Kenya’s County Budget Transparency Survey 2022

Bomet 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.

Bomet county improved in the 2022 transparency index.

Bomet county published 6 out of 10 key budget documents in CBTS 2022.

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

Bomet scored above the average National budget transparency index for 2022

0 out of 100 points on the level of information provided on public participation in its documents.

41 /100 National Average CBTS Score
53 /100 Bomet CBTS Score
15th Bomet CBTS Rank

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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 Bomet county budget documents

Bomet county has not published the Citizens Budget on their website in the last three rounds of surveys. While the county is starting to embrace implementation reports, it is yet to do so each quarter as required by the PFM Act.

The CBTS evaluates the feedback from the public, that is, the information on who was involved, input that resulted from public participation and the decisions incorporated into the final documents. Bomet county provided no information on public participation in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, Annual Development Plan, and approved Programme Based Budget, which were evaluated.

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Opportunities to improve Bomet county budget transparency:

1. Bomet county has not published the Citizens Budget in the last three rounds of surveys. Also, the county only published 1 of the four implementation reports required in a financial year. The county should produce, publish, and publicize its key budget documents on time.

2. Comprehensively, Bomet county is weak in providing disaggregated information. For example, ADP and CQBlR expenditure information at the departmental level is not classified by recurrent and development. Additionally, no details on capital projects are provided in approved PBB and CQBlR, which also lacks non-financial details.

3. Bomet County should provide the section with feedback on public participation with justifications. Outcomes of feedback should be in these categories whether a) the input is incorporated into the final budget document, and allocations made for them, 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.

IBP Kenya’s Performance Scale


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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