

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYAMIRA

**BUDGET STATEMENT
FOR THE
THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016
(1ST July – 30th June)**

“Empowerment for sustainable socio-economic transformation”

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1. PREAMBLE

1.1 Overview

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and privilege to present to this honorable house the highlights of the third budget of the fiscal year 2015/16 since our first budget of 2013, in accordance to *section 130 (1) and (2)* of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order *No. 206* of the County Assembly.

Mr. speaker, let me, with enormous gratitude, thank the Budget and Appropriation Committee, under the sterling stewardship of Hon. James Sabwengi, for the constructive engagement, synergy and time devoted during the Assembly review of the Budget estimates that we presented earlier on.

Mr. Speaker, the budgeting process is a subtle process that takes various stakeholders and procedures. Let me appreciate the county Executive Committee, the Treasury staff, the Budget Secretariat, and the Budget and Economic Forum Members' contribution in formulating this budget. I also acknowledge the general public for the useful and constructive contribution during the budget preparation as stipulated under section 125(2) of the Public finance Management Act, 2012 and section 87 of the County Government Act.

As Government, we are all rightfully challenged to work and show results to the people of Nyamira through development programs/projects. We are therefore petitioned to re-evaluate our strategies, and to set more comprehensive and focused plan of action. We also need to reengineer all our systems and establish a new better focus so that we can

exploit our competencies, capabilities and resources to deal with our socio-economic constraints.

Mr. Speaker, the Government has been properly structured by setting up appropriate structures and policies that are driven by the imperative service delivery.

Mr. speaker, the County Government is, more than any time before, ready to work meticulously to build a future by empowering our populace whereby all people can satisfactorily take pride and equitably share the accruing benefits. Hence, we have deliberately dubbed the budget theme to appropriately read “**Empowerment for sustainable socio-economic transformation**”

Mr. speaker, various departments, in concurrence with the executive committee, under the leadership of H.E the Governor did propose and agree on a set of programs that will guide our financial interventions in the financial year ahead.

Mr. Speaker, the broad development policies of our county Government, as captured in the county integrated development plan and as re-echoed in the Governor’s state of the county address, does provide a clear and progressive approach to reignite an inclusive growth and trend the County upward to the higher, better and promising level of prosperity.

Therefore, this year’s budget outlines several aspects to achieve this as follows:

- a) promoting quality of education and training through establishment of a higher learning institution; provision of learning materials and offering bursary fund for the less fortunate in the society;

- b) ensuring fiscal prudence and efficiency in public expenditure in order to have value for our money;
- c) attainment of better levels of food security by diverse investment in agriculture
- d) Support small and medium enterprises, with a serious bias to vulnerable groups, through targeted financial support, skill development and access to market;
- e) Creating a business-friendly environment that encourages innovation, entrepreneurship and growth through mass infrastructural development and
- f) boosting quality of health services in our health care facilities

Through such strategic interventions, **Mr Speaker**, we will empower our people thereby bailing them out of poverty. We are therefore, in this coming financial year, cognizant with the thematic preoccupation of this budget, consciously taking care of the poor and the vulnerable, the youth, and women as well as emerging entrepreneurial entities as the basis of achieving these development objectives.

Mr. speaker, in relation to many good programs we would admire to execute, we are facing serious budget constraints, namely:

- I. Introduction of automation in finance management (IFMIS) - especially in vote book management and e- procurement. These include lack of full understanding of the system, inadequate infrastructure e.g. modems and unstable network strengths. I propose that continuous capacity building, provision of enough infrastructures and up-scaling of the network would be necessary.
- II. Delayed exchequer releases from the national treasury to the county treasury. I propose that the national treasury should adopt a culture of making timely releases to the counties.
- III. Lack of fiscal discipline- some spending units spend beyond their limits and also use wrong votes. I propose that the spending units should observe fiscal discipline and embrace continuous capacity building on vote book management.

Further, vote book should be linked to procurement plans to forestall wrong spending.

In the circumstances, **Mr. Speaker**, we will be seeking for the protection and generous indulgence of this gracious house even as we make difficulty choices to ensure that the available meager resources are prudently utilized towards the identified priority areas.

2.0 Action plan

2.1 Achieving food Security

Mr. speaker, we envisage to improve the livelihood of our people through promotion of competitive agriculture and innovative research by ensuring attainment of food security through crop development services, improved livestock productivity and increased fish farming and consumption; improve farm productivity and empower farmers through agribusiness.

In order to improve commercial farming in livestock, fisheries and agriculture, enhance marketing and value addition of various farming products, improve commercial fodder production, upgrade the dairy farming by practicing modern technology, reduce incidences of livestock diseases outbreak, forestall fish spoilage and improve market access, improve food security and income, I propose to allocate:

- Ksh. **48m** for subsidized maize seeds and fertilizer for the most vulnerable
- Ksh. **10m** for local poultry
- Ksh. **10m** for dairy animals
- Ksh. **20m** for emerging livestock
- Ksh. **22m** for AI program
- Ksh. **10m** for rehabilitation and restocking of Kitaru dam

2.2 Accessing quality environment, health-care services and sanitation

As Government, we are set to promote quality health services for social economic development of our people by providing effective preventive and curative healthcare services through Continued provision of free maternal and primary healthcare; Renovation and equipping of health facilities; Upgrading of county hospital to referral status and Recruitment of additional staff. In this regard, I propose to allocate

- Ksh. 50 M for a doctor's plaza
- Ksh. 40 M for renovation of healthcare facilities
- Ksh. 346 M for pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals
- Ksh. 8.3 M for one more ambulance
- Ksh.31.2M for Community advocacy on preventive healthcare
- Ksh. 56 M recruitment of new medical staff.

Mr. speaker, to enhance conservation and sustainable management of water and environment for social economic development and in order to sustain access to water supply and services to promote the rehabilitation, reclamation, conservation and protection of catchment areas and natural development I am proposing to allocate:

- Ksh.54 M for protection of springs and drilling of boreholes
- Ksh.9 M for water storage and floods control
- Ksh.7.5 M for agro forestry of bamboo cuttings and seedlings
- Ksh. 3 M for beautification of towns

2.3 Facilitating Infrastructural and urban Development

Mr. speaker, we need to establish a new mass of transport and commuter networks in our county, as well as improvement of our urban and local roads so that our people can move freely; enhance our security and increase business hours by lighting up of our streets. I have thus, allocated ksh.341 M for the construction and maintenance of roads and civil works. Besides, I have allocated

ksh. **25 M** towards tarmacking of our urban streets. I further propose to commit ksh.**75 M** for solar street lighting. For proper organization of our Boda Boda industry, I propose to allocate ksh.**8.8 M** for the construction of Boda Boda sheds. I am further allocating ksh.**57 M** for the construction and renovation of market kiosks, sheds and toilets.

Mr. Speaker, with increased instances of fire outbreaks that have always found us flat-footed, I am proposing to allocate ksh.30m for the procurement of County Fire Engine.

2.4 Establishing firm foundation in education

Mr. Speaker, the foundation of education we lay for our school-going children is critical for their cognitive development. The learning environment, structures and facilities for these learners must be learner-friendly. We shall establish and improve infrastructure and strengthen collaboration and partnership in ECDE, CCC centers and vocational training. We shall engage more on Vocational development and training services through enhanced vocational management services and infrastructural support services. Thus, am proposing to allocate ksh. **94 M** for ward-based bursaries for the needy students and a further ksh. **84 M** for recruitment of the second batch of 406 ECDE teachers.

Mr. speaker, to expand educational opportunities within the county for our qualifying learners, we are keen on partnering with one established university to establish our own county university. I am proposing to allocate ksh.**100 M** towards this project to be established at at Kiabonyuru.

To improve the reading culture of our people and promote accessibility of learning materials within reach of our residents, **Mr. Speaker**, am proposing to allocate ksh.**5.5 M** towards the construction of a library at Nyamira headquarters.

2.5 Empowering women, the youth and PLWD

Mr. speaker, The Government is set to initiate and improve on various youth and women empowerment programs aware of their critical role they play in our development agenda. Deliberate programs that will harness talent, develop culture and arts; improve on our participation in sports; boost the entrepreneurial capacity of this group have been considered and I have thus proposed to allocate funds as follows:

- Ksh.5.7 M for the youth SIGs
- Ksh.5 M for SIGs of PLWD
- Ksh.8 M for women and the elderly.
- Ksh.21 M for Cultural festivals and sports
- Ksh. 27 M for the 1st phase of Nyamaiya stadium
- Ksh. 31 M for the 2nd phase of Manga stadium

2.6 Stimulating Citizen Engagement and entrepreneurship

Mr. Speaker, The sovereignty of our people must always reign supreme. The philosophy and concept of devolution unravels around active public participation. To provide leadership in governance through enhanced citizen participation and responsive service provision in the county, it's imperative to have structures and programs that are closer to the citizens for effective feedback on impact of government programs. It's on such realization that I propose to allocate:

- Ksh.34 M for recruitment of village administrators and community policing personnel.
- Ksh.26 M for citizen engagement through the county assembly's Bunge Mashinani program and public participation fora initiatives run by the executive.

Mr. speaker, it is strategically beneficial to enhance the entrepreneurial capacity of our people through various interventions that shall favorably put them at an advantageous edge of investment. In this vein, I have allocated ksh. 100M to the

common regional bank of Lake Basin region from which we expect to benefit substantially through borrowing from such created reserve. A further ksh.5.5 M revolving fund has been committed for SME programs to benefit our small scale traders. I have equally voted a total of ksh. 7.3 M for a tourism recreational centre at Manga ridge that many can take advantage of and invest on attendant tourism accessories.

3.0 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2015/16

Mr. Speaker let me now turn to the financial projections for 2015/16 budget.

Mr. speaker, the total revenue estimates for the fiscal year 2015/16 is ksh 5.544B, comprising of ksh. 4.15B From the equitable share by the National Government, ksh. 336.02M from conditional allocations, DANIDA donation of ksh. 23.9M towards healthcare and ksh. 240.96 M from local sources. The total revenue estimate represents an increase of 18.5 percent of the budget estimate for 2014/15.

Mr. Speaker, the County Government has projected to raise revenue from various local sources to a tune of **Kshs. 240,958,912**. To achieve this target we intend to automate our revenue collection systems at a cost of ksh. 36 M, build staff capacity, move towards sealing revenue leakages and deploy external resources mobilization mechanism. We hope that this honorable Assembly will support these initiatives through approving appropriate policies and legislations. We look forward for your continued support.

Mr. Speaker, the total expenditure and total revenue in this budget breaks evenly at zero balance difference meaning that the fiscal framework for 2015/16 is fully financed.

Mr. Speaker, for record, allocation to the county Government entities is as follows:

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF
 NYAMIRA
 BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015/2016

Expenditure Analysis	Total budget	OPENING BALANCE	2015/16
Finance and Planning	415,912,780	83,095,000	332,817,780
Lands, Physical Planning and Housing	216,756,131	71,988,049	144,768,082
Roads, Transport and Public Works	642,857,082	192,679,320	450,177,762
Public Administration and coordination	122,727,517	-	122,727,517
Environment, Water, Energy, Natural Resources and Mining	315,461,677	77,204,709	238,256,968
Trade, Cooperative, Tourism and Enterprise Development	71,226,125	4,593,275	66,632,850
Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	313,076,771	23,485,075	289,591,696
Gender, Youth, Sports and Culture	67,653,066	-	67,653,066
Education and ICT	490,170,248	48,120,049	442,050,199
Health Services	1,590,436,547	125,489,985	1,464,946,562
Executive Office	657,768,495	57,781,643	599,986,852
County Public Service Board	35,492,170	-	35,492,170
County Assembly	604,637,271	104,295,660	500,341,611
TOTAL	5,544,175,880	788,732,766	4,755,443,114

Revenue Sources	Amount Kshs.
Opening balance	788,732,766
National Revenue Allocation	4,154,538,019
conditional allocations	336,026,183
DANIDA	23,920,000
Local Revenue	240,958,912
Total Revenue Estimates (Kshs).	

4.0 Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I wish to thank H.E the Governor and Deputy Governor for their valuable guidance and support. I also wish to thank my colleagues for their support and understanding. My sincere appreciation goes to:

- Members of the budget and appropriation committee for the constructive engagements and navigating the review process of the budget estimates under tight timelines
- Hon members of various departmental committees and in particular, the Committee for Finance chaired by Hon Alfayo, for their commitment;
- The members of the Budget and Economic Forum Committee for their contribution in formulating the budget estimates.
- Management and staff of the county treasury, their selfless dedication to duty and for working behind the scene for better Nyamira. In particular, I must pay special tribute to the chief Office to Finance and Economic Planning, Miss. Jackline Kemunto for her unrivaled dedication towards service.
- Majority and Minority leaders for their constructive engagement during this exercise

And finally, I must express sincere gratitude to people of Nyamira who dedicated their time to participate in the public forums which made this budget a success.

In summary **Mr. speaker**, the message in this budget is as follows:

- Infrastructural development is the engine to steer sustainable growth;
- fiscal prudence will ensure that we get value of our money;
- accessing quality and affordable education and healthcare services stimulates sure growth ;
- Commercialization and value addition in agriculture are critical ingredients.
- Empowerment of the Women, youth and the vulnerable is critical to our development;

God Bless You, God Bless Nyamira
I Thank You

