

# Kenya's County Budget Transparency Survey 2022

## West Pokot 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.<sup>1</sup>

### West Pokot County improved in the 2022 transparency index.



### West Pokot County published 10 out of 10 key budget documents in CBTS 2022.

Key Budget Document	CBTS 2020	CBTS 2021	CBTS 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 West Pokot County makes publicly available?

Key Budget Document	CBTS 2020	CBTS 2021	CBTS 2022
Annual Development Plan	60	52	64
County Budget Review & Outlook Paper	61	75	75
County Fiscal Strategy Paper	60	61	76
Approved Programme-Based Budget	64	60	58
Citizens Budget	57	57	64
Finance Act	60	90	60
County Quarterly Budget Implementation Report	61	61	75

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

### West Pokot scored above the average National budget transparency index for 2022



West Pokot County scored 17 out of 100 points on the level of information provided on public participation in its' documents.

41 /100

National Average CBTS Score

78 /100

West Pokot CBTS Score

1st

West Pokot CBTS Rank

<sup>1</sup> 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 West Pokot County budget documents

West Pokot County is one of the counties that have consistently remained transparent in the last three surveys. All the key budget documents published by the county have always provided more than half of the required information. However, the county does not provide information on local revenue and details on capital projects. Additionally, the county does not provide expenditure performance at the programme and sub-programme level in the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper. Further, there is no information on the breakdown of recurrent expenditure to operations, maintenance, and personnel compensation.

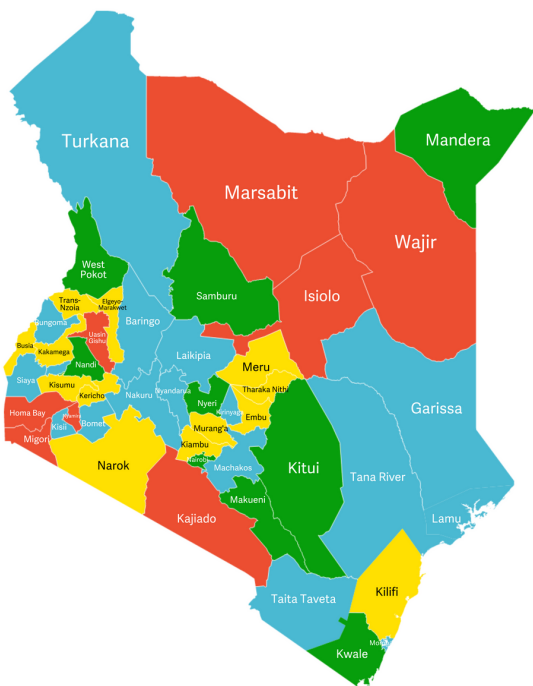
The information on public participation shows the county has provided 17 out of 100 points. The CBTS evaluates the feedback from the public, that is, the information on who was involved, input that resulted from public participation and the decisions incorporated into the final documents. West Pokot County provided some on inputs submitted by the public participation in County Fiscal Strategy Paper and Annual Development Plan, but no details on the approved Programme Based Budget.

## Opportunities to improve West Pokot County budget transparency:

1 West Pokot county provides sufficient information, and it should provide all the required details on local revenue and capital projects with their disaggregation. Further, the county should provide information on expenditure with the disaggregation up to programme and sub-programme levels.

2 West Pokot 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.

## CBTS 2022: State of Budget Transparency in Kenya's Counties



**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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