue;
- Ensuring that over the medium term a minimum of thirty percent of the county government's budget shall be allocated to the development expenditure;
- iii. Ensuring that county government's expenditure on wages and benefits for its public officers shall not exceed a percentage of the county government's total revenue as prescribed by the County Executive member for finance in regulations and approved by the County Assembly;
- iv. Ensuring that over the medium term, the government's borrowings shall be used only for the purpose of financing development expenditure and not for recurrent expenditure in particular, short term borrowing shall be restricted to management of cash flows and shall not exceed five percent of the most recent audited county government revenue;
- v. Ensure that the county debt shall be maintained at a sustainable level as approved by county assembly;
- vi. Ensure that the fiscal risks shall be managed prudently; and
- vii. that a reasonable degree of predictability with respect to the level of tax rates and tax bases shall be maintained, taking into account any tax reforms that may be made in the future.

Executive Summary

The 2018 County Fiscal Strategy Paper is the 5th to be prepared by the County Government of Trans Nzoia since the inauguration of the County Government in 2013.

In consistent with the PFM act 2012, Resource Allocation has been aligned to County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022 and the County's Medium Term Plan.

The CFSP for FY 2018/19 reiterates the County Government development objectives of doubling youth employment, doubling land productivity and reducing by half the poverty level in the County.

It outlines the Broad Strategic Macro-Economic Issues and Medium Term Fiscal Framework together with a summary of the County Government spending plans as a basis for the 2018/19 Budget Estimates.

This CFSP provides a review of the economic and fiscal performance of the county government in FY 2016/17 and the 1st half of FY 2017/18, and presents the County's Economic and Fiscal Outlook that defines the Medium Term Expenditure for the FY 2018/19 - 2020/21.

The Development Targets for the County Government in the Medium Term is to create Employment and Reduce Poverty levels by Creative Conducive Environment that can attract Investment.

1. RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND MEDIUM TERM OUTLOOK

1.1. Background

This section seeks to respond to the question of the need for this annual exercise and its role in ensuring prudent management of the County's financial resources. The basis of preparing this important financial management document is contained in article 117 of the PFM Act and has taken cognizance of the fiscal responsibility principles as spelt out in the Act and the Constitution of Kenya as pertaining to the county budget process in terms of content, timelines, key players and stakeholder involvement.

The document broadly gives a snapshot of the current social economic setting of the county's economy and based on the current scenario incorporates their implication on the current fiscal framework as well as informs the coming years' budget proposals as well as in the medium term. The County fiscal strategy paper therefore links policy, planning and budgeting

What's contained in the County Fiscal Strategy paper?

The county Fiscal Strategy paper contains;-

- (a) An assessment of the current state of the economy
- (b) Financial outlook with respect to county revenues, expenditure and borrowing in the coming financial year and in the medium term;
- (c) Proposed ceiling for county ministries and agencies;
- (d) The fiscal responsibility principles and financial objectives over the medium term; and
- (e) Statement of specific risks.

Stakeholder Participation:

In preparing the county fiscal strategy paper, the county government should seek and take into account the views of:-

- (a) The Commission on Revenue Allocation;
- (b) The public;
- (c) Any interested persons or groups; and
- (d) Any other forum that is established by the legislation
- (e) Recommendations from the county assembly once the paper has been submitted before the floor for discussion

County Fiscal Strategy Paper Preparation Process

The preparation of the CFSP is the fourth stage in the budget preparation process and has been developed in accordance with the PFM Act 2012. This document precedes the preparation of three important documents; - that is the **County Annual Development Plan (CADP)**, the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP) and the MTEF sector Reports.

The preparation of the 2018 CFSP has been a collaborative effort from all the County Departments whose MTEF sector reports form the basis upon which the paper is based. The CADP presents the county development priorities which are then linked to the financial resources allocation process through the MTEF which is preceded by the (CBROP) where the budget implementation is reviewed and the review report forms the basis of MTEF sector reports.

A Budget task force with membership from across the entire county government departments supported by a secretariat of officers from the department of Finance and economic planning was constituted and a draft prepared. The draft prepared was enriched by views from the members of the public collected during the consultative meetings held in each ward. The views of the County Economic and budget committee were also sought during its preparation. In addition, consultation was also carried out with the County Assembly budget committee. The draft was presented before the cabinet whose comments and inputs were incorporated before its submission to the County Assembly for discussion and approval.

Organization of the Report

This strategy has been organized into three chapters; Chapter One provides the Background, Overview of the Economic and Fiscal Performance for FY 2016/17 and Bi-Annual Performance for FY 2017/18. Chapter Two provides the Medium Term Strategic Priorities and Interventions. On the other hand, Chapter Three presents the County's Fiscal Policy and Budget Framework in the Medium Term while providing the underpinning Fiscal and Budget Framework and setting the Resource Envelop and the Overall Spending Priorities.

I. RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND MEDIUM TERM OUTLOOK

1.1 Global and Regional Economic Developments

Globally, registered growth was 3.6% in 2017 up from 3.2% in 2016. This growth was driven by improvements in investment, trade, and industrial production, coupled with strengthening business and consumer confidence. This growth was primarily driven by improving domestic demand in advanced economies, China and emerging market economies.

Advanced economies registered a 2.2% growth driven by increased activities in USA, Canada, Europe and Japan. This is expected to decline to 2% reflecting a slowdown in Japan and Europe. The USA economy is projected to grow by 2.3% in 2018 resulting from supportive financial condition, strong business and consumer confidence. On the other hand, driven by strengthening commodity exporters, growth in India and China, economic growth in emerging markets and developing economies is projected at 4.9% in 2018.

Supported by large commodity exporters such as Nigeria and South Africa, easing drought conditions in the Eastern and Southern Africa, growth in sub-Saharan Africa, is expected to grow by 3.4%. This is albeit increased uncertainties in policy implementation in Nigeria and South Africa, rising debt levels and debt service costs as a result of high public spending.

In the East African Community (EAC) region, economic growth stabilized at 5.4% in 2017 down from the growth of 6.1% recorded in 2016. This was as a result of prolonged drought in the region, dampened agricultural output in Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda, slowdown in credit growth across, insecurity and political tensions in countries such as Burundi, Somalia and South Sudan. Supported by stable macroeconomic environment, ongoing infrastructure investments and strong private consumption, growth is projected to grow by 5.9% in 2018.

1.2 National Domestic Economic Developments

Registering a growth of 4.8% in 2017 slightly lower than the projected 5.1%, Kenya's economy remained resilient despite the adverse weather conditions, prolonged electioneering period, and suppressed demand for credit by the private sector against, a growth of 5.8% recorded in 2016. The growth was a result of robust activities in the service sectors particularly accommodation and restaurant, real estate, wholesale and retail trade and ICT. This was however, constrained by subdued performance in agriculture forestry and fishing, manufacturing, electricity and financial intermediation sectors.

At 6.7% in 2017, inflation rate has been low, stable and within the government target range of 5+/-2.5. This was made possible by the prudent monetary and fiscal policies, despite the increase in food prices resulting from drought conditions that ravaged most parts of the country.

Broad money supply grew by 8.4% in 2017 compared to 6.2% registered in 2016. The growth was on account of increased domestic credit to the government and other public sector. Credit to the private sector

slowed down in the period to the election but picked up slightly to 2.7% in November. The sector receiving lions' share of the domestic credit included, real estate, manufacturing, trade and private household consumables.

Exchanging at Ksh. 103.1 Ksh 122 and Ksh. 138.2 against the dollar, the Euro and Sterling pound respectively, the Kenya shilling exchange rate remained broadly stable against major international currencies. This stability was supported by receipts from tea and horticulture, tourism earnings, coffee exports and diaspora remittances.

Interest rates remind fairly stable and low throughout the year. The central Bank rate has remained at 10% since August 2016. The interbank rate has remained low at 7.7%. On the other hand, the 91-day Treasury bill rate declined to 8.0 % from 8.4%. The commercial banks' average lending interest stabilized at 13.7 percent during the year. Domestic credit grew by 8.4%. Private sector credit increased to 2.7%.

The Overall balance of payments position improved to a surplus of US \$ 879.7 million from a deficit of US \$ 821.4 million in 2016. The current account balance registered a deficit of US \$ 5,110.1 million in 2017 from a deficit of US \$ 3,452.5 million in 2016.

The banking system's foreign exchange holding was at US \$ 9,202 million. The official foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank remained strong at US\$ 7,872.1 million (4.6 months of import cover) while commercial banks holdings was at US \$ 2,282.8 million in 2017.

1.2.1 National Fiscal performance

Revenue collection has lagged behind the targets in the first five months of the 2017/18 financial year. On the other hand, expenditures pressures have been high due to prolonged drought, the repeat presidential election as well as salary awards to nurses and university staff. Collection of ordinary revenue underperformed by Ksh. 29.7 billion while ministerial A-I-A fell short by Ksh. 22.9 billion resulting in overall shortfall of Ksh. 52.6.

Total expenditure and net lending amounted to Ksh. 720.2 billion against a target of Ksh. 824.2 billion. The shortfall was as a result of lower than projected disbursements to county governments due to the delayed enactment of the county revenue allocation Act and slow absorption of development expenditure by the national government.

The combined performance of the revenues and expenditures resulted to an overall deficit (excluding grants) of Ksh. 161.8 billion. The deficit was financed through foreign borrowing amounting to Ksh. 49.6 billion while the balance of Ksh. 114.4 billion was sourced from the domestic money market.

The fiscal performance has necessitated a review of the 2017/18 budget to reflect revenue performance and accommodate emerging priorities and salary and election expenditure pressures. The revenues are projected at Ksh. 1,643.1 billion down from the earlier projection of Ksh. 1,704.5 billion. Total

expenditures and net lending are projected at Ksh. 2,323,2 billion. The deficit of Ksh. 620.8 billion will be financed by Ksh. 293.8 and Ksh. 323.2 billion from the domestic and external borrowing.

1.3 County Economic Performance

The county government's development objectives during the year under review were; doubling youth employment, doubling land productivity, and reducing by half the population below the poverty line in the county. The key Strategies to enable the county attain the above stated objectives included;

- (i) creating a conducive business environment for job creation;
- (ii) investing in key interventions particularly in the agricultural sector to increase productivity, reduce post-harvest loses, ensure food security and promote value addition and crop diversification;
- (iii) investing in infrastructural development in areas such as county roads, fresh produce markets, health facilities and other social infrastructure, including street lighting and provision of water;
- (iv) investing in quality and accessible health care services and quality education as well as strengthening the social safety net to reduce the burden on the households and promote shared and equitable growth, and
- (v) support the county public service for better service delivery.

Key Milestones for 2017 included; -

Under infrastructural development; - the completion of five major fresh produce markets and 18 ward based fresh produce markets were fast tracked; surveys for various market centres were completed; Kitale and Kiminini integrated urban development plans were completed in addition to processing of over 88,000 title deeds. Other key developments include installation of bridges and culverts, opening up and paving of backstreets, completion of 100 boda boda parking sheds. In addition to routine maintenance of existing street lighting and high mast floodlights and various county roads.

Under agricultural development the key milestones include; - procurement of a mobile cereal dryer; completion of three grain storage warehouses; distribution of subsidized mavuno fertilizer. Other achievement included establishment and Equipping of Tissue Culture Banana Laboratory; distribution of TC Banana plantlets, promotion of tea farming subsidy, promotion of coffee farming subsidy, and procurement of assorted modern farm machinery in addition to the procurement of a modern drag line for desilting dams. At the same time, a total of Ksh. 45 million was spent on combating the invasion of army worms in all the wards.

In order to empower women and youth, the revolving youth and women fund activities were up scaled, Welfare services for the disabled and elderly were provided. The County also rehabilitated sports facilities, and sponsored a team to participate in KICOSCA Games. In addition, various sports teams were supported by way of grants, and assorted sport equipment.

In environmental management and water supply services; - 60 piped schemes were implemented, one water dam and 20 water points were constructed. Most of the water projects are complete and a population of 186,450 is accessing clean potable water. Other activities included drilling of boreholes, spring protection, and sinking of wells. In addition, the County Government also acquired Two (2) skip loaders and 2 side-loaders and refuse containers for efficient solid waste management.

In education; - construction of ECDC classrooms and VTC twin lab blocks were undertaken, ECDC and VTC learning and instructional materials were procured and distributed. In addition, Ksh. 127,700,000 million was disbursed under Elimu bursary fund.

In Health; - the construction of the county referral hospital is ongoing, renovations of and equipping of county health facilities as well as supply of drugs and other medical supplies were undertaken.

1.3.1 County Fiscal Performance

The fiscal performance at the national level has had significant impact on the county's economic and fiscal performance. The prolonged electioneering period and the delayed enactment of the county revenue allocation bill has reduced the targeted disbursements to county governments, thus raising the issue of absorption capacity to utilize the CRA allocation in the remaining quarter.

The fiscal performance for Fy 2016/17 was impressive. Estimated total revenues was Ksh. 6,875,000,761 of which Ksh. 6,290,326,264 (91.4 %) was realized. The revenues received coincides with the actual expenditure thus giving an overall expenditure of over 90 %. The Fiscal performance of the first half of the FY 2017/18 has not been impressive. With an estimated expenditure of Ksh. 6,823,133,938 only Ksh. 1,729,276,593 (25.3 %) giving a shortfall of Ksh. 5,093,857,345. A summary of sector performance is provided in tables 1, 2 and 3 below.

1.3.2 Revenue Performance

Table 1 provides a summary of approved revenue against the actual revenue realized in the financial year 2016/17. A Shortfall of Ksh. 584,674,497 in revenue was recorded during the year under review.

Table 1: Approved and Actual Revenue Realized by Source FY 2016/17

| Source | Approved Budget | Actual | Variance |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| CRA Allocation | 5,502,547,171 | 5,502,547,171 | 0 |
| Local Sources | 500,000,000 | 217,102,483 | 282,897,517 |
| Grants; i) DANIDA | 13,763,015 | 13,763,015 | 0 |
| ii)Health Min | 28,200,000 | 28,200,000 | 0 |
| iii) User fee-health | 20,209,153 | 20,209,152 | 1 |

| iv) Training-KDSP | 28,840,847 | 0 | 28,840,847 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| v) Universal health care | 35,601,180 | 35,601,180 | 0 |
| project | | | |
| Free maternal health | 76,292,795 | 77,287,289 | (994,494) |
| care | | | |
| Roads Maintenance Fuel | 84,546,600 | 84,546,600 | 0 |
| Levy | | | |
| Unspent Bal FY 2015/16 | 585,000,000 | 311,069,374 | 273,930,626 |
| Total Income | 6,875,000,761 | 6,290,326,264 | 584,674,497 |

Source: CBROP 2017

The revenue shortfall is as a result of uncollected revenues from local sources and overstatement of the unspent balance for FY 2015/16. The over collection under free maternity programme was due to inclusion of undisbursed balances from the previous FY 2015/16 by the National Treasury. Table two provides a snapshot analysis of the estimated local revenue against the actual receipts by department in the financial year 2016/17.

Table 2: Local Revenue Report FY 2016/17

| Sector | Approved Budget | Actual Collection | Variance |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Agriculture, Livestock, | 10,600,854 | 4,450,465 | 6,150,389 |
| Fisheries and Cooperative | | | |
| development | | | |
| Commerce and Industry | 50,415,631 | 11,951,060 | 38,464,571 |
| Environment, Water and | 11,744,982 | 3,254,526 | 8,490,457 |
| Natural Resources | | | |
| Works, Transport and | 25,213,367 | 15,093,838 | 10,119,529 |
| Infrastructure | | | |
| Health | 169,043,098 | 43,321,452 | 125,721,646 |
| Physical Planning, Lands and | 3,843,503 | 3,001,460 | 842,043 |
| Housing | | | |
| Gender, Youth, Sports, | 461,177 | 147,300 | 313,877 |
| Culture and Tourism | | | |
| Finance and Economic | 228,677,388 | 135,882,383 | 92,795,005 |
| Planning | | | |
| Grand Total | 500,000,000 | 217,102,483 | 282,892,517 |

Source: Revenue Department

The table shows all the departments underperformed leading to a shortfall of 56.6 % in own source revenue.

1.3.3 Revenue Performance for 2017/18

The projected revenue in the FY 2017/18 is Ksh. 6,823,133,938. The actual receipts from 1st of July 2017 to 31st of December 2017 Ksh. 2,021,918,704. Disbursements from the national government is Ksh. 1,987,063,527 while revenue raised locally is Ksh. 34,855,177. Table 3 provides a summary of the performance of the local revenue in the first half of the FY 2017/18.

Table 3: Projected local Revenue and Actual collection up to December 2017 by Department.

| Sector | Approved Budget | Actual (Six | Variance |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Months) | |
| Agriculture, Livestock, | 12,500,000 | 1,440,134 | 11,059,866 |
| Fisheries and Cooperative | | | |
| development | | | |
| Economic Planning, | 29,000,000 | 5,337,190 | 23,662,810 |
| Commerce and Industry | | | |
| Environment, Water and | 77,700,000 | 64,500 | 77,635,500 |
| Natural Resources | | | |
| Works, Transport and | 119,300,000 | 834,310 | 118,465,690 |
| Infrastructure | | | |
| Health | 140,400,000 | 3,003,861 | 137,396,139 |
| Physical Planning, Lands and | 20,600,000 | 2,083,150 | 18,516,850 |
| Housing | | | |
| Gender, Youth, Sports, | 24,500,000 | 36,750 | 24,463,250 |
| Culture and Tourism | | | |
| Finance | 176,000,000 | 22,055,282 | 153,944,718 |
| Grand Total | 600,000,000 | 34,855,177 | 565,144,823 |

The actual local revenue collected from all the sectors in the six months of July to December 2017 was Ksh. 34,865,177 against a projected annual target of Ksh. 600,000,000. This is a paltry 5.81 % of the estimated annual local revenue for the county in the Fy. 2017/18.

1.3.4 Expenditure Performance

The expenditure during the FY 2016/17 and the six months' period for FY 2017/18 is per tables 4,5 and 6 below. As clearly indicated the absorption rate especially for the development funds in the FY 2017/18 is quite low. This is associated with the prolonged electioneering period and delay in enactment of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill. However, this is likely to change during the next half of the year.

Table 4: Departmental Expenditure Report Fy 2016/17

| Sector | Detail | Approved | Actual | Variance |
|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | Budget | Expenditure | |
| | Recurrent | 311,035,049 | 284,207,536 | 26,827,513 |
| Agriculture | Development | 120,000,000 | 104,489,697 | 15,510,303 |
| Economic Planning, Commerce & | Recurrent | 82,805,111 | 81,174,414 | 1,630,697 |
| Industry | Development | 61,500,000 | 42,337,539 | 19,162,461 |
| | Recurrent | 74,735,653 | 62,516,038 | 12,219,615 |
| Water, Environment & Natural Resources | Development | 265,457,642 | 253,090,473 | 12,367,169 |
| D.I. W. I | Recurrent | 371,599,606 | 353,499,980 | 18,099,626 |
| Public Works, Infrastructure | Development | 1,091,616,195 | 893,666,772 | 197,949,423 |
| | Recurrent | 1,578,329,208 | 1,611,921,676 | -95,613,116 |
| Health Services | Development | 622,900,000 | 589,080,517 | 33,819,483 |
| | Recurrent | 92,065,190 | 39,169,625 | 52,895,625 |
| Lands, Housing & Urban Development | Development | 74,420,000 | 6,147,997 | 68,272,003 |
| Condon Voyth | Recurrent | 123,695,923 | 96,614,605 | 27,081,318 |
| Gender, Youth, Culture | Development | 102,700,000 | 105,778,101 | -3,078,101 |
| | Recurrent | 373,123,304 | 362,523,423 | 10,599,881 |
| Education, ICT | Development | 140,300,000 | 118,395,411 | 21,904,589 |
| Covernonce | Recurrent | 284,246,381 | 256,159,729 | 28,086,652 |
| Governance, PSM,CPSB | Development | 31,491,445 | 18,058,544 | 13,432,901 |

| | Recurrent | 460,595,800 | 404,244,686 | 56,351,114 |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Finance | Development | 115,447,348 | 79,388,564 | 36,058,784 |
| | Recurrent | 534,271,010 | 527,482,219 | 6,788,791 |
| County Assembly | Development | 48,986,544 | 0 | 48,986,544 |
| | Recurrent | 4,225,281,587 | 4,079,513,870 | 145,767,717 |
| Total Expenditure | Development | 2,649,719,174 | 2,210,433,614 | 439,285,560 |

Table 5; summary expenditures report for 6 months Fy 2017/18

| Particulars | Approved Budget | Actual (Six Months) | Variance |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Personnel | 2,266,262,414 | 1,040,090,215 | 1,226,172,199 |
| Operations & Maintenance | 2,163,389,034 | 420,268,545 | 1,743,120,489 |
| Development | 2,393,482,490 | 268,917,833 | 2,124,564,657 |
| TOTAL | 6,823,133,938 | 1,729,276,593 | 5,093,857,345 |

Source; IFMIS Returns

Table 6; Departmental Expenditure FY 2017/18

| | Personnel | Operations and | | |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|---|-------------|
| Department | Emoluments | Maintenance | Development | Total |
| | | | | |
| AGRICULTURE | 79,449,415 | 8,627,874 | 6,702,787 | 94,780,076 |
| TRADE, COMMERCE | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 9,5=1,511 | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 1,1,100,101 |
| AND INDUSTRY | 11,475,192 | 1,141,440 | - | 12,616,632 |
| ENVIRONMENT,WATER AND NATURAL | | | | |
| RESOURCES | 14,643,684 | 6,350,150 | 52,586,657 | 73,580,491 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | | | | |
| ,INFRASTRUCTURE | 32,445,263 | 3,051,326 | 118,488,789 | 153,985,378 |
| HEALTH SERVICES | 536,111,856 | 191,162,807 | 48,967,667 | 776,242,330 |
| LANDS | 10,039,752 | 822,900 | - | 10,862,652 |

| GENDER | 6,545,929 | 11,078,163 | 9,318,770 | 26,942,862 |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| GOVERNANCE | 123,346,816 | 29,442,935 | - | 152,789,751 |
| EDUCATION | 106,490,546 | 1,275,567 | 32,853,163 | 140,619,276 |
| FINANCE | 54,359,312 | 51,731,961 | - | 106,091,273 |
| COUNTY ASSEMBLY | 65,182,450 | 115,583,422 | - | 180,765,872 |
| | 1,040,090,215 | 420,268,545 | 268,917,833 | 1,729,276,593 |

The implementation of the budget for the financial year 2016/17 and the first half of the financial year 2017/18 has been hampered by a number of factors including:

- Shortfall in revenue both from the national disbursement and locally generated revenues.
- Delayed disbursement from the national treasury
- Prolonged electioneering period including election petitions filed against the incumbent
- Long process of appointment and approval the county's CEC members and Cos.

With an expenditure of Ksh. 1,040,090,215, personnel emoluments takes the lion's share of the recorded expenditure in the first half of the financial year 2017/18, followed by operational costs at Ksh. 420,268,545 indicating 84.4% for total recurrent expenditure while Development recorded an expenditure of Ksh. 268,917,833 indicating 15.6%.

From the foregoing fiscal performance analysis and the new national development initiative of the "Big Four" the fiscal framework will be revised accordingly to take into consideration the low absorption rate of the development budget and the huge shortfall on local revenues raised. Other factors that necessitates the revision of the fiscal framework includes expenditure rationalization and need for additional staff to fill gaps identified. The new framework has revised the projected revenues from the current figure Ksh. 6,823,133,938 to Ksh. 6,555,225,538 on account of the transfer of Ksh. 67,908,400 formerly free maternity conditional grant to NHIF and review of the local revenues from Ksh, 600,000,000 to Ksh. 400,000,000.

In view of the above, we recommend:

- For increased participation and sensitization of the members of the County Assembly, the executive and the public to ensure that all stakeholders are on board in the budget making process as required by law.
- Re-engineering the local revenue raising and management strategies to increase local revenues
- Setting realistic revenue targets to avoid situation of pending bills.
- Capacity building on e-procurement and sensitization of local contractors, suppliers and user departments on e-procurement to fast track the procurement process.
- Adherence to the county annual procurement plan to enhance implementation of budget and subsequently service delivery.

1.4 Fiscal Policy Outlook

The government will continue to pursue prudent financial management practices while enhancing the county's local revenue. The focus is on striking a balance between the expanding expenditure demands against limited resource revenues constrained by declining local revenue and unstable transfers from the national government.

The key initiatives to be undertaken to increase the revenue base includes;- improvement on the automated revenue collection system, simplification of Collection process in line with national best practices and improved compliance with enhanced administrative measures and implementation of the revised valuation roll recommendations. In addition, the County Government will undertake various researches in view to identifying new sources, improving tax compliance levels and expanding revenue base. The county will also embrace asset financing, endorsement of PPP as well as seeking for donor support in form of grants and loans from domestic and external sources, in line with the regulations as set out in the PFM Act and other financial regulations.

The completion of the Kitale Bus Park, modernization of Kitale main Market, the construction of modern kiosk, the completion of ongoing construction of the sub county markets and fresh produce markets spread across the county will improve revenues raised locally in addition to enhancing local investments hence creating job opportunities for the youth.

The total revenue in FYs 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 is projected at Ksh. 6,948,532,892; 7,290,885,500 and 7,528,694,590 respectively.

1.5 Risks Associated with the Outlook

The risk to the outlook for 2018 and medium term include the high political temperature long even after the repeat presidential election, inability to realize the estimated local revenues and slow pace of implementation of the development budget. Other risks include overreliance on maize as the main cash crop by most of the county residents, unpredictable weather patterns and low private investments in the county. Late disbursement of CRA equitable allocation by the national treasury, uncertainty of the national transfers to the county government as the allocation formula is under review, delay by local contractors and suppliers in delivering projects in timely manner among other issues.

II. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND INTERVENTIONS

2.1 Aligning the County Development Framework to the National Development Agenda "The Big Four"

Overview

In order to ensure that the national Transformative Agenda is on course, the National government has identified four key strategic areas of focus in the medium term namely;-

- i. Supporting value addition and raise the manufacturing sector's share of GDP to 15% by 2022. This will accelerate economic growth, create jobs and reduce poverty;
- ii. Focusing on initiatives that guarantee food security and improve nutrition to all by 2022 through expansion of food production and supply, reduction of food prices to ensure affordability and support value addition in the food processing value chain;
- iii. Providing Universal Health Care coverage thereby guaranteeing quality and affordable healthcare to all Kenyans; and
- iv. Providing at least five hundred thousand affordable new houses to Kenyans by 2022, hence improving living conditions for Kenyans.

Investment in the above key areas will create jobs, enhance access to the basic needs of the Kenyan people, improve their quality of life, lower the cost of living and reduce poverty and inequality. These development goals blends perfectly with the County's' medium term development agenda of reducing poverty, raising household incomes and reducing unemployment among the county's youth population. In specific key investments include;-

- Fertilizer subsidy;
- Promoting adoption of modern agriculture practices;
- expanding the crop diversification programme,
- reducing post-harvest losses
- Promoting value addition for agricultural produce;
- Rehabilitation of water dams.
- Establishing special skills VTC
- Establishing modern wholesale and retail Market in Kitale town;
- construction of Jua Kali sheds and modern kiosks in selected centres;
- Revamping NAWIRI fund;
- establishment of special economic zones;
- Grade, murram and compact all roads in the county,
- Rehabilitation, equipping and construction of new health facilities;

- Combat communicable and non -communicable diseases;
- Upscale the social welfare safety net to cover health sector;
- hire more healthcare personnel as well as motivate the staff
- Implementing of integrated urban development and County Spatial Plans
- Promote women and youth empowerment programmes;
- Promote sports, identify nature youth talent;

2.2 County Strategic Priorities

The overall overarching development agenda is to improve the quality of life of the county residents by reducing distress conditions and increasing their empowerment through increased incomes and employment creation. The key investment areas of focus by sector is as provided below;

2.2.1 Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operative Development

Overarching development objective of the sector in the medium term is "To promote a competitive and sustainable agriculture, livestock, fisheries and a vibrant co-operative movement". This is the backbone of the county economy. The priorities for the sector include;- up scaling supply of subsided non-acidifying fertilizer from the current level of 60,000 bags to 200,000 per year and entrench the adoption of conservation agriculture techniques by increasing appropriate equipment in every ward. The County will also expand the crop diversification programme, enhance markets and marketing channels for the agricultural produce, reduce post-harvest losses and promote value addition for coffee, milk and maize.

In livestock, the county will expand the AI programme, increase the number of milk coolers, and rehabilitate the communal cattle dips, upscale indigenous chick programme for the small holder land owners feed improvement, promote disease control by working jointly with the neighboring counties.

2.2.2 Water, Environment and Natural Resources

The sector objective in the medium term is "To be the leading agency in the integrated conservation, protection, management and utilization of water, environment, natural resources and climate change management for sustainable development in the county". To deliver on the objective, priority projects to be funded include among others extension of Water Gravity Schemes to cover 250 km, sink a minimum of 100 Boreholes per year, rehabilitation of 62 water dams. Plant at least1 million trees annually, establish a new Solid Waste Management site in Bidii, procure two skip loaders and 2 side loaders and refuse containers, and construct 169 exhaustible public toilets to cover all market centres.

2.2.3 Education, ICT and Vocational Training

This is a key sector for the success and development of Trans Nzoia County. The sector's development objective in the medium term is "To provide quality education training and research for empowerment of individuals to become competent and responsible citizens who meet the global labour market demands". The priority projects in the sector for the financial year 2018/19 and the medium term includes; construction of three ECDE classrooms in every primary school, equip all ECDE Centers and

Vocational Training Centers to enhance quality Teaching/Training and employ additional 360 ECDE caregivers. In addition, the sector has targeted to expand all the VTC in the county. The department will expand the bursary programme to reach more needy students in the county.

2.2.4 Trade, Commerce and Industry

The sector's development objective in the medium term is "To facilitate trade, investments and industrial development by championing an enabling and sustainable environment". The priority projects for the sector in the medium term includes: establish a Modern wholesale and retail Market in Kitale town; construction of Jua Kali sheds and modern kiosks in selected centres; Revamping NAWIRI fund; establishment of an industrial and commercial centre in Suam border town to promote cross border trading.

2.2.5 Works, Transport & Infrastructure

The sector objective is "To provide an efficient, affordable and reliable infrastructure for sustainable economic growth to Trans-Nzoia residents and development through construction, modernization, rehabilitation and effective management of all infrastructural facilities". The priority projects for the sector in the medium term include; open up all the backstreets in Kitale town and tarmac all critical alleys, Grade, murram and compact all roads in the county. The sector also plans to light up all the streets in Kitale, Kiminini, Sibanga and other market centres, install 169 high mast lights in all county market centres, completion of Modern Bus Park and modernize the Fire station into a fully-fledged centre of excellence.

2.2.6 Health Services

The objective of the sector in the medium term is "To systematically build a progressive, responsive, sustainable, technology-driven, evidence-based and client-centred healthcare system; for accelerated attainment of the highest standard of health to all the residents of Trans Nzoia County". The sector's priority projects include; construction of two new dispensaries in each ward, Increase annual investment in the procurement of pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals, completion and equipping the County Referral Hospital. The sector will also focus on to develop and avail a medical insurance programme that will provide medical cover to vulnerable groups and aim at universal coverage, establish a county-owned medical training school, distribution of mosquito nets, rehabilitate and upgrade all sub county hospitals from level 3 to level 4 hospitals. Other priorities include to establish a health fund to ensure adequate financing of health care systems, automate health management systems, hire more healthcare personnel as well as motivate the staff.

2.2.7 Lands, Housing and Urban Development

The development objective of the sector in the medium term is "To improve the livelihoods of Trans Nzoia citizenry through efficient administration, management of the land resource for equitable access to secure land tenure, affordable, decent housing and organized urban development in a sustainable environment". The key priority projects for the sector include implementation of integrated urban

development and County Spatial Plans in Kitale, Kiminini, Sibanga, Saboti, Suam, Endebess, Kwanza, Sikhendu, Kachibora and all other urban centres. In addition, the government will acquire land for expansion of Kitale town, completion of Kitale and Kiminini Integrated Urban Development Plans, acquisition of land for airstrip expansion and other public infrastructure development.

Other projects include facilitation of issuance of title deeds for the residents and for over 30% of all government properties.

2.2.8 Gender, Youth, Culture, Sports, Women & Tourism

The Sector development objective for the financial year 2018/19 and in the medium term is "To mobilize the community to preserve culture, promote sports and tourism development, support social welfare and child protection and identify and nurture youth talents in Trans Nzoia County". The key projects for implementation during the period include; operationalize the Bahati Children Rescue Centre and Youth Empowerment Center (Elgon Hub) for business incubation, technology acceleration and talent development. The sector will ensure that youth and women owned enterprises deliver at least 30% of the tender opportunities in the county, ensure that at least 60% of all new job opportunities in the county are reserved for the youth. Establishment of a high altitude-training center will also be a priority.

Other targeted development initiative will include organize, train and provide startup grants to SACCOs for youth and special groups, enhance the revolving kitty and introduce grant and credit lines to be extended to individuals and to support innovations. The department will also organize sports tournaments across the county to encourage talent discovery and empower young people to participate in national leagues. The county also plans to build a 20,000-seater capacity stadium in Kitale town, sponsor community cultural activities and offer monetary support to respective community Councils of Elders as well as establish a drug and substance abuse rehabilitation center to cater for drug dependent persons in the county.

2.2.9 Governance, Public Service Management and County Public Service Board

The Sector development objective for the financial year 2018/19 and in the medium term is "To provide overall leadership and policy direction in resource mobilization, management and accountability for quality public service delivery". The key projects for the sector include infrastructure development, human resources management, human resource development and performance management.

Other targeted development projects include governance and national values, compliance and quality service and public and corporate communication.

2.2.10 Finance and Economic Planning

The Sector development objective for the financial year 2018/19 and in the medium term is "To provide general guidance and policy direction in resource mobilization, financial management, and accountability and transparency in resource utilization for quality public service delivery".

This Sector is responsible with ensuring prudent management of financial resources, formulating economic and fiscal policies to facilitate socio –economic development, resource mobilization and control of public financial resources

The key priority projects include;- general automation, resource mobilization, planning services, including county statistics and documentation and accounting services. The county plans to re-engineer the financial management and planning function to make it more accountable, transparent and responsive to the various stakeholders with focus to delivery of value for money projects and services.

III. FISCAL POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK IN THE MEDIUM TERM

3.1 Overview National Fiscal Policy Framework

The 2018 Medium-Term Fiscal Policy aims at supporting rapid and inclusive economic growth, ensuring sustainable debt position and at the same time supporting the devolved system of Government for effective delivery of services while taking into account regional integration protocol (East African Community Monetary Union protocol's fiscal targets). Specifically, the Fiscal policy underpinning the FY 2018/18 Budget and MTEF aims at raising revenue collection including A.I.A from Ksh. 1,643.1 billion (18.9 percent of GDP) in FY 2017/18 to Ksh. 1,849.4 billion (19 percent of GDP). Ordinary revenue are projected at Ksh. 1,684. billion in FY 2018/19 up from Ksh. 1,486.3 billion in FY 2017/18. This revenue performance will be underpinned by on-going tax reforms and revenue administration.

In the FY 2018/19, Overall expenditure and net lending are projected at Ksh. 2,488.4 billion from the projected estimated Ksh. 2,323.1 billion in the FY 2017/18. Recurrent expenditure is estimated at Ksh. 1,509.1 billion. Wages and salaries for teachers and civil servants is expected to reduce to 4.5 percent of GDP in the FY 2018/19 from 4.6 percent in the FY in 2017/18. On the other hand, development expenditure in nominal terms is Ksh. 658.9 billion. A contingency of Ksh. 5 billion and an additional Ksh. 8.4 billion conditional grants to marginal areas have been provided.

The fiscal deficit in the FY 2018/19 (excluding grants) is Ksh. 639 billion. Including grants, the overall fiscal deficit is projected at Ksh. 588.5 billion in 2018/19. The deficit will be financed by net external financing of Ksh. 214.7 billion, net domestic borrowing of Ksh. 396.6 billion and other domestic receipts of Ksh. 4.2 billion.

In line with the PFM and national government fiscal policy, the county is keen on maintaining a balanced budget any additional requirements will either be financed through reallocation or by grants from

development partners, direct foreign investments, remittances by the local Diasporas or on PPP basis especially for the infrastructural projects or on asset financing.

3.2 Budgetary Allocations for the FY 2018/19-2020/21 MTEF

The resource envelope available for allocation among the sectors/programmes is based on the fiscal policy and medium term fiscal framework as explained above.

Revenue Projections

The total projected revenue for the County in the FY.2018/19 is **Ksh. 6,948,532,892** out of which Kshs. **5,620,600,000** is the equitable share (2018 BPS), and Kshs.**500,000,000** is local revenue projection while the remainder Ksh. **827,932,892** is conditional grants from the National Government and Development Partners.

Table 7: Projected County Resources 2018/19-2020/21

| Classification | Approved 2017/18 ksh | Proposed 2018/19 Ksh. | Projected 2019/20 Ksh. | Projected 2020/21 Ksh. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Equitable share | 5,647,400,000 | 5,620,600,000 | 5,790,885,500 | 5,928,694,590 |
| Local Revenue Projection | 600,000,000 | 500,000,000 | 550,000,000 | 600,000,000 |
| Constitutional grants | 575,733,938 | 827,932,892 | 950,000,000 | 1,000,000,000 |
| Total Expenditure | 6,823,133,938 | 6,948,532,892 | 7,290,885,500 | 7,528,694,590 |

Source: BPS/ County Revenue Office

Chart 1; 2017/18 Approved

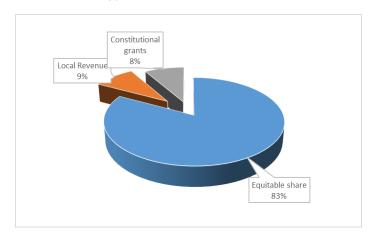
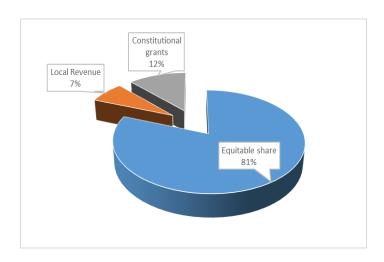


Chart 21; 2018/19 Proposed



The projected resource will rise to Ksh. **7,290,885,500** and ksh. **7,528,694,590** in the financial year 2019/20 and FY 2020/21 respectively. The resource envelop in the medium term includes conditional grants which is not available for sharing across the sectors therefore, the ceiling set below does not include them in the proposed projects

A summary of the projected local revenue in 2018/19 financial year and the medium term by sector is provided in the table below.

Table 8: Projected local Revenue by Sector 2018/19-2020/21

| Department | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Agriculture, Livestock and | | | | 5,754,894 |
| Fisheries | 5,754,894 | 4,795,745 | 5,275,320 | 3,734,034 |
| Commerce and Industry | 80,568,504 | 67,140,420 | 73,854,462 | 80,568,504 |
| Environment, Water and | | | | 4,603,914 |
| Natural Resources | 4,603,914 | 3,836,595 | 4,220,254 | 4,003,914 |
| Public Works, Transport | | | | 111,509,787 |
| and Infrastructure | 111,509,787 | 109,591,489 | 110,550,638 | 111,309,767 |
| Health | 183,535,052 | 152,945,876 | 168,240,464 | 183,535,052 |
| Lands, Physical Planning | | | | 4,603,914 |
| and Urban Development | 4,603,914 | 3,836,595 | 4,220,254 | 4,003,914 |
| Gender, Youth, Sports, | | | | 2,301,958 |
| Culture and Tourism | 2,301,958 | 1,918,299 | 2,110,128 | 2,301,936 |
| Finance and Economic | | | | 207,121,978 |
| Planning | 207,121,978 | 155,934,982 | 181,528,480 | 207,121,970 |
| Total | 600,000,000 | 500,000,000 | 550,000,000 | 600,000,000 |

Source: Revenue Office

From the foregoing, Ksh. 500 million will be raised locally. The figures have been arrived at taking into consideration; revenue enhancement initiatives and current collection trends. Health Services, Finance and Public Works Departments are the key revenue collecting departments for the County.

Expenditure Projections

The above projected revenue has been allocated under the two broad classifications of Recurrent and Development as follows;

Table 7: Summary of Expenditure Forecast for 2018/19-2020/21

| Expenditure | Approved Ksh. | Proposed | Projected | Projected |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Category | | Estimates | | |
| | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
| Recurrent | 4,429,651,448 | 4,373,032,892 | 4,440,885,500 | 4,528,694,590 |
| Development | 2,393,482,490 | 2,575,500,000 | 2,850,000,000 | 3,000,000,000 |
| Total | 6,823,133,938 | 6,948,532,892 | 7,290,885,500 | 7,528,694,590 |

Source: County Budget Office

The recurrent expenditure of Ksh. 4,373,032,892 includes non-discretionary expenditures that include payment of statutory obligations such as salaries and pensions and must be given first priority. Other components of the recurrent expenditure are operations and maintenance. The above estimates include conditional grants from the national government for health, agriculture and education department.

Development expenditure of Ksh. 2,575,500,000 has been shared out on the basis of ongoing programmes, departmental flagship priorities and identified public needs.

3.3 Resource Envelope and Allocation/Prioritization criteria

The key features of sectoral allocation are anchored on the need to finance investment and to directly support economic growth and reduce poverty in line with the county's overarching development goal "transforming Trans Nzoia through Poverty reduction, wealth creation and agro industrialization".

The following criteria were used in apportioning capital budget:

- i. *Non-Discretionary Expenditures*: comprised of statutory obligations such as salaries and pensions and must be given first priority.
- ii. *On-going projects:* emphasis has been given to completion of on-going capital projects and in particular agriculture and infrastructure projects with high impact on poverty reduction, equity and employment creation.

- iii. *Strategic sector interventions:* priority was also given to sector specific interventions on areas of agriculture and food security, value addition, health care, education, youth and women empowerment and training, social welfare, trade, industrialization, Human resources development, social equity and environmental conservation.
- *iv.* **Donor Supported /PPP projects:** Donor funded /PPP programmes must be financed to the extent of the county government commitments.

In-line with the big-four national development agenda

A summary of the proposed sector allocation is provided in tables 8 and 9 below. A full list of projects for 2018/19 financial year by sector has been annexed.

Table 8: Proposed Recurrent Expenditure by Sector 2018/19-2020/21

| DEPARTMENTS | APPROVED BUDGET | PROPOSED 2018/19 CEILINGS | PROJECTED 2019/20 | PROJECTED 20/21 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Agriculture, Livestock, | 275,692,246 | 272,168,425 | 276,391,430 | 281,856,484 |
| Fisheries And Co-Operative | | | | |
| Development | 51.701.024 | 51 040 20C | £1 022 152 | 52.057.024 |
| Trade, Commerce And Industry | 51,701,034 | 51,040,206 | 51,832,153 | 52,857,024 |
| Water, Environment And | 72,568,298 | 71,640,750 | 72,752,339 | 74,190,862 |
| Natural Resources | | | | |
| Public Works, | 288,155,308 | 284,472,188 | 288,886,100 | 294,598,209 |
| Infrastructure And Roads | | | | |
| Health Services | 1,667,327,567 | 1,646,016,256 | 1,671,556,081 | 1,704,607,557 |
| Lands, Planning And Urban | 82,948,240 | 81,888,019 | 83,158,605 | 84,802,890 |
| Development | | | | |
| Gender, Youth, Culture | 99,339,643 | 98,069,912 | 99,591,579 | 101,560,791 |
| Education And ICT | 357,290,613 | 352,723,825 | 358,196,739 | 365,279,319 |
| Governance And Public | 383,564,851 | 378,662,233 | 384,537,611 | 392,141,026 |
| Service Management | | | | |
| County Public Service | 35,000,000 | 34,552,640 | 35,088,764 | 35,782,569 |
| Board | | | | |
| Finance | 585,611,223 | 578,126,105 | 587,096,393 | 598,704,979 |
| County Assembly | 530,452,425 | 523,672,332 | 531,797,707 | 542,312,878 |
| Total | 4,429,651,448 | 4,373,032,892 | 4,440,885,500 | 4,528,694,590 |

Source: Budget Office

Table 9: Proposed Development Expenditure 2018/19 -2020/21

| | PROPOSED | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| APPROVED | 2018/19 | PROJECTED | PROJECTED |
| BUDGET | CEILINGS | 2019/20 | 20/21 |
| | | | |
| 202,123,423 | 223,917,580 | 386,096,809.25 | 393,731,055 |
| | | | |
| 109,500,000 | 137,485,394 | 237,063,441 | 241,750,868 |
| | | | |
| 289,883,837 | 287,062,337 | 494,976,109 | 504,763,212 |
| | | | |
| 614,478,809 | 609,055,816 | 1,050,183,321 | 1,070,948,469 |
| | | | |
| 537,000,000 | 537,402,191 | 926,632,342 | 944,954,531 |
| | | | |
| 86,500,000 | 108,823,944 | 187,643,049 | 191,353,293 |
| 102 000 000 | 12125 | ••• | |
| 103,000,000 | 134,350,548 | 231,658,086 | 236,238,633 |
| 244.000.077 | 250 544 202 | 445 052 200 | 45 (520 022 |
| 244,009,877 | 259,744,392 | 447,872,299 | 456,728,023 |
| 60,000,000 | 76 121 077 | 121 272 015 | 122 060 550 |
| 68,000,000 | /6,131,9// | 131,272,915 | 133,868,559 |
| 20.000.000 | 31.348.461 | 54.053.553 | 55,122,348 |
| 20,000,000 | 21,010,101 | 2 1,000,000 | 20,122,010 |
| 70,000,000 | 98,523,735 | 169,882,596 | 173,241,664 |
| 18 086 511 | 71 652 625 | 122 550 070 | 125,993,937 |
| 40,980,344 | /1,033,023 | 123,330,979 | 143,993,937 |
| 2.393.482.490 | 2,575,500,000 | 4,440,885,500 | 4,528,694,590 |
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Source: Budget Office

ANNEXES

Statement of Specific County-level Fiscal Risk

Given the budget implementation performance in the first half of the FY 2017/18 budget the key risks include;

- Weaker revenue performance in the medium term.
- Expenditure pressures with respect to sector/departmental operations and maintenance budgets.
- Demands for employment of extra personnel due to gaps specifically in Education, Health and Public works.
- Unpredictable weather, which may result in realignment of the budgets to fund any emergencies arising.
- Slow budget implementation pace in the Spending units in the financial year 2017/18 in the development expenditures may result in huge pending bills carried over to the financial year 2018/19 and the medium term.
- The anticipated completion of the Kitale Business park and other markets if not completed as schedules are likely to depress local revenue receipts;
- The ongoing revenue sharing formula may affect the CRA allocation incase a change of base that does not favor or maintain the current status.

Annex I; Proposed Development Programmes for the FY 2018/19

| | APPROVED | PROPOSED |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | FY 2017/18 | FY 2018/19 |
| AGRICULTURE,LIVESTOCK,FISHERIES AND CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT | | |
| Crop Development | 43,523,423 | 48,216,379 |
| Value Addition | 81,000,000 | 89,733,905 |
| Co-Operative Development | 15,000,000 | 16,617,390 |
| Livestock Productivity Improvement | 62,600,000 | 69,349,906 |
| | 202,123,423 | 223,917,580 |
| PUBLIC WORKS,INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROADS | | |
| Infrastructural Development | 204,500,000 | 202,695,215 |
| Road Construction and Maintenance | 409,978,809 | 406,360,601 |
| | 614,478,809 | 609,055,816 |
| LANDS,PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT | | |
| Government Property | 13,000,000 | 16,355,044 |
| Land Survey and Planning | 73,500,000 | 92,468,900 |
| | 86,500,000 | 108,823,944 |
| TRADE,COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY | 1 | |
| County Research and Development Planning | 39,000,000 | 48,967,401 |
| Medium and Small Enterprises | 60,500,000 | |

| | | 75,962,250 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Trans Nzoia County Investment Programme | 10,000,000 | 12,555,744 |
| | 109,500,000 | 137,485,394 |
| ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCE | CES | |
| Environmental Management and Protection | 39,000,000 | 38,620,405 |
| Water Resources Management | 250,883,837 | 248,441,932 |
| | 289,883,837 | 287,062,337 |
| GENDER,SPORTS,CULTURE | Ī | |
| Culture development and Promotion | 5,000,000 | 6,521,871 |
| Social Protection | 57,000,000 | 74,349,332 |
| Sports Promotion | 41,000,000 | 53,479,344 |
| | 103,000,000 | 134,350,548 |
| EDUCATION AND ICT | | |
| Ecde and Vocational Training | 211,009,877 | 224,616,450 |
| Special Programmes | 33,000,000 | 35,127,943 |
| | 244,009,877 | 259,744,392 |
| GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMI | ENT | |
| Governance and Public Service Management | 68,000,000 | 76,131,977 |
| | 68,000,000 | 76,131,977 |
| HEALTH SERVICES | | |
| Preventive and Curative Health | 537,000,000 | 537,402,191 |
| | 537,000,000 | 537,402,191 |

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

| 1 | 20,000,000 | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Infrastructure Development | 20,000,000 | 31,348,461 |

Annex II; Proposed Recurrent Expenditure for the FY 2018/19

| | | OPERATIONS | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| DEPARTMENTS | PERSONNEL EM. | AND MAINTENANCE | TOTAL RECURRENT | |
| | I BROOT (TEE EIVI) | IVIIII (I EI (III (OE | RECORRET 1 | |
| AGRICULTURE,LIVESTOCK,FISHE | | | | |
| RIES AND CO-OPERATIVE | | | | |
| DEVELOPMENT | 171,131,358 | 101,037,067 | 272,168,425 | |
| TRADE,COMMERCE AND | | | | |
| INDUSTRY | 26,240,586 | 24,799,620 | 51,040,206 | |
| WATER,ENVIRONMENT AND | | | | |
| NATURAL RESOURCES | 36,076,213 | 35,564,538 | 71,640,750 | |
| PUBLIC | | | | |
| WORKS,INFRASTRUCTURE,ROADS | 70,817,573 | 213,654,615 | 284,472,188 | |
| | | | | |
| HEALTH SERVICES | 1,125,834,898 | 520,181,358 | 1,646,016,256 | |
| LANDS,PLANNING AND URBAN | | | | |
| DEV | 23,350,152 | 58,537,867 | 81,888,019 | |
| GENDER,SPORTS,CULTURE | 17,461,125 | 80,608,787 | 98,069,912 | |
| , , | , , | , , | , , | |
| EDUCATION AND ICT | 225,624,644 | 127,099,181 | 352,723,825 | |
| GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC | | | | |
| SERVICE MANAGEMENT | 259,033,287 | 119,628,946 | 378,662,233 | |
| COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD | 5,250,000 | 29,302,640 | 34,552,640 | |
| FINANCE AND ECONOMIC | 3,230,000 | | .,, | |
| PLANNING | 115,218,493 | 462,907,613 | 578,126,105 | |
| COUNTY ASSEMBLY | 303,537,206 | 220,135,126 | 523,672,332 | |
| TOTAL | 2,379,575,535 | 1,993.457.357 | 4,373,032,892 | |