Kenya’s County Budget Transparency Survey 2022

Uasin Gishu 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

Uasin Gishu has consistently dropped in the transparency index in the last three surveys.

Uasin Gishu County published 1 out of 10 key budget documents in CBTS 2022.

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KEY
- 🟢 Available to the public
- 🟢 Not published

How comprehensive is the content of budget documents that Uasin Gishu County makes publicly available?

Uasin Gishu scored below the average National budget transparency index for 2022

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

1 For 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 Uasin Gishu County budget documents

Uasin Gishu county is one of the counties that have consistently been dropping the level of information it provides to the public. In the current survey, the county stopped publishing County Fiscal Strategy Paper and approved Programme Based Budget, which it had published in CBTS 2021. Additionally, in the last three survey rounds, the county did not publish a single implementation report, finance act County Budget Review and Outlook Paper at the time of evaluation.

Uasin Gishu county did not provide information on revenue projections for the coming year in its Annual Development Plan. Further, the county did not present the projections on the recurrent and development by departments.

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. Uasin Gishu county provided no information on public participation in County Fiscal Strategy Paper, Annual Development Plan, and approved Programme Based Budget, which were evaluated.

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Opportunities to improve Uasin Gishu County budget transparency:

1. Uasin Gishu county has not published the county Budget Review and Outlook Paper, Finance Act and implementation reports in the last three rounds of surveys. Additionally, the county stopped publishing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper and approved Programme Based Budget in CBTS 2022. The county should produce, publish, and publicize all the key budget documents on time.

2. Uasin Gishu County should provide information on revenue and expenditure with their disaggregation in its key budget documents, which it makes available to the public.

3. Uasin Gishu 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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