Revenue Sharing Formula Work

During this quarter, IBP continued to encourage debate around Kenya’s revenue sharing formula through new briefs, easy-to-understand infographics, and public fora in the counties on how the formula should be revised. We filmed the discussions on revising the formula in several counties and produced a movie, “A Measure of Fairness,” which was screened in Nairobi in November 2014. In addition, IBP Kenya conducted an analysis of the second generation formula recommendations that the Commission on Revenue Allocation submitted to the Senate in November 2014. The Senate will be expected to debate these recommendations sometime in January 2015. Read more.

County Budget and Economic Forum Work

Kenya’s constitution requires public participation in most government decisions. Specifically, the Public Financial Management Act (PFM Act 2012) calls for a body called the County Budget and Economic Forum (CBEF) to be established in every county. This body should provide a means for public participation in budget decisions. Eighteen months after devolution began, few counties have formed and operationalized this body. In November, IBP Kenya released research on CBEFs and public participation in five counties: Taita Taveta, Homa Bay, Bungoma, Elgeyo Marakwet, and Machakos. IBP Kenya also held a national meeting on public participation and CBEF on 5 November 2014, which was attended by approximately 100 people from around the country. Attendees also included the governor of Taita Taveta and members of CBEF from the study counties, as well as Busia, Kisumu, and Uasin Gishu counties. We published a note after the event capturing some of the key matters discussed at the meeting.

IBP Kenya in the News

- IBP Kenya Proposes Recognition of Capacity and Fiscal Effort in New Revenue Formula (NTV Kenya)
- Kenyans Need to be Involved in Revenue Sharing Debate (Op-ed by Jason Lakin)
- CRA Told to Base Revenue Sharing on Specific Needs (The Star)
Taita Taveta County Budget Training

IBP Kenya held County Budget Training in Taita Taveta from 6-23 October 2014 that provided both state and non-state actors with budget training. About 270 participants from all four of the subcounties in Taita Taveta were in attendance. The training was done in collaboration with Taita Taveta County Budget and Economic Forum (TTCBEF) and the Taita Taveta County Development Forum (TTCDF), our partner in Taita Taveta county. The county budget training materials can be found on our website.

Work from our Partner in Uasin Gishu

IBP Kenya continues its partnership with Kerio Center for Community Development and Human Rights (KCCDHR) based in Uasin Gishu. In October and November, KCCDHR held a number of forums where IBP Kenya trained non-state actors and the media on budget analysis as well as participation avenues. Read more from our partner.

Publications and Resources

- Analysis of CRA Proposal for Second Generation Formula
- A Measure of Fairness
- County Budget and Economic Forums (CBEFs) and Public Participation in Kenya
- Recommendations to the Commission on Revenue Allocation Infographic
- Sources of Revenue for Kenyan Counties Infographic
- Budget Brief No. 26 – Government Spending: How Much Money is Tied up in State Corporations?
- Effective, Fair, and Transparent Sharing of County Revenues