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BUDGET STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTING THE BUDGET POLICY AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/22

INTRODUCTION

1. **Mr. Speaker**, it is with profound humility and a great privilege for me to present to this Honourable House and to the people of Turkana County the highlights of the Budget Estimates and the revenue raising measures for the Financial Year 2021/22. This Statement is in accordance with Section 132(2) of the Public Finance Management Act and the Standing Orders No. 24 (1) and 232 (1) (2) & (3) of the Turkana County Assembly. I do this also in performing my fiduciary duty to our County and Country.
2. Before I proceed with the rest of the Statement, **Mr. Speaker**, allow me to recognize the fruitful engagements held with the various stakeholders during the preparation of this FY2021/2022 Budget. We received valuable feedback during public participation forums; memorandums received; and through County Executive and County Assembly Consultative meetings. The various stakeholders spanned from Turkana County Government Sector Working Groups, Committees of this House, Development Partners, Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations and Citizens and Professionals of Turkana County. **Mr. Speaker**, I extend my sincere gratitude to them for their views, ideas and useful proposals which informed the priorities and made this Budget become citizen-driven.
3. I present this Budget in the unprecedented era of COVID-19 Pandemic which is still a great challenge to the entire world. **Mr. Speaker**, during the budget consultation or public participation process, the people of Turkana County recommended profound measures relative to the effects of COVID-19 and

its containment measures. Similarly, concerns on completion of stalled projects and payment of outstanding pending bills were highlighted. **Mr. Speaker**, I wish to assure fellow Kenyans of Turkana County that these concerns have been considered and I will be elaborate the specific interventions later in this Statement.

4. In March last year, following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Turkana County Government instituted containment measures to curb the spread of the virus and save lives. **Mr. Speaker**, you may recall that;
 - (a) we established the County Emergency and Response Committee to coordinate the response efforts for COVID-19 situation in the County; with a command centre established at the Lodwar County and Referral Hospital and 3 ambulances on standby for any referrals;
 - (b) we developed a County Preparedness and Response Plan that guided in the interventions spearheaded by the response committee;
 - (c) we decongested Lodwar Fresh Produce Market through creation of extra spaces to maintain social distance between buyers and sellers; and
 - (d) we issued Supplementary II Budget Proposal of **Kshs. 616,651,939** to Turkana County Assembly for approval.
5. **Mr. Speaker**, Turkana County Government further recommended for waivers and introduced the Finance (Amendment) Act, 2020 aimed at allowing free movement of food items to and from Turkana County; reducing the cost of accessing water by 50%; and reducing the burden of paying business permits at reduced sales by the business community; and allowing none collection of market and offloading of goods fees at markets.

6. **Mr. Speaker**, even as we continue fighting the COVID-19 scourge through vaccination, we will continue directing our efforts towards combating the effects of COVID-19. We will keep on introducing measures aimed at cushioning the business community and implementing the interventions and recommendations contained in the Turkana County COVID-19 Social and Economic Re-engineering and Recovery Strategy adopted by the County Executive Committee and submitted to this House for consideration and approval. The post COVID-19 recovery plan is anchored in the budget proposals and we have started internal and external engagements with the National Government and our development partners so that together we can fast track implementation.
7. **Mr. Speaker**, our development journey is still on course and on the right trajectory. The County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) documents our broad objectives and provides strategies through which our promises to the people of Turkana County are to be realized. We successfully implemented CIDP 2013-2017, or CIDP I, and realized remarkable positive results. Challenges notwithstanding, we are at the tail end of implementing CIDP 2018-2022, or CIDP II, and this will be our last full year budget.
8. Therefore, **Mr. Speaker**, we will be required to undertake a review process of CIDP II. This will evaluate the progress made and the gaps that still exist. I would like to assure you that as the process of formulating the plan was widely consultative; and so will the review process of our CIDP II. In the same vein, **Mr. Speaker**, I would like to urge honourable members of this esteemed house, being the representative of our people, to participate of the review process.
9. **Mr. Speaker**, other than the global challenges our county is still battling and recovering from locust invasion and the massive flooding which resulted into destruction of livelihoods and lives respectively. Additionally, **Mr.**

Speaker, we are still in the process of clearing our pending bills in tandem with the directive issued by the Presidency in the last financial year. All these challenges not only distorted our plans in this current year but their effects will spill over to the Financial Year 2021/2022. This Budget has however provisioned funds in this budget for continued mitigation of these challenges.

10. **Mr. Speaker**, I take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to this honourable house, the National Government and all our development partners for the continued concerted effort and support that have gone into addressing these challenges.
11. Generally, **Mr. Speaker**, this Budget presents proposals geared towards socio-economic transformation and prosperity of this county through creating, protecting and sustaining public investments. However, despite the inadequacy of resources in our revenue envelop, **Mr. Speaker**, this Budget has considered development projects in all the 30 Wards of Turkana County.
12. **Mr. Speaker**, as you know we reorganized our FY 2020/21 budget to mobilize resources to address the personnel emoluments deficit and bridge the gap created by overstated carryovers. Consequently, we deferred development projects and committed ourselves to fund these projects in future. **Mr. Speaker**, I have kept the promise. We have funded the projects we deferred and considerably estimated our personnel emoluments after thorough analysis.
13. **Mr. Speaker**, some of our development projects initiated during the first term of devolution have remained incomplete and stalled. During the public participation fora for County Fiscal Strategy Paper (2021) and the FY 2021/22 budget proposals, we made a commitment to our people that Turkana County Government shall embark on completion of those projects.

Mr. Speaker, we have rolled out and commenced the completion plan of those projects and I have allocated resources in these proposals for completion of some of these projects. However, because of limited resources, we shall stagger completion of projects requiring bigger investments going forward.

14. **Mr. Speaker,** our main objective in this budget in view of COVID-19 response and recovery is to provide resources to increase socio-economic recovery through the Turkana County COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, resuscitate businesses and provide business start-ups through the Biashara Fund, the Youth & Women Empowerment Fund, the Cooperative Enterprise Development Fund, and Stipends offered to Community Health Volunteers and Youth Employment Scheme or Internship Programme.

15. **Mr. Speaker,** before I proceed into highlighting our fiscal framework, allow me to point out the main objectives of these budget proposals that includes the following:

- a) Accelerating economic recovery through allocating substantial resources to key priority areas;
- b) Sustaining retention at early childhood development education and boosting transition to tertiary levels of education;
- c) Social Investments and Humanitarian Response; and
- d) Completion of all the previously stalled/ongoing projects and clearance of pending bills

FISCAL FRAMEWORK

Review of the Financial Year 2020/21 Economic Environment & Budget Implementation

Global and Domestic Economy

16. **Mr. Speaker**, the global economy is projected to grow by **6.0 percent** in 2021, from a contraction of **3.3 percent** in 2020. This outlook is further supported by the ongoing vaccinations which is expected to pick up in the second half of 2021. Locally **Mr. Speaker**, in our country Kenya, economic growth for 2020 declined to **0.6 percent** from **5.4 percent** in 2019. It is expected to rebound to **6.6 percent** in 2021.
17. **Mr. Speaker**, the economic outlook may be affected by emerging domestic and external risks. The emergence of new COVID–19 variants could lead to reinstatement of containment measures disrupting, among others, trade and tourism. Additionally, **Mr. Speaker**, adverse weather conditions could lead to lower agricultural output. Further, increased public expenditure pressures, particularly wage demands could put a strain to the fiscal space in our economy.
18. **Mr. Speaker** the FY 2020/21 budget implementation is progressing on well albeit the exchequer delays. **Mr. Speaker**, as you remember we reorganized our FY 2020/21 budget to respond to the challenges we faced during the year. We deferred most of our development projects to bridge the gap brought about by overstated carryovers.

REVAMPING TURKANA COUNTY ECONOMY

19. **Mr. Speaker**, the county government will continue undertaking initiatives targeting activities in infrastructure, education, health, agriculture and pastoral economy, tourism, environment, water and sanitation. These activities are geared towards stimulating the economy and enhancing recovery from shocks.
20. **Mr. Speaker**, the County Government through the Youth & Women Empowerment Fund sensitized youth and women groups across the entire County and disbursed **KShs. 660 Million** to 660 groups. Biashara Fund received a total of **KShs. 56 Million** which will benefit medium and small sized business enterprises. This has boosted businesses and communities against the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic. Cooperative Enterprise Fund will issue entrepreneurial loans to micro, small and medium sized cooperative societies across the county to revamp and revive the operations of the cooperatives in the County. In this regard, **Mr. Speaker**, we encourage our communities to continue accessing these services and repay the loans so that these facilities can benefit even the future generations.
21. **Mr. Speaker**, our main economic activity is pastoralism. We boast of the highest number of livestock among the counties in Kenya. A productive pastoral economy sub-sector has a trickle-down effect on households and the county's economy at large.
22. **Mr. Speaker** our food security programmes are paying off. Our irrigation and land reclamation schemes, veterinary and fish farming services. This Budget considers livelihood resilience programmes aimed at enhancing our food security and nutrition.
23. **Mr. Speaker**, on disaster management and response, the desert locust invasion, flooding, drought and the current COVID-19 Pandemic are

calamities that we need to be plan for and respond to. To contain and mitigate against the effects of these calamities, I have allocated funds to the Emergency Fund, COVID–19 Emergency Response Fund, Humanitarian Relief Supplies Programme and other disaster preparedness initiatives and management.

24. **Mr. Speaker**, education is a key investment for the current and future generations. However, the cost of this venture is unaffordable for a majority of the county population. A number of programmes like construction of education facilities and school feeding by partners, and National and County Governments have made primary education largely accessible to many. On the other hand, **Mr. Speaker**, post primary education remains elusive to many as well. To bridge this gap I have allocated **KShs. 374 Million** for the Turkana County Education and Skills Development Fund.

25. **Mr. Speaker**, the County Government will continue to support and empower the vulnerable segment of our society. Therefore, I have allocated **KShs. 23.9 Million** as an affirmative action under the Persons Living with Disabilities Fund. These resources will be available to safeguard the needs and the interests of these interest groups in the form of financial loans, and thus reduce the dependency ratio being borne by other breadwinners and working population.

26. **Mr. Speaker**, the current insecurity along our borders hampers economic development of the County along those corridors. A case in point is the unending attacks along the Kapedo-Lokori, Todonyang, Letea, Kalobeyei, Kibish, and Nadapal corridors that has not only led to loss of lives and livelihoods but also emergency of a population of forcibly displaced persons in Turkana County. **Mr. Speaker**, this is pulling back the progress we had made on these areas and the county is to work deliberately with key stakeholders to bring peace along these volatile corridors.

27. **Mr. Speaker**, earlier collaborative effort and goodwill between the National and County Governments towards peace building and conflict resolution with the neighbouring communities and countries like Uganda and Ethiopia is bearing fruits. Our Governor, has prioritized partnerships and peace building as a key priority in his agenda and is in continuous engagements with the leaders in the neighbouring communities and other relevant stakeholders to achieve peace and tranquillity in the region. **Mr. Speaker**, our commitment is evidenced by the funds set aside to enhance peace-building, conflict-resolution and creation of resettlement infrastructure for the forcibly displaced persons, I have allocated **KShs. 118.6 Million**.

28. **Mr. Speaker**, it is envisioned that we will work closely with the national government to develop infrastructure and promote inter-intra cohesion and peaceful coexistence geared towards promoting trade and commerce.

29. **Mr. Speaker**, the payment of pending bills injects money to the county economy and improves liquidity and the overall circular flow of income. However, the pending bills challenge is still with us, but we are in the right path towards clearing all outstanding pending bills. In this fiscal year 2020/21 we did an internal pending bills verification exercise that unearthed a number a number of historical pending bills that needed to be cleared. This exercise, **Mr. Speaker**, led to a consideration of our pending bills in the FY2020/21 supplementary I Budget to a tune of **KShs. 2.6 Billion**. Further, in line with the on-going Pending Bills Special Audit by the Office of the Auditor General, ending in June 28th 2021, I have provided in the FY2021/22 Budget Estimates a provision of **KShs. 1.4 Billion** for settlement of pending bills.

ENHANCING EFFICIENCY IN EXPENDITURE

30. **Mr. Speaker**, learning from the Personnel Emoluments challenge experienced in the current financial year and embracing the fact that as a county we are still in need of essential staff, the county has initiated a human resource audit. The exercise is geared towards establishing our true position of human resource needs, placement and rationalization of existing staff in the county. **Mr. Speaker**, this exercise is being carried out by an established and exemplary human resource entity and we are hoping for that useful findings will come out in the end. This will make sure that the county gets value for money from the huge allocation to personnel emoluments and most importantly the county residents get the quality services they deserve from their government.
31. **Mr. Speaker** the county will continue to build capacity for the existing staff with the current skills relevant to the changing times. This is in a bid to improve efficiency in service delivery and avoid wastage. We will also equip our young graduates with requisite professional skills through the County Internship Programme. This **Mr. Speaker**, will make our youths more competitive in the labour market.
32. **Mr. Speaker**, the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) has played a key role in enhancing management of our financial resources. The capacity of the users of the system has grown immensely in terms of efficiency and the number of those who can comfortably use it. **Mr. Speaker**, this is a good feedback for the numerous capacity building trainings we have done on this. IFMIS is a great invention for times like this where minimal contact and social distancing is highly encouraged.

33. **Mr. Speaker**, the organization of our budget has played a key role in improving expenditure efficiency. Our budget is more detailed and specific than the previous years. Expenditure is tied to specific economic items and vote lines preventing misappropriation of funds. **Mr. Speaker**, we have also linked the development expenditure to specific wards shedding a clear picture on the distribution of resources to all the regions in the county.

SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR FY2021/2022

34. **Mr. Speaker**, the country is currently implementing the Medium Term Plan (MTP) III of the Vision 2030. MTP III entrenches the national government's **Big Four Agenda** which focuses on Manufacturing, Food Security, Universal Health Coverage and Affordable Housing. These priorities **Mr. Speaker** are captured and planned in the CIDP 2018-2022 and our development plans. As we focus on these plans our priority is in the **Five Point Agenda** which is a pledge H.E the Governor, Josphat Koli Nanok made with the residents of this great county. I will be highlighting on our allocations to these priorities shortly.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FY 2020/21

35. **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 II 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.

36. **Mr. Speaker**, our budget spending estimates for the FY 2020/21 is to a tune of **KShs. 14 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 the entities non-discretionary expenditure and the shareable revenue. The shareable revenue among county entities was appropriated based on three parameters namely;

- (a) Level of responsibility to implement the Five Point Agenda
- (b) FY 2019/20 level of budget spending (absorption rate)
- (c) FY 2019/20 Programme Performance Score

37. **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 **KShs. 14 Billion, KShs. 9.2 Billion (or 66.03 percent)** will be spent on recurrent vote while **KShs. 4.7 Billion (or 33.97 percent)** will be for development vote.

38. **Mr. Speaker** the spending estimates for each county department.

- (a) Office of the Governor; **KShs. 544.8 Million**
- (b) Office of the Deputy Governor, **KShs. 41.4 Million**
- (c) Office of the County Attorney; **KShs. 137 Million**
- (d) Finance & Economic planning; **KShs. 1.3 Billion**
- (e) Water services, Environment & Mineral Resources; **KShs. 610.1 Million**
- (f) Health & Sanitation Services; **KShs. 1 Billion**
- (g) Trade, Gender & Youth Affairs; **KShs. 505.2 Million**
- (h) Education Sports & Social Protection; **KShs. 1 Billion**

- (i) Public Service Administration & Disaster Management; **KShs. 5.1 Billion**
- (j) Infrastructure, Transport & Public Works; **KShs. 549.1 Million**
- (k) Agriculture, Pastoral Economy & Fisheries; **KShs. 1.2 Billion**
- (l) Tourism Culture & Natural Resources; **KShs. 260.1 Million**
- (m) Land, Energy, Housing & Urban Areas Management; **KShs. 320 Million**
- (n) County Public Service Board; **KShs. 119.6 Million**
- (o) Lodwar Municipality; **KShs. 144.6 Million**
- (p) The Turkana County Assembly; **KShs. 976.9 Million**

Realization of the Five Point Agenda

39. **Mr. Speaker**, the Governor's 5-Point Agenda which envisions a prosperous Turkana County is categorized into five key areas:

1. Water Development, Mineral Exploration and Natural Resource Management
2. Food Security
3. Peace Building and Conflict Management
4. Investment and Partnership Development; and
5. Resource Mobilization and Prudent Utilization of resources.

40. **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 **KShs. 2.0 Billion** for the attainment of the Governor's 5 point agenda as follows:

- (a) Water Development, Mineral Exploration & Natural Resource Management; **KShs. 795.4 Million**
- (b) Food Security; **KShs. 392.8 Million**
- (c) Peace-building and Conflict-resolution; **KShs. 374.8 Million**
- (d) Investment and Partnership Development; **KShs. 26.04 Million**
- (e) Resource Mobilization and Prudent Utilization of resources; **KShs. 444.7 Million**

Water Development, Mineral Exploration and Natural Resource Management

41. **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 **KShs. 751.9 Million** for water infrastructure. Specific activities geared towards the realization of this objective include construction of dams which I have allocated **KShs. 12 Million**; construction of water pans and rock catchments **KShs. 82.8 Million** drilling and equipping of boreholes across all the county wards **KShs. 122.1 Million** and rehabilitation of existing water infrastructure **KShs. 106.8 Million**. I have also allocated **KShs. 6 Million** 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 **KShs. 42.6 Million** specifically for the development and operationalization of the Water Act.

42. **Mr. Speaker,** to support mineral exploration I have allocated **KShs. 2 Million** for purchasing mining equipment. I have allocated **KShs. 24 Million** 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 **KShs. 1.5 Million** for equipping of the plastic collection re-use facility.

43. **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 **KShs. 2 Million** to support establishment of extractive sector policies and regulations consultations & engagements.

Food Security

44. **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 **KShs. 392.8 Million** for food security investments. Specifically, I have allocated **KShs. 91.6 Million** 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 **KShs. 70.1 Million** 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.

45. **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 **KShs. 55.3 Million** 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 **KShs. 113.3 Million** to livestock production programme for livestock breeding, diversification and improvement, livestock value chain, market access linkages and exposure.

46. **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 **KShs. 62.5 Million** to support fish farming initiatives specifically development of fisheries infrastructure, extension services, fisheries policies and regulations

Peace-building and Conflict-resolution

47. **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 **KShs. 374.8 Million**.

48. **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 **KShs. 28.4 Million** for annual cultural and peace events and **KShs. 4.2 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

49. **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 **KShs. 26.04 Million** to support investment and partnership development engagements.

Resource Mobilization and Prudent Utilization of resources

50. **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 **KShs. 6.1 Million**

for resource mobilization especially from external sources and **KShs. 147 Million** to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of revenue collection systems.

51. **Mr. Speaker**, to ensure prudent utilization of our resources and quality reporting of our activities, I have allocated **KShs. 66 Million** to accounting services; **KShs. 69.9 Million** to county economic and planning services; **KShs. 31.1 Million** to monitoring and evaluation; **KShs. 12.5 Million** to audit services; **KShs. 112.1 Million** to support production of annual budget and other key policy documents.

Health

52. **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 **KShs. 58.8 Million** for preventive and promotive health care services; **KShs. 221 Million** for medical supplies; **KShs. 91.4 Million** to medical services and **KShs. 8.1 Million** for the operations of Lodwar County Referral Hospital. I have allocated **KShs. 465.1** 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 **KShs. 149.1 Million** for health facilities running costs.

53. **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 **KShs. 19.2 Million** 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.

54. **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 **KShs. 42 Million** 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 start-up loans I have allocated **KShs. 140 Million** to Biashara Fund.

55. **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 **KShs. 36.4 Million** 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 **KShs. 30 Million** to cooperative Enterprise Development Fund as a source of funds for cooperative societies start-ups.

56. **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 **KShs. 23.9 Million**.

57. **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 start-ups and lack of life skills. I have allocated **KShs. 100 Million** 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 **KShs. 4 Million** I have also allocated **KShs. 4.5 Million** for development and identification of youth rare skills. I have allocated a further **KShs. 5.6 Million** for youth coordination and representation.

58. **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 **KShs. 357.1 Million** 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 **KShs. 57.4 Million** for vocational training infrastructure development specifically to enable youth polytechnics set ups and their operationalization to enable our youth acquire technical life skills.

59. **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 allocated **KShs. 374 Million** into Turkana County Education and Skills Development Fund to be issued as school fees bursaries and to enable our young people from needy families pursue their education dreams at tertiary levels of education.

60. **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** 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 **KShs. 48.2 Million** for sports infrastructure development, sports promotion and talent development.

61. **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 **KShs. 83.3 Million** for social protection programmes and activities. This will specifically support child care protection, Turkana County persons with disability development, marginalized and minority groups' support.

62. **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 **KShs. 37.6 Million** to human resource management; **KShs. 133 Million** to decentralized ward services; **KShs. 75.4 Million** to governance and public participation; **KShs. 35 Million** to inspectorate services.

63. **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 **KShs. 41.3 Million** this financial year for the completion, equipping and operationalization of resource centers.

64. **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 **KShs. 308.4 Million** for roads development and maintenance. I have also allocated a further **KShs. 22.9 Million** to support development and maintenance of our transport systems, support mechanical, structural and architectural services to our public works.

65. **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 **KShs. 58.8 Million** for tourism infrastructure development. Specifically, I have allocated **KShs. 28.3 Million** for the completion of Kataboi eco Lodge, **KShs. 30.4 Million** for the completion of

Kainuk Eco Lodge. I have allocated **KShs. 27.8 Million** 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 **KShs. 7.7 Million** specifically, for the heritage and culture infrastructure development and activities.

66. **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 **KShs. 24.5 Million**.

67. **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 **KShs. 24 Million** for forestry and wildlife development, preservation and management.

68. **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 **KShs. 124.8 Million** for devolved land governance, management and administration. I have further allocated **KShs. 58.9 Million** for physical planning services specifically for land physical planning, delineation and adjudication of community land. To ensure we have a transformative and a

prosperous Lodwar Municipality I have allocated **KShs. 99 Million** Specifically, for municipality planning and infrastructural services.

69. **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 **KShs. 15.4 Million** for energy development programme specifically to support renewal energy development, rural solar street lighting and energy efficiency and use.

70. **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 **KShs. 18.3 Million** specifically, for construction of parking lots infrastructure and management and waste management. I have allocated a further **KShs. 9.9 Million** for the renovation of county houses. **Mr. Speaker** these initiatives will expand and boost our local sources of revenue.

71. **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:

- (a) The Turkana Emergency Fund **KShs. 100 Million;**
- (b) The Turkana County COVID 19 Emergency Response Fund **KShs. 50 Million;** and
- (c) Humanitarian Relief Food Programme supplies **KShs. 300 Million**

72. **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 **KShs. 21.1 Million** for the Turkana County Internship Programme.

COUNTY REVENUE BASKET

73. **Mr. Speaker**, the total revenue basket for FY 2020/21 is estimated to be in the region of **KShs. 14 Billion**. This includes equitable share of almost **KShs. 12.6 Billion** from the National Government; Conditional grants from the National Government, donors and development partners **KShs. 786.2 Million**; **KShs. 180 Million** as revenue from our own internal sources and **KShs. 452 Million** as projected 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 2020 with clear focus on the Five Point Agenda.

74. **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 2021/22 estimates the county government is expected to receive the following conditional grants:

- (a) Transforming Health Systems for Universal Care Project; **KShs. 12.7 Million**
- (b) National Agricultural & Rural Inclusive Growth Project **KShs. 270.5 Million**

- (c) Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP) Level II Grant **KShs. 112.8 Million**
- (d) Universal Health Care in Devolved System Programme **KShs. 23.3 Million;**
- (e) UNFPA – 9th Country Programme Implementation **KShs. 2.9 Million;**
- (f) Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme II **KShs. 43.5 Million;**
- (g) Drought Resilience Programme in Northern Kenya **KShs. 200 Million;**
and
- (h) Emergency Locust Response Project **KShs. 120.2 M**

Own Source Revenue Measures

75. **Mr. Speaker**, the revenue generated from local sources is expected to be **KShs. 180 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.

76. **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.

77. **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.

78. **Mr. Speaker**, I propose Cess on transport services, charcoal business, firewood, hides & skins, handicraft, miraa/Muguka (khat) and exhauster services.

79. **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. More so, **Mr. Speaker**, referrals are increasingly becoming a challenge to manage. Seemingly, there are family members that seek to make personal or self-initiated referrals for their relatives and loved ones. Therefore, we will introduce a fee or levy for such referrals.

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

81. 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.

82. **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; including those currently being

constructed by Kenya National Highway Authority (KeNHA) along the A1 Road under the Eastern Africa Regional Trade and Transport Development Facilitation Project (EARTTDFP).

83. **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

84. **Mr. Speaker**, as I conclude, let me point out that the considerations that were undertaken in the development of this budget is mostly anchored within the Governor's Five Point Agenda. I am confident that the plans and targets laid out in this Budget will be achieved and continue propelling Turkana County to greater heights of growth, prosperity and well-being.

85. **Mr. Speaker**, Turkana County Government will require all of us including this Honourable house for the delivery of services to the residents of Turkana. Let us join hands under our County motto "Pamoja Tujijenga". In the same vein, **Mr. Speaker**, it is worthy to note that our Governor has remained steadfast in the attainment of functional and sustainable partnerships geared towards livelihoods resilience, peace-building and containment of COVID-19 pandemic. He has promoted resource mobilization among donor communities; even in the face of calamities such as COVID-19, desert locust invasion, floods and drought.

86. In this regard, **Mr. Speaker**, I sincerely thank His Excellency, Governor Josphat Nanok for his leadership, commitment, continued support and guidance in resource allocation and stewardship.

87. I also thank my fellow County Executive Committee Members, the various Accounting Officers and Staff for their tireless effort and contributions to the FY2021/22 Budget-making process.

88. **Mr. Speaker**, finally let me recognize the following persons and entities for their wise counsel, guidance and support that went into the budget making process:

- **First**, to Honourable Speaker of this Honourable House, the Majority and Minority Leaders as well as other House Leaders and the respective Clerks and Secretariat for overseeing the approval of the FY2021/22 Budget Estimates and other related documents;
- **Second**, I would like to thank the Honourable Members of Turkana County Assembly for the collaborative efforts on representation, legislation and oversight; efforts that cannot be taken for granted. I want to be particular in acknowledging the contributions of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations led by Hon. Patrick Napion; the Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade led by Hon. Nicholas Ewoi and the other Departmental Committees as well as staff of County Assembly Budget Office and Legislative Services for very long hours in drafting this Budget and participating in all the Consultative forums with both the Executive and member of public;
- **Third**, I recognize the tireless commitment and effort from the Economic Planning Department staff led by the Chief Officer, Mr. Jeremiah Apalia, for ensuring this Budget meets all the legal requirements and is delivered on time;
- **Fourth**, I thank the National Government, the National Government agencies, our development partners and donors for their continued support in mobilizing resources to fund these proposals;
- **Fifth**, most importantly, I present our sincere gratitude to the residents of this county and the private sector for their resilience

and continued support and cooperation that has allowed us to deliver on our mandate.

- **Lastly**, Mr. Speaker, I remain indebted to my family for their prayers, encouragement, and understanding as I continue discharging my duties and responsibilities at Finance and Economic Planning.

I Thank You All and May God Bless Turkana County.

89. **Mr. Speaker**, before I seat, you recall that in April 2021 this Honourable House approved the Finance Bill, 2021; got it assented by the Governor and published on 9th April 2021. It is worthy to note that the existing Finance Act, 2021 will only require amendments. Today, in line with Section 132 of Public Finance Management Act, I submit to this Honourable House the following documents and request that you receive them:

1. FY2021/22 Budget Statement; and
2. Finance (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

THANK YOU, HONOURABLE SPEAKER.

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