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**A GENDER ANALYSIS OF THE KIAMBU COUNTY 2022-2023 BUDGET
ESTIMATES**

**SUBMISSION BY THE WEE HUB IN RESPONSE TO A CALL FOR
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH A DEADLINE OF 11 MAY 2022**

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INTRODUCTION

The African Women Studies, UON WEE Hub takes a keen interest in Kenya's Fiscal Policy situation with the view of supporting the increased participation of women in the Kenyan Economy. The engagements of the African Women Studies, UON WEE Hub on Kenya's Fiscal Policy environment is a deliberate approach to support the policymakers (National Treasury, County Assemblies and Parliament) by providing alternative choices on matters that directly affect the plight of women in the country and their involvement in economic activities. For instance, directing efforts on policies aimed at improving food security, Women's Economic Empowerment, childcare, financial inclusion, social protection among other issues would directly impact on the abilities of women to engage more in the economy and that would yield accelerated growth. The focus of the issues is drawn from Article 43 and 53 of the Constitution which lists the rights of Kenyan Citizens to the highest attainable level of healthcare services, be free from hunger, clean and safe water, social security and education. Article 53 further compels the Government of Kenya to provide free and compulsory basic education.

FOCUS OF ANALYSIS

Out of 12 categories voted for in the estimates of Recurrent and Development Expenditure and Performance Based Budgeting (PBB), the focus of the AWS UON WEE Hub is on the areas that directly affect the economic empowerment of women. Based on the categorization by the county, the sectors that have a huge impact on women are Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Health Services, Education, youth, sport Culture and Social Services and Agriculture, Crop Production and Irrigation.

Parameters to be Analysed

The key parameters for analysis in this case is the vote for the revenue estimates and projections for the 2022-2023 financial year and the way the revenues have been allocated to the sectors of interest for the AWS UON WEE Hub. The percentage allocation to each of the critical sectors as a proportion of the

total revenue estimates for the financial year and the way that the expenditures are differentiated between capital and recurrent expenditures. It also analyses the rank of activities under the capital expenditure to ascertain whether it takes into consideration the plight of women.

ANALYSIS

Cumulatively, the four Areas of focus for women have a total of Ksh. 8,918,331,452 which is 54.04% in the 2022-2023 budget estimates. The major concern is that only 25.43% of the total allocation to these sectors are for capital expenditure. With over 74% used for re-current expenditures such as payment of salaries, allowances and fuelling of vehicles.

Expenditure Estimates for the Critical Areas					
Sector	Gross Current Estimates	Gross Capital Ex. Estimates	Gross Total Exp. Estimates	Sector as a % Percentage of total Revenues	Capital Expenditure as % of total Sector Exp.
Agriculture, Crop Production and Irrigation	463,162,497.00	887,778,887.00	1,350,941,384.00	8.19	65.72
Water, Environment and Natural Resources	341,523,466.00	310,580,000.00	652,103,466.00	3.95	47.63
Health Services	4,874,439,927.00	821,636,481.00	5,696,076,408.00	34.51	14.42
Education, Youth, Sport Culture and Social Services	971,202,219.00	248,007,975.00	1,219,210,194.00	7.39	20.34
TOTAL FOR THE CRITICAL SECTORS	6,650,328,109.00	2,268,003,343.00	8,918,331,452.00	54.04	25.43

Source; Calculations based on the 2022-2023 budget estimates page 6

Water, environment and Natural Resources

The Water, Environment and Natural Sector is projected to spend Ksh. 652,103,466 which is 3.95% of the total estimates for the revenues available for expenditure in the 2022-2023 financial year. The Kiambu County is proximal to the Kenya's Capital and by association, its among the highest populated counties in the country. The county has over the last few years experienced problems associated with water rationing and shortage and that would have warranted an increased allocation for investments in that sector.

The sector requires additional capital expenditure solutions that would be channelled towards increasing the sources of water for distribution including the sinking of more boreholes and investments in a piping network that will ensure more households are connected to clean piped water. The County Government of Kiambu should complete the efforts such as Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) involved in the construction of the proposed Karimenu II Dam will be constructed across Karimenu River.

The recurrent expenditures in the Water, Environment and Natural Resources at 52.37% outweighs the capital expenditure at 47.63% which is also a concern. A higher re-current expenditure often implies that Capital expenditure which leads to the creation of long-term assets and allow the economy to generate revenue for many years by adding or improving production facilities and boosting operational efficiency is foregone.

Health Services

The 2022-2023 budget estimates for Kiambu County will see the county receive ksh. 5,696,076,408.00 which is an equivalent of 34.51%. Of major concern is the allocation on the capital expenditure which is at 14.42%. The practical implication is that we have less revenues for investing in innovative areas in the health sector and expand on the capacity to offer treatments for many conditions that can be treated within the county. Whereas the budgeting environment has been done under the Performance Based Budgeting (PBB), the health service had the highest utilization rate of the funds allocated and therefore there was no justification for reducing the allocated amounts.

Education, Youth, Sports, Culture and Social Services

From the arrangement of the departments in the county government of Kiambu, the social services should cater for the issue of Unpaid Domestic Care and Work and based on its limited budgeted estimates, the issue will remain at the periphery. In addition, the early primary care remains a challenge to be fully advanced and attained in the county government of Kiambu. The department has only to

spend gross figure of 971,202,219 which is 7.39%. With all the important items including education, it is grossly under-funded. That directly impacts on areas such as early primary education.

Agriculture, Crop Production and Irrigation

In the Agriculture, Crop Production and Irrigation which is a back bone of the Kenyan Economy, the vote is to allocate the sector Ksh. 1,350,941,384, which is only 8.19% of the total revenue estimates in the 2022/2023. The KNBS Economic Survey 2022 lists this sector as one of the promising in ensuring that the economic recovery post the Covid 19 is realised. Furthermore, the sector is among the biggest employer for women across the country and in that regard, the allocation amounts to an underfunding.

The Capital Expenditure Estimates for the sector has been pegged at Ksh. 887,778,887.00 which is equivalent to 65.7155%. These is at least commendable given that the higher percentage on capital expenditure will enable the county government to undertake activities that would accelerate the agricultural infrastructure and further increase the potential of the county.

CONCLUSION

An analysis of the four critical areas that the AWS UON WEE Hub considers as critical in advancing the empowerment of women shows that the area has not gained much and that will have the impact of reversing the previous gains. It also makes it impossible to advance pertinent issues such as early primary education and the unpaid domestic and care work which continues to have unaccountability and lack of attention.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The AWS UON WEE Hub recommends that in the 2022-2023 budgets estimates, priority not only be given to the identified four areas but the county should focus on increasing the amounts allocated. As a bare minimum, the four critical areas should account for almost 60% of the county's entire budgeting.

The issue of Unpaid Domestic Care and Work should also be prioritized under the department of Education, Youth, Sports, Culture and Social Services since measuring and acknowledging as well as supporting the Unpaid Domestic Care and Work will go a long way in addressing the plight of women in the county.

In the budgeted revenue and expenditure estimates, a consideration should also be given on capital expenditures. Of great concern is that the bulk of the allocation on this critical area goes to the re-current expenditures which have long term value for the development of the people of Kiambu and raising the profile of women empowerment. In addition, the proportion allocation to each of the areas should not decrease and if not possible to increase, the proportion estimates for revenue allocation should remain as it were in the previous budget estimates

ANNEXE

GLOBAL BUDGET - CAPITAL & CURRENT

Summary of Expenditure by Vote and Category 2022/2023 (KShs)

VOTE CODE TITLE	GROSS CURRENT ESTIMATES	GROSS CAPITAL ESTIMATES	GROSS TOTAL ESTIMATES
	2022/2023 - KSHS		
4061000000 COUNTY ASSEMBLY	1,436,180,907	100,000,000	1,536,180,907
4062000000 COUNTY EXECUTIVE	341,580,991	-	341,580,991
4063000000 COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD	78,096,211	-	78,096,211
4064000000 FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND ICT	1,412,254,568	203,861,778	1,616,116,346
4065000000 ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE & COMMUNICATION	835,988,341	31,000,000	866,988,341
4066000000 AGRICULTURE, CROP PRODUCTION AND IRRIGATION.	463,162,497	887,778,887	1,350,941,384
4067000000 WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES	341,523,466	310,580,000	652,103,466
4068000000 HEALTH SERVICES	4,874,439,927	821,636,481	5,696,076,408
4069000000 EDUCATION, YOUTH, SPORT CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES	971,202,219	248,007,975	1,219,210,194
4070000000 YOUTH AND SPORTS	111,245,280	175,538,853	286,784,133
4071000000 LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING	214,659,654	280,000,000	494,659,654
4072000000 TRADE, TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND CO-OPERATIVE	145,502,334	386,098,578	531,600,912
4073000000 ROADS, TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS	394,755,347	1,439,374,561	1,834,129,908
TOTAL VOTED EXPENDITURE ... KShs.	11,620,591,742	4,883,877,113	16,504,468,855