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BUDGET STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTING THE BUDGET POLICY AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker, foremost I would like to express my deepest gratitude to his H.E Governor Josphat Nanok for appointing me as the County Executive Committee Member for Finance & Economic Planning department.

Mr. Speaker it is with utmost gratitude and humility that today, I stand before this Honorable House to highlight the FY 2020-2021 budget proposals in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and the Standing Order No.24 (1) and standing order No. 232(1)(2) & (3) of the Turkana County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, immediately after the first term of devolution in the year 2018 and after various public consultations and engagements we together agreed and laid out a five year, 2018-2022 development journey for our people. We determined, consolidated and documented our broad objectives and detailed strategies through which those objectives would be realized in the County Integrated Development plan (CIDP) 2018-2022.

Mr. Speaker, the CIDP 2018-2022 has remained a road map and a reference document that has guided and given direction for service delivery to our people. We are getting closer to the end of the County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022 implementation journey. **Mr. Speaker** we have made remarkable and noticeable progress in the course of this journey despite the many challenges we have experienced along the way. We shall continue to assess the progress made and take stock of the milestones achieved this far. We shall continue to mobilize and deploy resources to complete implementation of the remaining term of CIDP 2018-22.

Mr. Speaker, this current financial year ending this month will go into history books as an eventful and catastrophic year. The world global village which we are part of has experienced unprecedented challenges. The ongoing Covid-19 global pandemic has brought a lot of global uncertainties and economic shocks to world economies. The County Government in collaboration with our development partners and the National Government is currently battling this pandemic. Our County is currently experiencing locust invasion. During this financial year the county experienced massive flooding which culminated into destruction of livelihoods and infrastructure. Additionally within this same year a pending bills clearance directive was issued by the Presidency. All these challenges not only distorted our plans in this current year but their effects will spill over to the FY 2020/21. The County Government has however provisioned funds in this budget for continued mitigation of these challenges.

Mr. Speaker may I take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to this Honorable house, the National Government and all our development partners for the continued concerted effort and support that have gone into addressing these challenges.

Mr. Speaker, before I proceed further let me point out the main objectives of these budget proposals:

- i. To complete and operationalize previously initiated projects that have remained stalled & dormant over the years.
- ii. To promote trade through expansion of trade infrastructure and provision of business loans to traders, business groups, youth and women.
- iii. To mitigate the effects of the current challenges including but not limited to the COVID 19 pandemic, locust invasion, effects of previous floods and future unforeseen challenges.

- iv. To create and sustain flagship projects for long term food security and social-economic benefits.

Mr. Speaker, as I present this budget statement, I would like to inform this honorable House that the views of the public presented during public participation platforms have been incorporated into this budget. Generally **Mr. Speaker** this budget is citizen oriented and the proposals are geared towards socio-economic transformation and prosperity of this county through creating, protecting and sustaining public investments. Despite the inadequacy of resources in our revenue envelop, **Mr. Speaker**, these proposals have considered development projects across all the 30 wards of our County. We have indeed distributed the development budget and listed projects to be funded under each ward.

Mr. Speaker, as you know we reorganized our FY 2019/20 budget to mobilize resources to address the pending bills, the flooding and the COVID 19 challenges. Consequently we deferred development projects and committed ourselves to fund these projects in future.

Mr. Speaker have kept promise. We have funded the projects we deferred.

Mr. Speaker, many of our development projects initiated during the first term of devolution have remained incomplete and dormant. During the public participation fora for County Fiscal Strategy Paper (2019) and the FY 2020/21 budget proposals, we made a commitment to our people that the government shall embark on completion of those projects. **Mr. Speaker** we have rolled out and commenced completion plan of those projects. I have allocated resources in these proposals for completion of some of these projects and because of resource constraint we shall stagger completion going forward.

Mr. Speaker, the COVID 19 pandemic as you know has distorted and affected livelihoods because of economic shutdowns. The world including Kenya has commenced thinking post COVID 19 recovery plan. As a county we have started internal and external engagements with the National Government and our development partners so that we

can come up with an integrated recovery plan. Our main objective in this budget in view of COVID 19 response and recovery is to provide resources to increase COVID 19 infrastructure and surveillance through the Turkana County COVID 19 Emergency Response Fund, resuscitate businesses and provide business startups through the Biashara Fund, The Youth & Women Empowerment Fund, the Cooperative Enterprise Development Fund and the Youth Employment Scheme.

Mr. Speaker it is therefore paramount to note at this point that because of the challenges we encountered in the course of the FY 2019/20, ceilings in these estimates have deviated from the ceilings we set out in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2019. **Mr. Speaker** we had to revise the CFSP 2019 ceilings to address the current challenges we are facing whose effects will spill over to the FY 2020/21.

FISCAL FRAMEWORK

Review of the Financial Year 2019/20 Economic Environment & budget implementation

Mr. Speaker, Kenya has one of the strongest and resilient economies in Africa majorly driven by agricultural and service sectors. Over the last 3 years the country's economic growth ranged from 6.1 percent to 7 percent. The Country's economic growth this financial year has been revised to 4.2 percent because of the COVID 19 pandemic, locust invasion and flooding. In the coming year the global economy is expected to decline and the Kenyan economy is also expected to be affected as well.

Mr. Speaker, in our local context, Turkana County has had several economic shocks over the years including severe droughts, floods and insecurity. This year the County has experienced unprecedented challenges of COVID 19, floods and locust invasion. In view of this the economy of this county this year will adversely be affected substantially.

Mr. Speaker the FY 2019/20 budget implementation is progressing on well albeit the exchequer delays. **Mr. Speaker** as you remember we reorganized our FY 2019/20 budget to respond to the challenges we faced during the year. We had to respond to the flooding menace which destroyed our infrastructural investment and livelihoods, we deferred most of our development projects to respond to the current COVID 19 pandemic and the executive directive to pay the pending bills.

SPURRING COUNTY ECONOMIC GROWTH.

Mr. Speaker, it is the duty of any government to create an enabling environment and platforms that spur economic growth and prosperity. The Turkana County Government through the Governor's 5 point agenda has created an environment and opportunities for businesses to grow and flourish. For the government to constantly continue creating a conducive and an enabling environment to spur economic growth, it will require enormous resources to achieve this yet over the years the county has been experiencing reduced revenue allocation. To supplement revenues from the National Government and from the Local Sources, the Governor has set up a vibrant resource mobilization office that is geared towards mapping out and engaging donors and investors. Through this initiative we have created several partnerships and linkages that have aided implementation of some of our projects directly and indirectly.

Mr. Speaker, the county government will continue undertaking initiatives for businesses to grow and develop. We are providing county wide livestock sale yards at strategic locations, we are building market infrastructure across the county. We are reviving cooperative societies where our people will pool resources together for their businesses. We are constructing and developing road networks through the Roads Maintenance Levy Fund. These road networks have opened up and connected our county to trade opportunities not only in Kenya but also in the region.

Mr. Speaker, the county government in collaboration with development partners will continue offering trainings and support to business groups. We shall continue supporting cross border trade promotions and expose our locally available goods and entrepreneurs to the local and international markets. The County government through the Women & Youth Empowerment Fund, the Biashara Fund and the Cooperative Enterprise Fund will issue entrepreneurial and business loans for micro, small and medium sized enterprises in the county. In this regard **Mr. Speaker,** we encourage our people to embrace these opportunities to get start up loans and grow their businesses.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know a healthy population is key to economic growth. Health is one of the fundamental human rights. One of the big four National Agenda is the attainment of the Universal Health Care for all. Turkana County has made several notable strides and milestones in the provision of the Universal Health Care services. In addition to the Conditional Grants for health services, I have allocated resources to the department of Health and Sanitation for the continued provision of the medical programmes. Together with all stakeholders we shall continue to focus on the attainment of Universal Health Coverage for the residents of this county.

Mr. Speaker, we responded to the current COVID 19 pandemic through reorganization of our FY 2019/20 budget. We subsequently created and funded the Turkana County COVID 19 Emergency Response fund. The resources in this fund will be utilized to revamp our health system to tackle and manage the COVID 19 pandemic. We thank this honorable house for fastracking the legislation which will guide the operations of this fund.

Mr. Speaker the effects of this pandemic will spill over to the next financial year and I have therefore allocated more money into the COVID 19 Fund. Additionally we have received from the National government a COVID 19 Conditional Grant that will supplement the county government's effort in containing and managing the Corona virus

pandemic. **Mr. Speaker** as a county in collaboration with the National Government and our development partners we have also started thinking on the post COVID 19 recovery strategy going forward.

Mr. Speaker over the years Turkana County has remained food insecure. Consequently we have continued to rely on external food supplies from our neighboring counties and beyond and whenever we experience supply chain distortions within these external sources of food supplies we become exposed. As you are aware the county government embarked on an ambitious food security programmes. We have various county wide ongoing irrigation and land reclamation schemes, veterinary and fish farming services aimed at ensuring that the county is food secure. I have considered these and I have allocated funding in this budget. I have also allocated resources for the completion of the previously stalled and incomplete food security projects.

Mr. Speaker, Majority of our people are pastoralists. In fact Turkana County has the most livestock numbers in Kenya. Investments in pastoral economy will have a multiplier effect not only on the county's economy but also to the larger national economy as well. Animal Health through the provision of the veterinary and livestock extension services will be vital in improving the productivity of this sector. The county government, the National Government and our development partners have joined hands to combat locusts invasion within the county to safeguard livestock grazing zones and livelihoods.

Mr. Speaker, Turkana County is susceptible to natural calamities such as flooding, drought and now the current locust invasion and the COVID 19 pandemic. To contain and mitigate against the effects of these calamities, I have allocated funding to the Emergency Fund, COVID 19 Fund, Humanitarian Relief supplies programme and other disaster preparedness initiatives and management.

Mr. Speaker, the illiteracy levels in our county have remained high compared to the rest of the country. Our youth who graduate from basic level education have faced persistent financial hardships in pursuit of their tertiary and higher education. To assist our young people pursue their educational dreams, I have allocated money for the Education and Skill Development Fund. Additionally **Mr. Speaker**, we have also taken into consideration tertiary and higher education financial needs of our young people. We have allocated money for the high education loans kitty. I have allocated money for the construction of new Early Childhood Development Centers, completion of stalled Early Childhood Development centers and a recurrent budget for the operationalization of these centers. I have also allocated money for the school feeding programme to keep our children in schools.

Mr. Speaker, the county government will continue to support and empower the vulnerable segment of our society who are the youth, women and persons living with disabilities. I have set aside funds for affirmative actions for youth and women, persons living with disabilities, marginalized and minority groups' support. These resources will be available to safeguard the needs and the interests of these vulnerable people, empower them financially by giving them financial loans, and thus reduce dependency on working population.

Mr. Speaker, over the years Turkana County has endured incessant banditry attacks from her neighbors. This insecurity pulled us back in terms of economic growth and development. There has been a collaborative effort and goodwill between the National and County governments towards peace building and conflict resolution with the neighboring communities. As a government we have been running sustained peace building programmes. These peace engagements with our neighbors have started yielding dividends. Our people can now peacefully conduct their economic activities. We shall continue building and sustaining these peace initiatives. H.E Governor Nanok is in

continuous engagements with the leaders in the neighboring communities and other relevant stakeholders to achieve peace and tranquility in the region. I have therefore set aside funds specifically for the establishment of dispute resolution committees, county-wide peace resettlement infrastructure for the forcibly displaced and operationalization of the peace building structures and institutions.

Mr. Speaker, as we know we have the pending bills challenge at hand. The payment of the genuine and eligible bills is ongoing and we have prioritized this obligation so that we improve liquidity in our economy. I have instructed County Treasury to expedite payment of all pending bills by the end of this financial year.

ENHANCING EFFICIENCY IN EXPENDITURE.

Mr. Speaker, since the advent of devolution we have been implementing zero based budgeting model to eradicate non priority programmes. H.E the President of the republic of Kenya issued a directive to all Ministries, Departments and Agencies to avoid initiating any new projects unless it is an essential project. **Mr. Speaker**, we have reviewed all the proposed projects and in consultations with the county entities, we have initiated a few flagship projects while prioritizing completion and operationalization of stalled projects.

Mr. Speaker, we are faced with the rising wage bill challenge yet as a county we require to recruit key personnel for essential services for instance medical personnel and engineers among others. The County Government has considered the option of outsourcing cleaning services through the Lodwar Municipality programme. This initiative will go a long way to reducing the wage bill. Additionally we are also reorganizing our human resources appropriately to attain manpower balance in all departments.

Mr. Speaker high unemployment rates especially among our young people is a big challenge. In order to tap into diverse skills of our unemployed graduates, the county government will continue funding the county internship programme.

Mr. Speaker, to achieve efficiency and effectiveness in the management of our vehicles insurance costs and the internet connectivity costs for all departments, we have pooled all motor vehicles and internet costs to be managed from the Finance & Economic planning department.

Mr. Speaker, all the county entities are now fully using the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) as a tool for Public Financial Management. The County Treasury is constantly capacity building all IFMIS users and operators to ensure we have efficient financial operations.

SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR FY 2020/2021.

Mr. Speaker, H.E the Governor, Josphat Koli Nanok has a social contract with the residents of Turkana County. The Governor pledged to deliver services to the residents of Turkana County through a **Five Point Agenda** action plan. Additionally we have the **National Big Four agenda**. All these agenda have been captured and planned in the CIDP 2018-2022 and Annual Development Plans. To achieve these agenda the enabling sectors have been prioritized in these proposals.

Budget Highlights FY 2020/21

Mr. Speaker, at this point let me point out that this is an extra ordinary budget prepared during challenging times. As I pointed out earlier **Mr. Speaker,** the spending priorities in this budget are intended for the attainment of our broad objectives as stipulated in the CIDP 2018-2022 with very clear focus on the attainment of the Five Point Agenda. We have also given spending provisions to address the current emergency challenges we are experiencing.

Mr. Speaker, our budget spending estimates for the FY 2020/21 is approximately **KES 15 Billion.** **Mr. Speaker** allow me to point out that we had enormous spending requirements for various programmes as per the sector working group reports. However because of the

resource envelop inadequacy we burnt the mid night oil to determine a fair criteria of allocating available resources across all county government departments. We allocated resources and determined departmental ceilings based on 4 parameters:

- i. Level of responsibility to implement the Five Point Agenda
- ii. FY 2018/19 level of budget spending (absorption rate)
- iii. FY 2019/20 MTEF projections
- iv. Level of Own Source Revenue generated

Mr. Speaker before I give the expenditure estimates summary for each county department, let me point out that out of the total expenditure estimates of **KES 15 Billion, KES 9.1 Billion (or 61 percent)** will be spent on recurrent vote while **KES 5.9 Billion (or 39 percent)** will be for development vote.

Mr. Speaker the spending estimates for each county department.

- i. Office of the Governor **KES 595.6 M**
- ii. Office of the Deputy Governor **KES 57.0 M**
- iii. Office of the County Attorney **KES 138.9 M**
- iv. Finance & Economic planning **KES 1.1B**
- v. Water services, Environment & Mineral Resources **KES 852.5 M**
- vi. Health & Sanitation Services **KES 1.4 B**
- vii. Trade, Gender & Youth Affairs **KES 441.7 M**
- viii. Education Sports & Social Protection **KES 1.2 B**
- ix. Public Service Administration & Disaster Management **KES 4.5 B**
- x. Infrastructure, Transport & Public Works **KES 724.7 M**
- xi. Agriculture, Pastoral Economy & Fisheries **KES 1.3 B**
- xii. Tourism Culture & Natural Resources **KES 323 M**
- xiii. Land,Energy,Housing & Urban Areas Management **KES 661.7 M**

- xiv. County Public Service Board **KES 117.6 M**
- xv. Lodwar Municipality **KES 68.5 M**
- xvi. The Turkana County Assembly **KES 1.2 B**

Realization the Five Point Agenda

Mr. Speaker, the Governor's 5 point agenda which envisions a prosperous Turkana County is categorized into five key areas:

- ❖ Water Development, Mineral Exploration and Natural Resource Management
- ❖ Food Security
- ❖ Peace Building and Conflict Management
- ❖ Investment and Partnership Development
- ❖ Resource Mobilization and Prudent Utilization of resources.

Mr. Speaker, these priorities are cutting across all the activities of the County Departments and therefore they have been considered in this budget proposals within the spending of the implementing county departments. In total, I have allocated approximately **Ksh. 2.37B** for the attainment of the Governor's 5 point agenda as follows:

- ❖ Water Development, Mineral Exploration & Natural Resource Management **KES 282.4M**
- ❖ Food Security **KES 1.07B**
- ❖ Peace Building and Conflict Management **KES 98.8M**
- ❖ Investment and Partnership Development **KES 824.6M**
- ❖ Resource Mobilization and Prudent Utilization of resources **KES 95.1M**

Water Development, Mineral Exploration and Natural Resource Management

Mr. Speaker, water is life. Despite the continuous investments we have undertaken to provide water to our people we still require further investments that will yield adequate water for our people. One of the key objective in the five-point agenda is to provide sufficient clean water for human consumption, livestock utilization and industrial development. **Mr. Speaker,** to support water development I have allocated **Ksh. 363.2 Million** for water infrastructure. Specific activities geared towards the realization of this objective include construction of dams which I have allocated **Ksh. 45M**; construction of water pans and rock catchments **Ksh. 45M**; drilling and equipping of boreholes across all the county wards **Ksh. 118M** and rehabilitation of existing water infrastructure **Ksh. 109**. I have also allocated **KES 13M** for equipment of water quality analysis laboratory. **Mr. Speaker** one of the challenges we are experiencing in the water provision to the residents of Turkana is that of water governance. To contain this problem I have allocated **KES 2.5M** specifically for the development and operationalization of the Water Act.

Mr. Speaker, to support mineral exploration I have allocated **KES 2.5M** for purchasing mining equipment. I have allocated **KES 11M** for natural resource development specifically for forestry and wildlife development and management. To reduce the negative impact of plastics on our environment I have allocated **KES 8M** for the setting up of the plastic collection re-use facility.

Mr. Speaker, as you know we have emerging challenges emanating from the discovery of extractives in our County. To facilitate stakeholder engagements and consultations on extractives issues I have allocated **KES 7.5M** to support establishment of extractive sector policies and regulations consultations & engagements.

Food Security

Mr. Speaker, food security is key in poverty alleviation, employment creation and maintaining a healthy community. The government together with the development

partners is undertaking massive investments in Agriculture. In this era of scarcity in the white color jobs, we are calling upon our people especially our young people to embrace and engage in farming activities. In total I have allocated **Ksh 1.1Billion** for food security investments. Specifically I have allocated **KES 48.3M** for Agriculture programme specifically for farm inputs and subsidy, pest control and management, setting up agriculture mechanization station , promotion of smart agriculture practices and agricultural sector development support programme. To expand the existing irrigation schemes and land reclamation I have allocated **Ksh. 461.3M** specifically for the rehabilitation and expansion of existing irrigation schemes, promotion of drip irrigation, protection of irrigation infrastructure, utilization of spate irrigation technology, rehabilitation of degraded land for agricultural and environmental conservation and soil and water conservation.

Mr. Speaker pastoralism is the mainstay and the nerve center of our economy. Whenever we experience drought and livestock diseases pastoralists' livelihoods get threatened. The government is very keen to continue supporting and promoting pastoralism. I have allocated **KES 15M** for provision of veterinary services specifically for the construction of cold chain facility and the drug store, and renovation of slaughter houses. I have allocated a further **KES 91.8M** to livestock production programme for livestock breeding, diversification and improvement, livestock value chain, market access linkages and exposure.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize the resources presented by our blue economy. Our fish farming potential is not fully exploited. To increase fish production, we need to invest in the fish farming infrastructure and fisheries extension services. I have allocated **Ksh. 21M** to support fish farming initiatives specifically development of fisheries infrastructure, extension services, fisheries policies and regulations

Peace Building and Conflict Management

Mr. Speaker, there is no economic development that will take place in an environment without peace and tranquility. Peace with our neighbors within and outside Kenya will go a long way into supporting infrastructural development, business growth and sustainability of livelihood of our people. To sustain the ongoing peace efforts and engagements using the existing traditional or local peace structures at village and kraal levels and also support cross boarder peace activities and construction of peace resettlement camps, I have allocated **Ksh. 102M.**

Mr. Speaker, the Ateker community regional governments have a number of iconic social events which are commemorated annually. We have cultural peace festivals, agreements and declarations that are celebrated from time to time. These events bring along with them business and peace opportunities as well as have people connect with their history. I have allocated **Ksh. 50 million** for annual cultural and peace events and **Ksh. 10.4 million** for Ekaales center infrastructural development. **Mr. Speaker,** as you know Ekaales Centre is a social facility for hosting such crucial events among other uses.

Investment and Partnership Development

Mr. Speaker, we plan to increase engagement efforts towards attracting private sector investment in areas of energy, food production, education, water, health, fish farming, livestock production and real estate development among others. I have allocated **Ksh. 11 million** to support investment and partnership development engagements.

Resource Mobilization and Prudent Utilization of resources.

Mr. Speaker, our needs are more than the resources at our disposal. This reality hits hard during allocation of scarce resources to the competing needs. **Mr. Speaker,** we need to reach out to potential development partners and donors to supplement the County Government's efforts to deliver services. We shall pursue and embrace the Public-Private Partnerships initiatives to scale up our activities. We will work with donors, development partners and the corporations to leverage on expertise and mobilize additional resources to fund development programmes. At the same time we shall continue strengthening and diversifying our local revenue sources to increase own source revenue. I have allocated **Ksh. 6M** for resource mobilization especially from external sources and **Ksh. 31M** to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of revenue collection systems.

Mr. Speaker, to ensure prudent utilization of our resources and quality reporting of our activities, I have allocated **Ksh. 33 million** to accounting services; **Ksh. 30 million** to county economic and planning services; **Ksh. 37.1 million** to monitoring and evaluation; **Ksh. 15.6 million** to audit services; **Ksh. 77M** to support production of annual budget and other key policy documents.

Enablers of the Five Point Agenda

Mr. Speaker, a healthy population is a key asset in the attainment of our social economic development and prosperity. Our country is committed to the realization and attainment of the ***Universal Health Coverage for all.*** As a county we are not left behind in this endeavour and we are still focused to providing technologically-driven, evidence-based and client-centered health system for accelerated attainment of highest standards of health to all the residents of our county. **Mr. Speaker,** to achieve this, I have allocated **Ksh. 332M** for preventive and promotive health care services; **Ksh. 244M** for medical supplies; **Ksh. 96M** to medical services and **Ksh. 16 million** for the operations of Lodwar

County Referral Hospital. I have allocated **KES 284.5M** for the completion and renovations of the health facilities in the county. To support the general administration that supports the delivery of health services I have allocated **KES 464M** for health facilities running costs.

Mr. Speaker as a government we have taken note of rampant alcoholism and drug abuse in our county. We are currently engaging our development partners in the best way forward to containing this social problem in our community. We have allocated **Ksh 5.5** for the rehabilitation and treatment of alcoholics and drug addicts in our county. We shall in future scale up this initiative to reach more victims.

Mr. Speaker, trade is the main driver of any economy. Trade is instrumental in improving local revenue sources and living standards of our communities. We will continue creating and promoting an enabling environment for a vibrant, competitive and sustainable business environment in our county. I have allocated **Ksh. 160.6M** for trade development and promotion specifically for Biashara centers development, training of traders especially SMEs on business skills, promotion of regional trade and exports ,consumer rights education and trade research and policy support. To enable our people access business startup loans I have allocated **Ksh 20M** to Biashara Fund.

Mr. Speaker, cooperatives have been proven to be a platform where resources can be mobilized and pooled for the benefit of its members. The county government will continue to promote development and growth of cooperative societies. I have allocated **Ksh 33.8M** for cooperatives development and management specifically for cooperatives education, training, marketing, extension and advisory services and strengthening of key dormant cooperative societies. I have allocated a further **Ksh 20.9M** to cooperative Enterprise Development Fund as a source of funds for cooperative societies startups.

Mr. Speaker, the county government is very sensitive to issues affecting gender. We are awake to the fact that you cannot prosper in recent times without ensuring inclusivity in terms of gender issues. To contribute towards gender equality and protection of vulnerable groups I have allocated **Ksh. 16.3M**.

Mr. Speaker, our young people who are majority of our population have faced various challenges including but not limited to youth unemployment, lack of capital for business startups and lack of life skills. I have allocated **Ksh 22M** for Youth and Women Empowerment Fund in this budget to enable our young people access funds for businesses. To promote transformative youth empowerment with focus on employability and life skills, talent and entrepreneurship development I have allocated **Ksh 23.4M**. I have also allocated **Ksh 14.8** for development and identification of youth rare skills. I have allocated a further **Ksh 19.8M** for youth coordination and representation.

Mr. Speaker, education is very critical for economic empowerment and prosperity. We are still committed to providing competitive, quality formative education and technical skills training for our people. For this very reason I have allocated **Ksh. 416.4M** for early childhood education specifically for the early childhood development centers and operationalization, early childhood quality improvement and school feeding programme. Technical and vocational training will impart skills required for the running of our industries and the jua kali informal sector. I have allocated **Ksh. 43.4M** for vocational training infrastructure development specifically to enable youth polytechnics set ups and their operationalization to enable our youth acquire technical life skills.

Mr. Speaker in pursuit of their tertiary and higher education dreams our young people have encountered financial perennial hardships. This challenge has caused dependency syndrome on the working populace and it is causing a strain to the disposal incomes of

many families. **Mr. Speaker** I have set aside funds to enable our young people pursue their education dreams as follows:

- i. The Turkana Education and Skills Development Fund **Ksh 279M**. This money will be used as bursaries to pay school fees for our young people from needy families
- ii. The Turkana Higher Education Loans **Ksh 50M**. This will be a revolving fund that will help our young people pursue high education. We have modelled this fund to be operated like the Nationally Operated High Education Loans Board.

Mr. Speaker, we are in an era where sports and talents exploitation are not only becoming a source of livelihoods but they also promote peace and good physical health. The county is committed to the identification, recognition, development and promotion of sports and talents in our county. Turkana County is full of talented and promising talented athletes, footballers, boxers and comedians. **Mr. Speaker**, allow me to remind you of Nasirite the female boxer who won the desert fight competition that was organized in 2019 here in Turkana County. Our footballers are getting global attention and some of them have been recruited to play competitive international football. For instance Sydney Lokaale a footballer from here was recruited to play in one of the Swedish football clubs. These two examples represent a good number of our talented youths. **Mr. Speaker** clearly sports is putting Turkana County in the global scene and we shall continue to invest in sporting development and operationalization. **Mr. Speaker**, I have allocated **Ksh 20.3M** for sports infrastructure development, sports promotion and talent development.

Mr. Speaker, we have special interest groups in our community who require protection and inclusion in our mainstream social system. In our quest to promote a system of social inclusivity, I have allocated **Ksh. 67.4M** for social protection programmes and activities. This will specifically support child care protection, Turkana County persons with disability development, marginalized and minority groups' support.

Mr. Speaker, one of the objects of devolution is delivery of quality services to the smallest unit of devolution. The government will only perform this function well through a highly productive work force working in a conducive and inclusive environment. To achieve this, I have allocated **Ksh. 20.8M** to human resource management; **Ksh. 88.7M** to decentralized ward services; **Ksh. 12.1M** to governance and public participation; **Ksh. 10.6M** to inspectorate services.

Mr. Speaker, we are committed to setting up strategic ward based citizens' resource centers where the citizenry would not only access government information and services but they will as well be centers for recreational services. I have allocated **Ksh 86M** this financial year for the construction and completion of resource centers. Specifically I have allocated **Ksh 25M** and **Ksh 24M** for the construction of Lopur and Kalokol citizen resource centers respectively. I have allocated **Ksh.13M** for the completion of Kaeris resource center; **Ksh 8.5M** for the completion of Lowarengak resource center; **Ksh 1.5** for the completion of Kakuma resource center and **Ksh. 14M** for the completion of Kanamkemer resource center. I have allocated a further **Ksh 5M** to purchase computers to be distributed across these citizen resource centers.

Mr. Speaker, roads infrastructure network is a great enabler to economic growth with proven multiplier effect. The county government with its development partners will continue investing in roads development and upgrade to open our county to the rest of the country and the region. To tap into this opportunity for growth, I have allocated **Ksh.355.9M** for roads development and maintenance. I have also allocated a further **Ksh.84.4M** to support development and maintenance of our transport systems, support mechanical, structural and architectural services to our public works.

Mr. Speaker, as a county we pride in rich heritage, culture and unique natural resources. These have become our outstanding strength and a source of tourism. We shall continue

building and promoting our heritage and culture. I have allocated **Ksh 54.5M** for tourism infrastructure development. Specifically I have allocated **Ksh 20.3M** for the completion of Kataboi eco Lodge, **Ksh 30M** for the completion of Kainuk Eco Lodge and **Ksh 4.1M** for equipping tourism gallery and information center. I have allocated **Ksh 127.5M** for culture development promotion and preservation specifically for culture products development, Ushanga Initiative, annual tourism and cultural festival. To promote our heritage and preserve our culture I have allocated **Ksh. 16.1M** specifically for the heritage and culture infrastructure development and activities.

Mr. Speaker we want to share our rich heritage and culture brand with the rest of the world. We want to share and ensure this brand is visible across Kenya, the region and the rest of the world. To ensure visibility of our culture and heritage through tourism expos, conferences and media campaigns I have allocated **Ksh 15.4M**.

Mr. Speaker together with our development partners and stakeholders we are committed to protecting and managing our natural resources for our use now and for the future generations. To this end I have allocated **Ksh 27.4M** for forestry and wildlife development, preservation and management.

Mr. Speaker, Turkana County is facing a lot of land ownership challenges. These challenges have been compounded by the recent and ongoing extractives discoveries and urbanization. Turkana land has elicited a lot of interests and the county government is constantly resolving and arbitrating on land ownership disputes. We need to urgently formulate laws and policies which will go a long way to streamline land ownership challenges in Turkana including land governance and physical planning. I have allocated **Ksh. 47.6M** for devolved land governance, management and administration. I have further allocated **Ksh 75.5M** for physical planning services specifically for land physical planning, delineation and adjudication of community land. **Mr. Speaker** as you know

Lodwar urban settlement attained the status of a municipality recently. To ensure we have a transformative and a prosperous Lodwar Municipality I have allocated **Ksh 68.6M** specifically for municipality planning and infrastructural services.

Mr. Speaker, due to challenges associated with the use of fossils fuel energy, the world is indeed embracing green energy. We are naturally endowed and blessed with a lot of solar. I have allocated **Ksh. 100.8M** for energy development programme specifically to support renewal energy development, rural solar street lighting and energy efficiency and use.

Mr. Speaker, Turkana County has experienced notable urban growth and consequently we need to bring order and properly manage our urban areas settlements. I have allocated **Ksh. 62.4M** specifically for construction of parking lots infrastructure and management and waste management. I have allocated a further **Ksh.4.2M** for the renovation of county houses. **Mr. Speaker** these initiatives will expand and boost our local sources of revenue.

Mr. Speaker as I pointed earlier, our county is prone to cyclical natural disasters. We have experienced devastating droughts and floods whose occurrences have resulted into destruction of livelihoods and lives. **Mr. Speaker** this year we have experienced additional extraordinary challenges in the COVID 19 pandemic and locusts' invasion. **Mr. Speaker** as always we have set aside resources for the mitigation of such disasters as follows:

- i. The Turkana Emergency Fund **Ksh 100M**
- ii. The Turkana County COVID 19 Emergency Response Fund **Ksh 236.7M**
- iii. Humanitarian Relief Food Programme supplies **Ksh 272.3M**

Mr. Speaker our young people graduating from institutions of higher learning require exposure to work environment. To tap into the skills of our graduates while exposing them to the work experience I have allocated to the Public Service Board **Ksh 36.9** for the Turkana County Internship Programme.

Revenue

Mr. Speaker The total revenue basket for FY 2020/21 is estimated to be in the region of **Ksh. 15 Billion**. This includes equitable share of almost **KES 10.6 Billion** from the National Government; Conditional grants from the National Government, donors and development partners **KES 1.3 Billion**; **KES 150 Million** as revenue from our own internal sources and **Ksh 3 Billion** as unutilized funds carried forward from this financial year. This revenue envelope has been proposed to be appropriated to spending priorities as anchored in the CIDP 2018 – 2022 and ADP 2019 with clear focus on the Five Point Agenda. **Mr. Speaker**, let me point out to this honorable House that because of the COVID 19 global pandemic that has shocked many economies including ours, the recent flooding and locusts invasion, we expect to have a reduced revenue envelope and we shall adjust our budgets accordingly in future.

Mr. Speaker, because of the resource scarcity the government cannot deliver on its mandate alone. There are various programmes being funded by the National Government, our development partners and donors to supplement the government efforts in enhancing service delivery to our people. In the FY 2020/21 estimates the county government is expected to receive the following conditional grants;

- i. Compensation for User Fees Foregone **Ksh 25.6M**
- ii. Roads Maintenance Levy Fund **Ksh 315M**
- iii. Village Polytechnics **Ksh 12.7M**
- iv. Transforming Health Systems for Universal Care Project **Ksh 300M**
- v. National Agricultural & Rural Inclusive Growth Project **Ksh 216.2M**
- vi. Kenya Devolution Support Programme **Ksh 45M**
- vii. Universal Health Care in Devolved System Programme **Ksh 29.9M**
- viii. Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme II **Ksh 18.7**
- ix. Drought Resilience Programme in Northern Kenya **Ksh 200M**

- x. DANIDA UHC Health Programme **Ksh 12M**
- xi. COVID 19 Emergency Response **Ksh 136.3M**

Local revenue sources

Mr. Speaker, the revenue generated from local sources is expected to be **Ksh. 150 Million**. Among the key revenue streams I have proposed for raising own source revenue are: single business permits; royalties; Cess; market fees; slaughter/auction fees; advertisements ;parking fees ; transport operation fees, liquor licensing ;land survey fees; house rent from government houses; weights & measures; health cost sharing and miscellaneous receipts.

Mr. Speaker, Single business permits are essential in regularizing businesses in the county. The permits costs vary depending on the size, type and location of the business. In this regard **Mr. Speaker**, I propose to tariff all businesses in a bid to permit the entities to operate in the county.

Mr. Speaker, market fees will be collected from market stalls and fish businesses. Services rendered to the traders would be training and business promotion, business financing and incubation, and trade research and policy.

Mr. Speaker, I propose Cess on transport services, charcoal business, firewood, hides & skins, handicraft, miraa and exhauster services.

Mr. Speaker, health cost sharing is split between the clients seeking medical care and the health facilities to reduce the health care costs in the primary health care. Public health certificates are offered on approval on building plans and inspection of food and food premises. I propose to levy health services which will be used in health facilities improvement and strengthening of the community units.

Mr. Speaker, I propose to tax land surveys and building approvals. This will ensure the planning of the towns is done within the designated areas to avoid congestion and control buildings on unsuitable areas.

Further **Mr. Speaker,** according the Gross County Product, the construction sector has recorded has experienced commendable growth. This has consequently caused environment degradation in terms of sinkholes left during the mining of the construction inputs. I am proposing that we continue levying the royalties for the monies to be used for environmental conservation.

Mr. Speaker, the spatial plans have designated areas for parking of all vehicles in the urban towns. We are expanding parking lots infrastructure especially in our urban centers. I propose to levy parking fees for all the vehicles utilizing public parking lots

Mr. Speaker, I propose to tax transport operation fee for taxis, lorries, matatus, buses and Boda Boda to ensure compliance with the transport and safety regulations. **Mr. Speaker** we recognize the role of the transport sector in the employment creation, there is need for inspections of the motor cycles and motor vehicles to guarantee roadworthiness

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude let me point out that the considerations that were undertaken in the development of this budget is anchored in the Governor's Five Point Agenda. The County Government will require all of us including this Honorable house to the delivery of services to the residents of Turkana. Let us join hands. *Kidole Kimoja Hakivunji Chawa.*

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- vi. Most importantly my sincere gratitude to the residents of this county for their continued support and cooperation that has allowed us to deliver on our mandate.

Thank You,

God Bless You,

God Bless Turkana County,

God Bless Kenya,

Thank You, Mr. Speaker.