

Kenya's County Budget Transparency Survey 2022

Baringo County Summary



The County Budget Transparency Survey (CBTS) is an annual survey that assesses the availability of ten key budget documents that, by law, each county is required to publish and publicize annually on their official county websites. Secondly, the survey evaluates the comprehensiveness of the information provided on revenue, different aspects of expenditure, budget performance and public participation, which the PFM Act requires for accountability to the public.

Disclosure of information, with disaggregation and provision of participation opportunities, enables meaningful public participation and quality decision-making. This ensures open access to information for all citizens, including the poor and marginalized, to support their engagement with government budgets and overall development. The CBTS assigns each county a transparency index based on the information it has publicly available.¹

Baringo county improved in the 2022 transparency index.



Baringo county published 8 out of 10 key budget documents in CBTS 2022.

Document	2020	2021	2022
Annual Development Plan	●	●	●
Approved Programme-Based Budget	●	●	●
County Fiscal Strategy Paper	●	●	●
County Budget Review & Outlook Paper	●	●	●
Citizens Budget	●	●	●
County Quarterly Budget Implementation Report Q1	●	●	●
County Quarterly Budget Implementation Report Q2	●	●	●
County Quarterly Budget Implementation Report Q3	●	●	●
County Quarterly Budget Implementation Report Q4	●	●	●
Finance Act	●	●	●

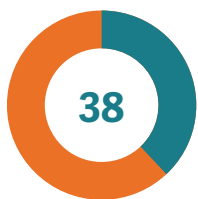
KEY ● Available to the public ● Not published

How comprehensive is the content of budget documents that Baringo makes publicly available?

Key Budget Document FY 2021/22	CBTS 2020	CBTS 2021	CBTS 2022
Annual Development Plan	60	Not Published	30
County Budget Review & Outlook Paper	47	Not Published	74
County Fiscal Strategy Paper	Not Published	86	58
Approved Programme-Based Budget	Not Published	Not Published	52
Citizens Budget	Not Published	Not Published	Not Published
Finance Act	Not Published	Not Published	Not Published
County Quarterly Budget Implementation Report	96	78	74

● 81-100 (A) ● 61-80 (B) ● 41-60 (C) ● 21-40 (D) ● 0-20 (E)

Baringo scored above the average National budget transparency index for 2022



Baringo county scored 38 out of 100 points on the level of information provided on public participation in its' documents.

41 /100

National Average CBTS Score

57 /100

Baringo CBTS Score

12th

Baringo CBTS Rank

¹ For the public to make quality decisions on budgets, the counties are required to produce and publish online ten key budget documents in a timely manner. The information on budget priorities and participation, revenue, expenditure and non-financial in the key budget documents published is assessed. The ten key budget documents evaluated in CBTS 2022 are those required to be published in FY 2021/22. In CBTS 2020, CIDP, which is evaluated once in 5 years, was assessed.

Key observations in Baringo county budget documents

Baringo is one of the counties that have maintained a dedicated section on their website with key budget documents over the years. However, Baringo county did not publish the Citizens Budget and Finance Act on their website in the last three financial years that have been evaluated in surveys. The dedicated section on the website shows the county has previously published the Citizens Budget, but it has not done so since 2019/20.

The CBTS evaluates whether counties provide details of their engagement with the public during the formulation and approval of budget decisions. This information may include who was involved, input from the public and the impact of that input on the final budget decisions. Baringo county provided the information on public participation in County Fiscal Strategy Paper but lacked the information on the Annual Development Plan and approved Programme Based Budget.

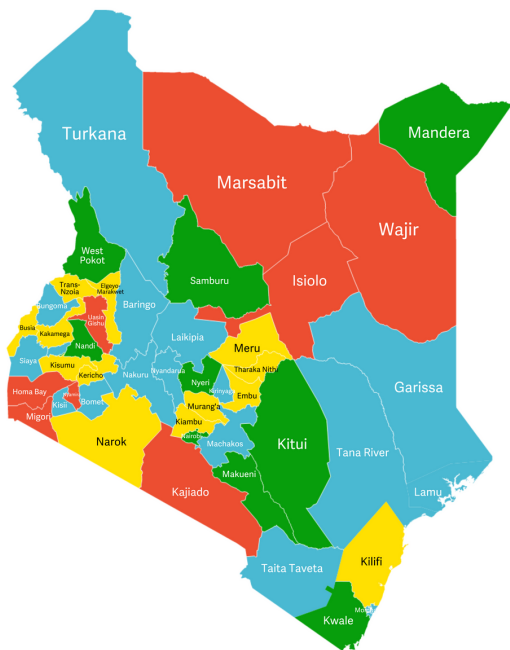
Opportunities to improve Baringo county budget transparency:

1 Baringo county has not published the Citizens Budget and Finance Act in the last three rounds of CBTS. The county should produce, publish, and publicize these key budget documents to the public on time.

2 Baringo county provides limited information in the formulation and approval stages than in the implementation stage. To improve budget transparency, Baringo county should provide information on revenue and expenditure in the Annual Development Plan and County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

3 Baringo County should strengthen the information it provides on public participation. The feedback on public input can provide clarity on the justification for their adoption of the input incorporated into the final budget document and allocations made for them, and this could further tell us there is an impact and decisions were influenced, b) input is considered and taken up but to be implemented in subsequent financial year(s) which could be as a result of limited resources, c) the public input acknowledged but rejected but with proper justification and d) the input is not acknowledged or considered.

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IBP Kenya's Performance Scale

● 81-100: A ● 61-80: B ● 41-60: C ● 21-40: D ● 0-20: E

MOST IMPROVED COUNTIES

1. Kwale
2. Bungoma
3. Taita Taveta
4. Lamu
5. Tharaka Nithi

LEAST TRANSPARENT COUNTIES

1. Isiolo
2. Kajiado
3. Migori
4. Wajir

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