

County Government of Narok

1.1.1 Overview of FY 2022/23 Budget

The County's first supplementary budget for the FY 2022/23 is Kshs.15.66 billion, comprising Kshs.6.17 billion (39.4 per cent) and Kshs.9.49 billion (60.6 per cent) allocation for development and recurrent programmes respectively. The supplementary budget estimates represents an increase of 21.7 per cent compared to the previous financial year when the approved budget was Kshs.12.87 billion and comprised of Kshs.4.25 billion towards development expenditure and Kshs.8.62 billion for recurrent expenditure.

To finance the budget, the County expects to receive Kshs.8.84 billion (56.5 per cent) as the equitable share of revenue raised nationally, generate Kshs.4.69 billion (29.9 per cent) from its own sources of revenue, Kshs.1.82 billion (11.6 per cent) as conditional grants, and a cash balance of Kshs.311.81 million (2 per cent) from FY 2021/22. A breakdown of the conditional grants is provided in **Table 1**

1.1.2 Revenue Performance

In the first nine months of FY 2022/23, the County received Kshs.5.09 billion as the equitable share of the revenue raised nationally, raised Kshs.2.45 billion as own-source revenue, Kshs.219.16 million as conditional grants, and had a cash balance of Kshs.311,81 million from FY 2021/22. The total funds available for budget implementation during the period amounted to Kshs.7.75 billion, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Narok County, Revenue Performance in the First Nine Months of FY 2022/23

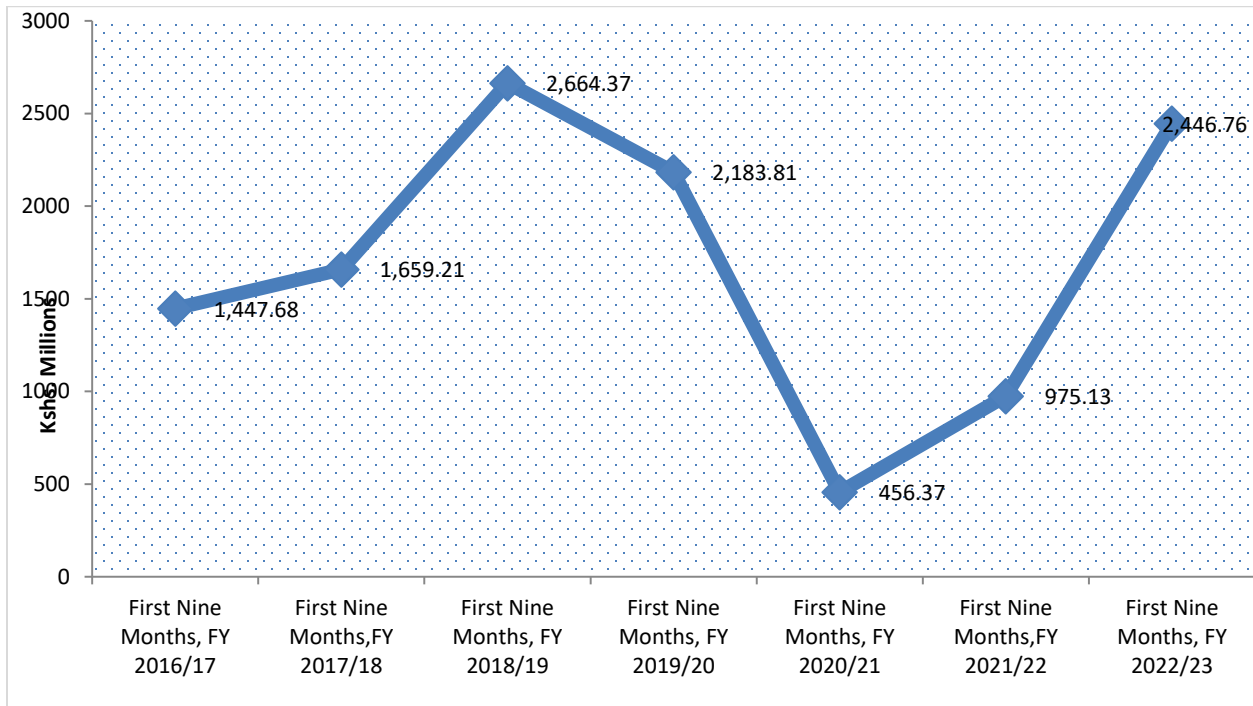
S/No	Revenue	Annual Budget Allocation (in Kshs)	Actual Receipts (in Kshs.)	Actual Receipts as Percentage of Annual Allocation (%)
A.	Equitable Share of Revenue Raised Nationally	8,844,790,000.00	5,085,753,933.00	57.5
Sub Total		8,844,790,000.00	5,085,753,933.00	57.5
B	Conditional Grants			
1	Conditional Grants to Level-5 Hospitals	-	0	0.0
2	Supplement for construction of county headquarters	-	0	0.0
3	Compensation for User Fee Foregone	-	0	0.0
4	Leasing of Medical Equipment	110,638,298.00	0	0.0
5	Road Maintenance Fuel Levy Fund	-	0	0.0
6	Rehabilitation of Village Polytechnics	-	0	0.0
7	Equalisation fund	1,045,651,263.00	0	0.0

8	IDA (WB) Credit (National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project NAGRIP)	243107598	198081838	81.5
9	IDA (World Bank) credit National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project	70000000		0.0
10	IDA (WB) Credit: Kenya Devolution Support Project (KDSP) Level 1 Grant-B/f	68451638	0	0.0
11	IDA (WB) Credit: Kenya Urban Support Project (KUSP) –Urban Development Grant (UDG)	2,339,915.00	-	0.0
12	DANIDA Grant	25,860,375.00	-	0.0
13	EU Grant (Instruments for Devolution Advise and Support IDEAS)		-	0.0
14	DANIDA B/F	8,905,875.00		0.0
15	B/F Grant NARIGP	197,119,842.00		0.0
16	IDA (WB) Credit: Water & Sanitation Development Project (WSDP)		-	0.0
17	B/F Agricultural Sector Development Support Program (ASDSP)	12,697,228.00	-	0.0
18	Sweden - Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) II	10,076,723.00	10,076,723.00	100.0
19	Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA)	22,000,000.00	11,000,000.00	50.0
20	Name of Conditional Grant			0.0
Sub-Total	0	1,816,848,755.00	219,158,561.45	12.1
D	Other Sources of Revenue			
1	Own Source Revenue	4,690,625,651	2,446,759,031	52.2
2	Balance b/f from FY2021/22	311,813,069		0.0
3	AIA			0.0
4	Other Revenues			0.0
Sub Total		5,002,438,720	2,446,759,031	48.9
Grand Total		15,664,077,475	7,751,671,525	49.5

Source: Narok County Treasury

Figure 1 shows the trend in own-source revenue collection for the first nine months of the financial year from FY 2016/17 to FY 2022/23.

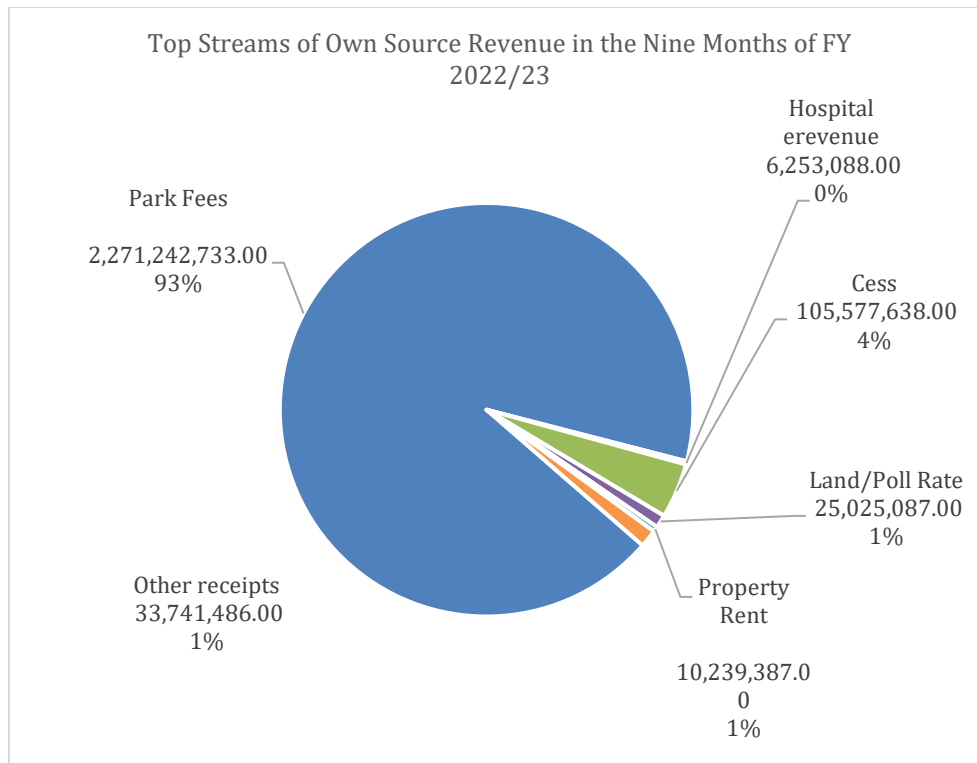
Figure 1: Trend in Own-Source Revenue Collection for the First Nine Months of the Financial Years from FY 2016/17 to FY 2022/23



Source: Narok County Treasury

In the first nine months of FY 2022/23, the County generated a total of Kshs.2.45 billion from its own sources of revenue. This amount represented an increase of 151 per cent compared to Kshs.975.13 million realised in a similar period in FY 2021/22 and was 52.2 per cent of the annual target and 31.6 per cent of the equitable revenue share disbursed during the period. The revenue streams which contributed the highest OSR are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Top Streams of Own Source Revenue in the First Nine Months of FY 2022/23



Source: Narok County Treasury

The significant increase was attributed to the opening of the major sectors of economy and uplifting of the restrictions imposed generally in the country following the global Covid 19 Pandemic that largely affected the tourism sector which is the county's major revenue stream. Beyond the tourism sector the pandemic also impacted a lot on all the other revenue streams due to the restrictions put to combat the pandemic.

The highest revenue stream of Kshs.2.27 billion was from park fees contributing to 93 per cent of the total OSR collected during the reporting period. Revenue from the health sector amounted to Kshs.7.19 million represented 0.3 per cent of the overall OSR in the first nine months of FY 2022/23.

1.1.3 Exchequer Issues

The Controller of Budget approved the withdrawal of Kshs.7.09 billion from the CRF account during the reporting period. This amount comprised Kshs.916.60 million (12.9 per cent) for development programmes and Kshs.6.17 billion (87.1 per cent) for recurrent programmes. Analysis of the recurrent exchequer released in the first nine months of FY 2022/23 indicates that Kshs.3.11 billion was released towards compensation to employees, Kshs.3.06 billion was for Operations and Maintenance expenditure while Kshs.916.6 million was for development expenditure.

The available cash balance in the County Revenue Fund Account on 31st March 2023 was Kshs.45.04 million.

1.1.4 Borrowing by the County

The County did not borrow any funds during the reporting period.

County Expenditure Review

The County spent Kshs.6.79 billion on development and recurrent programmes during the reporting period. This expenditure represented 95.7 per cent of the total funds released by the CoB and comprised of Kshs.868.9 million and Kshs.5.92 billion on development and recurrent programmes, respectively. Expenditure on development programmes represented an absorption rate of 14.1 per cent. In contrast, recurrent expenditure represented 62.4 per cent of the annual recurrent expenditure budget.

1.1.5 Settlement of Pending Bills

At the beginning of FY 2022/23, the County reported a stock of pending bills amounting to Kshs.467.64 million, comprised of Kshs.323.91 million for recurrent expenditure and Kshs.143.73 million for development activities. During the period under review, no pending bills were settled, however a committee was formed to review the eligible pending bills and as 31st March 2023, the list of eligible pending bills list was not yet out.

1.1.6 Expenditure by Economic Classification

Analysis of expenditure by economic classification indicates that the County Executive spent Kshs.2.70 billion on employee compensation, Kshs.2.72 billion on operations and maintenance, and Kshs.868.84 million on development activities. Similarly, the County Assembly spent Kshs.319.38 million on employee compensation, Kshs.184.08 million on operations and maintenance, and nil on development activities, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Summary of Budget and Expenditure by Economic Classification

Expenditure Classification	Budget (Kshs.)		Expenditure (Kshs)		Absorption (%)	
	County Executive	County Assembly	County Executive	County Assembly	County Executive	County Assembly
Total Recurrent Expenditure	8,378,858,518	1,112,839,410	5,415,742,370	503,453,482	64.6	45.2
Compensation to Employees	4,046,607,718	489,435,962	2,699,035,024	319,376,143	66.7	65.3
Operations and Maintenance	4,332,250,800	623,403,448	2,716,707,346	184,077,339	62.7	29.5
Development Expenditure	6,072,379,547	100,000,000	868,835,350	-	14.3	0.0
Total	14,451,238,065	1,212,839,410	6,284,577,720	503,453,482	43.5	41.5

Source: Narok County Treasury

1.1.7 Expenditure on Employees' Compensation

During the reporting period, employee compensation expenditure was Kshs.3.02 billion, or 38.94 per cent of the revenue for the first nine months of FY 2022/23 of Kshs.7.75 billion. This expenditure represented a decrease from Kshs.3.17 billion reported in a similar period of FY 2021/22. The wage bill included Kshs.962.68 million paid to health sector employees, translating to 31.9 per cent of the total wage bill.

Further analysis indicates that PE costs amounting to Kshs.3.01 billion were processed through the (Integrated Personnel and Payroll Database (IPPD) system, while Kshs.8.22 million was processed through manual payrolls. The manual payrolls accounted for 0.3 per cent of the total PE cost. They were attributed to delays in the allocation of Unified Payroll Numbers (UPN) to staff, staff designations that do not conform to the scheme of service and the IPPD system, and employment of staff on short-term contracts of less than six months, thereby limiting their inclusion in the IPPD system.

The County Assembly spent Kshs.10.56 million on committee sitting allowances for the 50 MCAs and the Speaker against the annual budget allocation of Kshs.34.8 million. The average monthly sitting allowance was Kshs.23,466 per MCA. The County Assembly has established 21 Committees.

1.1.8 County Emergency Fund and County-Established Funds

Section 110 of the PFM Act, 2012 establishes the Emergency Fund, while Section 116 of the PFM Act, 2012 allows county governments to establish other public funds with approval from the County Executive Committee and the County Assembly.

The County allocated Kshs.882.68 million to county-established funds in FY 2022/23, constituting 5.6 per cent of the County's overall budget. Table 3 summarises each established Fund's budget allocation and performance during the reporting period.

Table 3: Performance of County Established Funds as of 31st March 2023.

S/No.	Name of the Fund	Approved Supplementary 1 Budget Allocation in FY 2022/23 (Kshs.)	Exchequer Issues in the First Nine Months of FY 2022/23 (Kshs.)	Actual Expenditure for the First Nine Months of FY 2022/23 (Kshs.)	Submission of Annual Financial Statements as of 31 st March 2022 (Yes/No.)	Absorption (%)
		A	B	C	D	C/A*100
County Executive Established Funds						
1	Scholarships and other Educational Benefits - Secondary Education	372,115,731.00	371,500,000	372,115,000	yes	100.00

2	Capital Grants and Transfer (To Maasai Mara Community Support Fund	98,950,240.00	5,000,000	5,000,000	No	5.05
3	Grant Transfers- NAKAEB.	33,424,846.00	12,000,000	11,639,900	No	34.82
County Assembly Established Funds						
4	House loans to members of parliament and their staff	378,184,348.00	45,000,000.00	45,000,000	-	11.90
Total		882,675,165.00	433,500,000.00	433,754,900.00		49.14

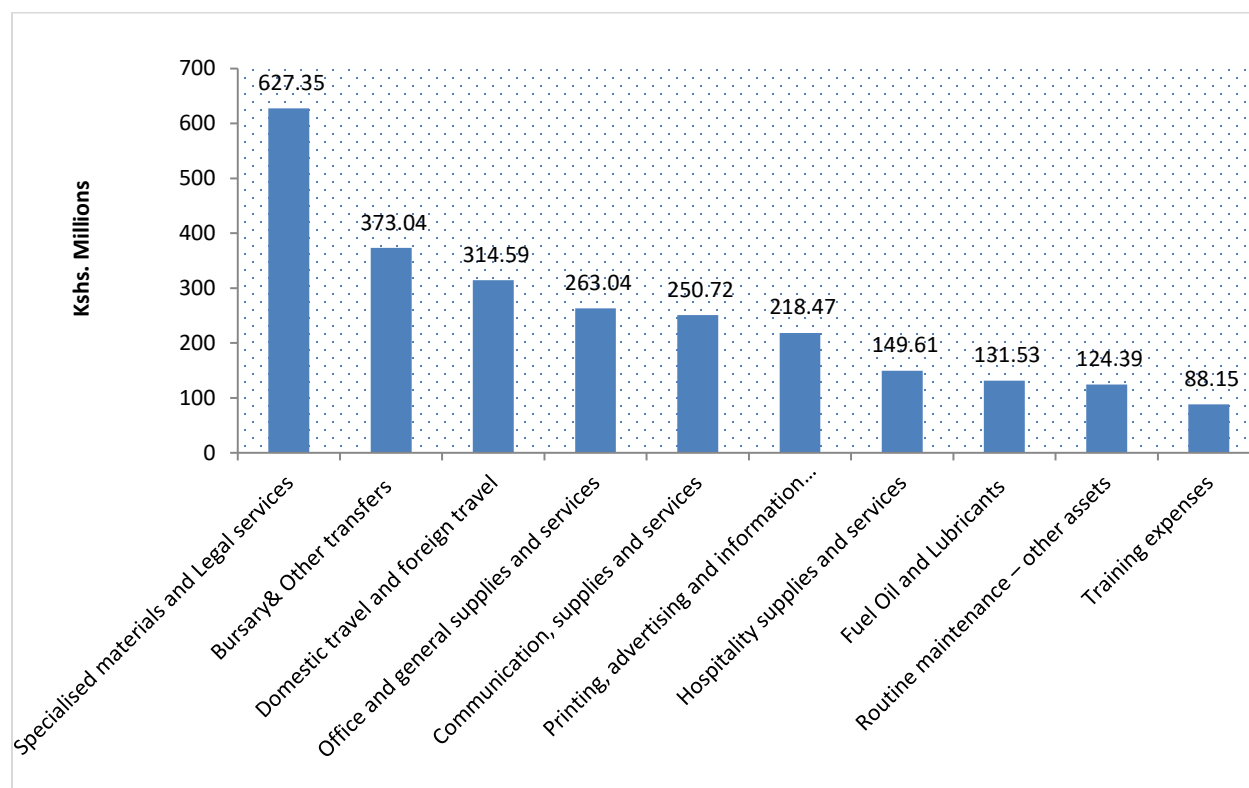
Source: *Narok County Treasury*

During the reporting period, OCoB did not receive quarterly financial returns from Fund Administrators of three funds as indicated in Table 3. contrary to the requirement of Section 168 of the PFM Act, 2012.

1.1.9 Expenditure on Operations and Maintenance

Figure 2 shows a summary of operations and maintenance expenditure by major categories.

Figure 2: Narok County, Operations and Maintenance Expenditure by Major Categories



Source: *Narok County Treasury*

During the period, expenditure on domestic travel amounted to Kshs.314.59 million and comprised of Kshs. 152.76 million spent by the County Assembly and Kshs.161.83 million by the County Executive. The was no Expenditure on foreign travel.

1.1.10 Development Expenditure

In the first nine months of FY 2022/23, the County incurred Kshs.868.84 million on development programmes, representing an increase of 73 per cent compared to a similar period in FY 2021/22 when the County spent Kshs.502.11 million. Table summarises development projects with the highest expenditure in the reporting period.

Table 4: Narok County, List of Development Projects with the Highest Expenditure.

No.	Sector	Project Name	Project Location	Contract sum	Budget	Amount paid to date (Kshs)	Implementation status (%)	Remarks
				(Kshs)	(Kshs)			
1	Health and Sanitation	Proposed construction of new hospital block and mortuary at narok county referral hospital	Narok Town	637,680,795	603,228,932	603,228,932	95%	complete
2	Health and Sanitation	Mechanical, electrical, engineering services and associated works for refferral hospital	Narok Town	469,614,655	469,614,655	304,797,960	65%	The project is at its final phase
3	Health and Sanitation	Proposed construction of a new narok county medical school, hostels	Narok Town	288,850,043	288,850,043	256,712,952	89%	Painting and electrical works ongoing

4	Transport, Public works and infrastructure	proposed routine maintenance of oololaimutia - orkorai - 15km	Narok East	13,943,200	13,943,200	13,943,200	100%	Complete and in use
5	Health and Sanitation	Proposed construction of a standard health centre at esoit - transmara west	Narok West	25,803,086	25,803,086	6,158,870	24%	Project ongoing

Source: Narok County Treasury

1.1.11 Budget Performance by Department

Table summarises the approved budget allocation, expenditure and absorption rate by departments in the first nine months of FY 2022/23.

Table 5: Narok County, Budget Allocation and Absorption Rate by Department

Department	Budget Allocation (Kshs.millions)		Exchequer Issues (Kshs.millions)		Expenditure (Kshs.millions)		Expenditure to Exchequer Issues (%)		Absorption rate (%)	
	Rec	Dev	Rec	Dev	Rec	Dev	Rec	Dev	Rec	Dev
County Assembly Departments	1,112.84	100.00	577.41	35.29	503.45	-	87.2	-	45.2	-
Office of The Governor and Deputy Governor	167.87	-	102.50	-	100.35	-	97.9	-	59.8	-
Treasury, Economic Planning	1,054.26	216.36	697.54	-	688.67	-	98.7	-	65.3	-
Department of County Transport, Public works and infrastructure	439.67	2,071.78	332.48	291.36	320.13	290.04	96.3	99.5	72.8	14.0
Department of Education Youth Affairs, Sports Culture and Social services	1,321.68	623.90	1,092.61	-	1,081.11	-	98.9	-	81.8	-
Department of Environment & Natural Resources	268.06	618.45	217.73	15.70	215.62	15.44	99.0	98.3	80.4	2.5

County Public Service Board	95.58	-	55.73	-	52.08	-	93.5	-	54.5	-
Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	301.63	789.54	222.65	253.19	218.13	252.21	98.0	99.6	72.3	31.9
Department of County Health and Sanitation	2,816.58	1,300.94	1,883.83	318.05	1,880.99	308.59	99.8	97.0	66.8	23.7
Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development	342.64	97.38	231.22	-	230.26	-	99.6	-	67.2	-
Department of Tourism and Wildlife	219.89	-	214.50	-	198.22	-	92.4	-	90.1	-
Trade, Investment, Marketing and Cooperatives management	340.24	158.81	440.41	-	339.99	-	77.2	-	99.9	-
Department of County Administration and Public service Management	879.54	115.23	57.89	3.00	50.20	2.55	86.7	85.0	5.7	2.2
ICT and E-government	131.23	80.00	47.66	-	40.00	-	83.9	-	30.5	-
Total	9,491.70	6,172.38	6,174.15	916.60	5,919.20	868.84	95.87	94.79	62.36	14.08

Source: Narok County Treasury

Analysis of expenditure by department shows that the Department of Agriculture, livestock and fisheries recorded the highest absorption rate of development budget at 23.7 per cent, followed by the Department of Health and sanitation at 23.7 per cent. The Department of Trade, investment marketing and cooperative management had the highest percentage of recurrent expenditure to budget at 99.9 per cent while the Department of Administration and public service management had the lowest at 5.7 per cent.

The allocation for recurrent expenditure for the Assembly and executive is within the ceilings in CARA. 2022.

1.1.12 Budget Execution by Programmes and Sub-Programmes

Table 6 summarises the budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes in the first nine months of FY 2022/23.

Table 6: Narok County, Budget Execution by Programmes and Sub-Programmes

Program	Sub Program	Description	Original Budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Budget utilization difference	Absorption
			KShs	KShs	KShs	KShs	KShs	
3000			0	0	0	7,500,000.00	-	0%
	0	Default - Non Programmatic	0	0	0	7,500,000.00	7,500,000.00	0%

1020030 00			619,395,049.0 0	308,873,978.00	928,269,027.0 0	303,270,272.26	624,998,754.74	33%
	1020246 10	Crop Productivity Improvement	619,395,049.0 0	308,873,978.00	928,269,027.0 0	303,270,272.26	624,998,754.74	33%
1030030 00			133,222,448.0 0	0	133,222,448.0 0	1,823,520.00	131,398,928.00	1%
	1030146 10	Livestock Pests & Disease Management & Control	61,891,447.00	0	61,891,447.00	0	61,891,447.00	0%
	1030746 10	Livestock Information Management	71,331,001.00	0	71,331,001.00	1,823,520.00	69,507,481.00	3%
1040030 00			29,682,503.00	0	29,682,503.00	0	29,682,503.00	0%
	1040146 10	Fish Products Production	29,682,503.00	0	29,682,503.00	0	29,682,503.00	0%
1050030 00			59,227,117.00	50,000,000.00	109,227,117.00 0	2,390,850.00	106,836,267.00	2%
	1050146 10	Development Planning and Land Reforms	59,227,117.00	50,000,000.00	109,227,117.00 0	2,390,850.00	106,836,267.00	2%
1060030 00			149,074,666.00	76,646,143.00	225,720,809.00	1,691,215.00	224,029,594.00	1%
	1060146 10	Housing Development	149,074,666.00	76,646,143.00	225,720,809.00	1,691,215.00	224,029,594.00	1%
1070030 00			243,368,217.00	15,000,000.00	258,368,217.00 0	84,117,373.00	174,250,844.00	33%
	1070146 10	Metropolitan Planning & Infrastructure Development	243,368,217.00	10,127,000.00	253,495,217.00 0	84,117,373.00 0	169,377,844.00	33%
	1070246 10	SP2 Urban Planning, Investment and Research	0	4,873,000.00	4,873,000.00	0	4,873,000.00	0%
2010030 00			1,028,540,000.00	1,482,905,045.00	2,511,445,045.00	1,143,654,836.20	1,367,790,208.80	46%
	2010146 10	General Administration, Planning and Support Services	79,320,509.00	0	79,320,509.00	731,371,549.20	652,051,040.20	922%

	2010246 10	Construction of Roads and Bridges	848,832,718.0 0	1,482,905,04 5.00	2,331,737,763 .00	385,575,688. 00	1,946,162,07 5.00	17%
	2010346 10	Maintenance of Roads	100,386,773.0 0	0	100,386,773.0 0	26,707,599.0 0	73,679,174.0 0	27%
2020030 00			55,828,661.00	173,278,850. 00	229,107,511.0 0	5,484,118.00	223,623,393. 00	2%
	2020146 10	ICT Infrastructure Development	55,828,661.00	173,278,850. 00	229,107,511.0 0	5,484,118.00	223,623,393. 00	2%
3010030 00			209,930,000.0 0	55,230,000.0 0	265,160,000.0 0	161,240.00	264,998,760. 00	0%
	3010146 10	Administrative Services	7,189,648.00	0	7,189,648.00	0	7,189,648.00	0%
	3010246 10	Cooperative Development & Management	23,486,530.00	15,000,000.0 0	38,486,530.00	0	38,486,530.0 0	0%
	3010346 10	Trade Development and Promotion	179,253,822.0 0	40,230,000.0 0	219,483,822.0 0	161,240.00	219,322,582. 00	0%
3030030 00			602,690,000.0 0	265,473,514. 00	868,163,514.0 0	30,810,816.0 0	837,352,698. 00	4%
	3030146 10	Tourism Promotion and Marketing	602,690,000.0 0	151,965,356. 00	754,655,356.0 0	30,810,816.0 0	723,844,540. 00	4%
	3030246 10	Tourism Infrastructure Development	0	113,508,158. 00	113,508,158.0 0	0	113,508,158. 00	0%
4010030 00			981,400,000.0 0	319,537,004. 00	1,300,937,004 .00	606,307,602. 30	694,629,401. 70	47%
	4010146 10	Health Promotion	981,400,000.0 0	319,537,004. 00	1,300,937,004 .00	606,307,602. 30	694,629,401. 70	47%
4020030 00			343,898,184.0 0	88,253,516.0 0	432,151,700.0 0	195,777,667. 00	236,374,033. 00	45%
	4020146 10	Referral Services	343,898,184.0 0	88,253,516.0 0	432,151,700.0 0	195,777,667. 00	236,374,033. 00	45%
4030030 00			2,437,911,816 .00	35,233,750.0 0	2,473,145,566 .00	1,947,889,83 5.60	525,255,730. 40	79%
	4030146 10	Health Policy, Planning and Financing	2,437,911,816 .00	35,233,750.0 0	2,473,145,566 .00	1,947,889,83 5.60	525,255,730. 40	79%
5020030 00			1,162,448,893 .00	514,304,855. 00	1,676,753,748 .00	1,484,068,87 0.50	192,684,877. 50	89%
	5020146 10	Early Child Development and Education	1,162,448,893 .00	514,304,855. 00	1,676,753,748 .00	1,484,068,87 0.50	192,684,877. 50	89%

7010030 00			1,026,550,000 .00	157,561,226. 00	1,184,111,226 .00	209,049,536. 50	975,061,689. 50	18%
	7010146 10	Administrative Services	202,914,781.0 0	27,000,000.0 0	229,914,781.0 0	19,955,012.0 0	209,959,769. 00	9%
	7010446 10	Coordination and Administrative Services	320,876,185.0 0	110,000,000. 00	430,876,185.0 0	112,515,679. 50	318,360,505. 50	26%
	7010546 10	Public service and Field Administrative Services	407,179,034.0 0	20,561,226.0 0	427,740,260.0 0	52,494,085.0 0	375,246,175. 00	12%
	7010846 10	Board Management Services	95,580,000.00	0	95,580,000.00	24,084,760.0 0	71,495,240.0 0	25%
7020030 00			391,052,052.0 0	215,800,000. 00	606,852,052.0 0	343,572,585. 00	263,279,467. 00	57%
	7020146 10	Accounting services	35,876,419.00	26,800,000.0 0	62,676,419.00	11,008,522.0 0	51,667,897.0 0	18%
	7020246 10	Resource Mobilization	169,527,722.0 0	141,500,000. 00	311,027,722.0 0	273,278,397. 00	37,749,325.0 0	88%
	7020346 10	Budget Formulation, Coordination and Management	41,860,423.00	0	41,860,423.00	5,009,030.00	36,851,393.0 0	12%
	7020446 10	Supply Chain Management Services	80,427,102.00	37,500,000.0 0	117,927,102.0 0	42,802,804.0 0	75,124,298.0 0	36%
	7020546 10	Internal Audit Services	63,360,386.00	10,000,000.0 0	73,360,386.00	11,473,832.0 0	61,886,554.0 0	16%
7030030 00			589,309,287.0 0	56,575,660.0 0	645,884,947.0 0	293,491,305. 00	352,393,642. 00	45%
	7030146 10	Economic Planning Coordination	560,699,468.0 0	46,575,660.0 0	607,275,128.0 0	282,298,850. 00	324,976,278. 00	46%
	7030246 10	Monitoring and Evaluation Services	28,609,819.00	10,000,000.0 0	38,609,819.00	11,192,455.0 0	27,417,364.0 0	29%
7040030 00			235,230,000.0 0	120,000,000. 00	355,230,000.0 0	0	355,230,000. 00	0%
	7040246 10	County Co-ordination Services	235,230,000.0 0	120,000,000. 00	355,230,000.0 0	0	355,230,000. 00	0%
9010030 00			301,141,107.0 0	142,998,089. 00	444,139,196.0 0	108,070,751. 00	336,068,445. 00	24%
	9010146 10	Gender and Youth Development	29,954,358.00	18,000,000.0 0	47,954,358.00	1,339,400.00	46,614,958.0 0	3%

	9010246 10	Social Assistance to Vulnerable Groups	21,803,130.00	0	21,803,130.00	0	21,803,130.00	0	0%
	9010346 10	Development and Promotion of culture	19,852,699.00	0	19,852,699.00	990,400.00	18,862,299.00	0	5%
	9010446 10	Development and Management of sports facilities	115,156,472.00	87,656,472.00	202,812,944.00	102,000,000.00	100,812,944.00	00	50%
	9010646 10	Voluntary Training Services	114,374,448.00	37,341,617.00	151,716,065.00	3,740,951.00	147,975,114.00	00	2%
1002003 000			652,450,000.00	334,055,845.00	986,505,845.00	133,635,864.75	852,869,980.25		14%
	1002014 610	Forests Conservation and Management	652,450,000.00	334,055,845.00	986,505,845.00	133,635,864.75	852,869,980.25		14%
		Grand Total	11,252,350,000.00	4,411,727,475.00	15,664,077,475.00	6,897,284,140.11	8,766,793,334.89		44%

Source: Narok County Treasury

Sub-programmes with the highest levels of implementation based on absorption rates were: Early child Development and Education in the Department of Education youth affairs sports culture and Social serves at 89 per cent, resources mobilisation in the Department of treasury and economic planning at 88 per cent, Health policy, planning and financing in the Department of Health and sanitation at 79 per cent, and zzz at xx per cent of budget allocation.

1.1.13 Key Observations and Recommendations

In the course of overseeing and reporting on the implementation of the County budget, the OCOB identified the following challenges which hampered effective budget implementation;

1. Late submission of financial reports by the County Treasury to the Controller of Budget, which affected the timely preparation of the budget implementation.
2. Failure by Fund Administrators to submit quarterly financial and non-financial reports to the COB, which is against the requirement of Section 168 of the PFM Act, 2012. The reports for the Masai Mara Community Support Fund, NAKAEB Fund and House loans to members of parliament and their staff Fund were not submitted to the Controller of Budget.
3. High level of pending bills. During the period under review, no pending bills were settled, however a committee was formed to review the eligible pending bills and as 31st March 2023, the list of eligible pending bills list was not yet out.
4. Use of manual payroll. Personnel emoluments amounting to Kshs.8.22 million were processed through the manual payroll, accounting for 0.3 per cent of the total payroll cost. The manual payroll is prone to abuse and may lead to the loss of public funds where there is a lack of proper controls.

The County should implement the following recommendations to improve budget execution;

1. *The County Treasury should ensure timely preparation and submission of financial reports to the Office of the Controller of Budget in line with Section 166 of the PFM Act, 2012.*
2. *The CECMF should follow up to ensure Fund Administrators prepare and submit statutory reports in line with the PFM Act, 2012.*
3. *The County leadership should take charge of the worsening pending bills situation to ensure genuine bills are paid without delay in the remaining financial year period.*
4. *The Government policy is that salaries should be processed through the IPPD system, and the County is advised to fast-track the acquisition of Unified Personnel Numbers for their staff. The County Public Service Board should regulate staff engagement on contract and casual workers as provided under Section 74 of the County Governments Act 2012. Further, there should be strict compliance with the approved staff establishment.*

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