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CITIZENS' BUDGET FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

In its quest to promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life in Murang'a County, the County Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027) has committed to support the key flagship projects of the county government, namely: improve health care, support milk and mango farmers with subsidy, build ECDE classes, create smart cities, improve access roads, enhance water connectivity, provide porridge to ECDE learners, promote the youth with a variety of short courses and placement opportunities, and provide maternal support to expectant mothers.

As a result of the successful implementation of these flagship projects, the Murang'a County Government won the **Kifaru Award** at the Devolution Conference held in Eldoret in August 2023 for being the only county that has provided exceptional support in the area of service delivery.

As the county seeks to better its service delivery, it shall implement an ambitious and people-driven budget for the 2023/24 financial year. From a total budget of KES 10.6 Billion, KES 3.5 Billion shall go to development whilst KES 7.1 Billion shall cater for recurrent expenditure.

In a nutshell, the budget has the following key features:

- To stimulate the growth of businesses, the budget abolishes the trade license application fees payable by small businesses.

- Also exempted from paying fire safety inspection fees are small informal sector operators, agricultural producers, small eating houses, medium and small workshops.
- The budget caters, for the first time, for the funding of the Murang'a Youth Service, a revolutionary empowerment programme that will enlist close to 4, 000 young people for the next four years. Apart from working in the community and getting paid KES 400 per day, the youth will also be equipped with training and be given start-up capital.
- The budget increases the allocation for milk and mango subsidy from KES 200 Million to KES 250 Million, a factor that will raise the number of beneficiaries from approximately 20, 000 to 25, 000 farmers. Apart from giving subsidized fertilizer to farmers, the county will also encourage farmers to grow Rhodes grass for making hay. This will ensure that dairy farmers not only get enough feeds, but the county becomes a net exporter of the grass.
- The budget increases the number of households covered under the Kang'atacare medical scheme from 20,000 to 30,000. Apart from this, the county will expand wards in the nine constituencies and also build a new Kenol Hospital at Makenji.
- As for the maternal health programme that benefits expectant mothers, the budget has raised the number of beneficiaries from 5,000 to 12,500.
- To fund smart cities and upgrading of towns, advertising fees for big businesses have been adjusted slightly. For example, an advert in a four sided clock has increased from KES 20,000 to KES 30,000 per year.

Summary of Budgetary Allocations to Flagship Projects

Projects	Budget 2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024
Automation	70,000,000.00	80,000,000.00
Agricultural subsidy programme	200,000,000.00	250,000,000.00
Smart cities	175,000,000.00	150,000,000.00
Community projects	280,000,000.00	455,000,000.00
Porridge programme	20,000,000.00	130,000,000.00
Youth empowerment	30,000,000.00	85,000,000.00

Hospital Equipment	80,000,000.00	30,000,000.00
Maternal health care/infant support	20,000,000.00	50,000,000.00
Under age support		10,000,000.00
Murang'a Level 5 Referral Hospital- Construction of wards	35,000,000.00	95,000,000.00
Waste collection vehicles	60,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Universal Health Cover (Kang'ata Care)	165,000,000.00	250,000,000.00
Drugs and non-pharms	420,000,000.00	445,000,000.00
Bursaries	260,000,000.00	245,000,000.00
Aggregation and industrial parks		500,000,000.00