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## ON

## STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2019

THE NATIONAL TREASURY



Revised Template 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019



## THE NATIONAL TRESURY AND PLANNING

## STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS GUARANTEED BY GOVERNMENT OF KENYA AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

Prepared in accordance with the Cash Basis of Accounting Method under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)

<b>Reports</b> and	<b>Financial Statements</b>
For the year	ended June 30, 2019

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#### I. NATIONAL TREASURY INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT

#### (a) Background Information

The National Treasury was established via the Executive Order No. 2 of May 2013. The basis for establishment of the National Treasury is found in Article 225 (i) of the Constitution of Kenya which states that an Act of Parliament shall provide for the establishment, functions and responsibilities of the National Treasury. This has been actualized in Section 11 and 12 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act 2012.

At Cabinet level, the National Treasury is represented by the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury and Planning, who is responsible for the general policy and strategic direction of the Ministry.

#### Vision

"Excellence in economic and public financial management, and development planning"

#### Mission

"To provide leadership in economic and public financial management, and development planning for shared growth through formulation, implementation and monitoring of economic, financial and development policies"

#### **Core Values**

The National Treasury is committed to providing quality services to all and is guided by the following core values: Customer Focus, Results Oriented, Stakeholder Participation, Professionalism, Accountability, Integrity and Transparency and Teamwork.

#### Mandate of the National Treasury

The National Treasury derives its mandate from Article 225 of the Constitution, Public Finance Management Act 2012 and the Executive Orders No.2/2013 and No.1/2018. The National Treasury will be executing its mandate in consistency with any other legislation as may be developed or reviewed by Parliament from time to time.

The core functions of the National Treasury as derived from the above legal provisions include;

- Formulate, implement and monitor macro-economic policies involving expenditure and revenue;
- Manage the level and composition of national public debt, national guarantees and other financial obligations of national government;
- Formulate, evaluate and promote economic and financial policies that facilitate social and economic development in conjunction with other national government entities;
- Mobilize domestic and external resources for financing national and county government budgetary requirements;
- Design and prescribe an efficient financial management system for the national and

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county governments to ensure transparent financial management and standard financial reporting.

- In consultation with the Accounting Standards Board, ensure that uniform accounting standards are applied by the national government and its entities;
- Develop policy for the establishment, management, operation and winding up of public funds;
- Prepare the annual Division of Revenue Bill and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill;
- Strengthen financial and fiscal relations between the national government and county governments and encourage support for county governments
- Assist county governments to develop their capacity for efficient, effective and transparent financial management; and
- To prepare the National Budget, execute/implement and control approved budgetary resources to MDAs and other Government agencies/entities.

#### Role of the National Treasury in the Devolved System of Government

The National Treasury is mandated by law to:-

- Strengthen financial and fiscal relations between the National Government and County Governments and support for county governments in performing their functions;
- Issue guidelines on the preparation of county development planning;
- Prepare the annual legislative proposals on intergovernmental fiscal transfers;
- Provide logistical support to intergovernmental institutions overseeing inter-governmental fiscal relations;
- Coordinate the development and implementation of financial recovery plans for County Governments that are in financial distress;
- Build capacity of County Governments on public finance management matters for efficient, effective and transparent financial management as well as planning, monitoring and evaluation and;
- Administer the Equalization Fund.

#### (b) Key Management

The National Treasury' day-to-day management is under the following key offices;

#### **Office of the Principal Secretary**

This office is responsible for the administration of the National Treasury operations. In addition, the Principal Secretary is charged with the responsibility of providing advice to the Cabinet Secretary in order to enhance efficiency and collective responsibility.

#### Organizational structure of the National Treasury

The National Treasury is organized into four (4) technical Directorates headed by Directors General and (1) Administrative and Support Services Directorate headed by a Principal Administrative

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Secretary. Each Director General is responsible for a Directorate comprising a cluster of Departments responsible for related policy functions. The Directorates and Departments are as follows:

#### Directorate of Budget, Fiscal and Economic Affairs

The Directorate is headed by a Director General, reporting to the Principal Secretary, National Treasury. It is organized into the following five (5) Technical Departments each headed by a Director:-

- Budget Department;
- Macro and Fiscal Affairs Department
- Financial and Sectoral Affairs Department;
- Inter-Governmental Fiscal Relations Department
- Public Procurement Department.

#### Directorate of Accounting Services and Quality Assurance

The Directorate is headed by a Director General reporting to the Principal Secretary, National Treasury. It is organized into the following four (4) Technical Departments each headed by a Director:-

- Government Accounting Services;
- Internal Audit Services Department;
- Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS)
- National Sub-County Treasuries.
- Government Digital Payments Unit.

#### **Directorate of Portfolio Management**

The Directorate is headed by a Director General, reporting to the Principal Secretary. It is organized into the following four (4) Technical Departments each headed by a Director:

- Government Investment and Public Enterprises;
- National Assets and Liabilities Management;
- Pensions Department.
- Public Private Partnership Unit.
- Public Investment Management Unit

#### Directorate of Public Debt Management Office

The Directorate is headed by a Director General, reporting to the Principal Secretary. It is organized into the following three (3) Technical Departments each headed by a Director:

- Resource Mobilization (Front Office);
- Debt Policy, Strategy and Risk Management (Middle Office);
- Debt Recording and Settlement (Back Office).

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## Directorate of Administrative and Support Services (Common Shared Services)

The Directorate is headed by a Principal Administrative Secretary, reporting to the Principal Secretary. It is organized into twelve (12) specialized functions offering common shared services. The common shared services of the National Treasury consist of functions that are not core to the National Treasury but offer critical support services to the National Treasury. The functions include:-

- Accounting,
- Finance,
- Human Resource Management and Development,
- Central Planning and Project Monitoring,
- Supply Chain Management,
- Legal,
- Public Communications,
- General Administration,
- Records Management;
- Internal Audit;
- ICT
- Government Clearing Agency

#### (c) Fiduciary Management

The key management personnel who held office during the financial year ended 30th June 2019 and who had direct fiduciary responsibility were:

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NO.	Designation	Name	
1.	Principal Secretary	Dr. Kamau Thugge, CBS	
2.	Principal Administrative Secretary	Mr. Francis Musyimi,CBS	
3.	Director General, BFEA	Mr. Albert Mwenda, HSC	
4.	Director General, Accounting Services	Mr. Bernard Ndung'u, MBS	
5.	Ag. Director General, PIPM	Eng. Stanley Kamau	
6.	Director General, PDMO	Dr. Haron Sirma, OGW	
7.	Ag. Director, Macro and Fiscal Affairs Department	Mr. Musa Gathanje	
8.	Director, Budget Department	Mr. Francis Anyona, OGW	
9.	Director, Financial and Sectoral Affairs Department	Mr. Christopher Oisebe	
10.	Director, Public Procurement Department	Mr. Eric Korir	
11.	Ag Director, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Department	Mr. Albert Mwenda, HSC	
12.	Internal Auditor General	Mr. Alfayo Mogaka	
13.	Ag Director, Government Accounting Services Department	Mr. Jona Wala	
14.	Ag Director, National Sub County Treasuries	Mr. Francis Kariuki	
15.	Ag Director, Financial Management Information System	Mr. Stanley Kamanguya	
16.	Ag. Director, Public Private Partnership Unit	Mrs. Judy Nyakawa	
17.	Director, National Assets and Liability Management	Mrs. Beatrice Gathirwa	
18.	Director, Government Investment and Public Enterprises	Mr. Kennedy Ondieki	
19.	Director, Pensions Department	Mr. Shem Nyakutu	
20.	Director, Resource Mobilization Department	Mr. Jackson Kinyanjui, OGW	
21.	Director, Debt Policy, Strategy and Risk Management Department	Mr. Daniel Ndolo	
22.	Ag Director, Debt Recording and Settlement Department	Mrs. Felister Kivisi	
23.	Ag. Director of Administration	Ms. Margaret Muiru, OGW	
24.	Head, Accounts Division	Mr. George Gichuru	
25.	Head, Finance	Mr. Kimathi Mugambi, HSC	
26.	Head, SCM	Mr. Peter Mulavu	
27.	Head, Internal Audit Unit	Ms. Esther Ngeru	
28.	Director, Human Resource Management and Development	Ms. Susan Mucheru	
29.	Ag Director, Information Communication and Technology	Mr. George Kariuki	
30.	Head, Central Planning and Project Monitoring Unit	Mr. Antony Muriu	
31.	Head, Public Communications	Mr. Maina Kigaga	
32.	Head, Legal Unit	Mr. James Mwenda	
• 33.	Programme Coordinator, Public Financial Management Reform Secretariat	Mr. Julius Mutua	

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#### (d) Fiduciary Oversight Arrangements

To manage the fiduciary risk, the National Treasury has put in place fiduciary oversight arrangements including setting up committees. The key oversight arrangements include:

### Audit Committee

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the ministry's management in fulfilling their mandates. The committee undertakes the responsibilities of ensuring existence of adequate financial reporting processes, strong systems of internal controls and efficient operational activities carried out under existing laws and regulations for the ministry to achieve its intended objectives.

The National Treasury and Planning Audit Committee was launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 and has met three times by end of June 2019. It has five members with the Internal Audit Unit as the Secretariat.

#### Internal Audit Unit

The National Treasury has an Internal Audit Unit charged with the responsibility of identifying risks in the management and day to day operations of the Ministry through the risk based audits. The Unit reports directly to the accounting officer on a regular basis.

## Audit Query Committee

The National Treasury established an audit committee comprising officers from all departments of the Ministry, under the chairmanship of the Senior Chief Finance Officer. The Committee reviews and analyses all audit queries and makes recommendations on how to reduce fiduciary risks. In addition, the committee prepares responses to all audit queries for presentation to the relevant committees of parliament.

#### **Project Implementation Committee**

To monitor the implementation of the Government's Infrastructure Projects, the National Treasury has established a Project Steering Committee comprising Principal Secretaries from implementing Ministries and appointed a technical committee comprising officers from the technical departments of the Ministry. The Committees review and analyse the progress made by ministries in the implementation of domestically and externally funded projects and advises accordingly.

#### **Parliamentary Activities**

In order to effectively manage the parliamentary activates relating to the Ministry, the National Treasury has designated a liaison officer to coordinate the activities under the Office of the Cabinet Secretary in consultation with the Office of the Chief Administrative Secretary.

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#### **Development Partner Oversight**

To effectively manage Official Development Assistance to the Government, the National Treasury has under the Public Debt Management Office; a Department responsible for all matters

relating to Development Partners. The Department has various Units that coordinate different development partner activities in the Country.

Other fiduciary oversight arrangements include the following committees with specific objectives;

#### Senior Management Committee

To monitor the implementation of the Ministry's programmes and performance, the National Treasury has appointed a Senior Management Committee comprising of Directors General and Heads of Departments. The Committee receives reports from departments, builds consensus on National Treasury responses to emerging issues, challenges and risks and ensures that the decisions of top management are implemented in a timely manner.

#### Public Financial Management Sector Working Group

To facilitate the implementation of financial management reforms, the National Treasury has appointed senior officers to the Public Financial Management Sector Working Group. The Committee plays an oversight role in the implementation of financial reforms in the public service in collaboration with the development partners.

#### **Budget Implementation Committee**

To monitor the implementation of the Ministry's budget, programmes and activities, the National Treasury has appointed a committee comprising of officers from all the Departments of the Ministry. The Committee reviews and analyses the progress made by Departments in the implementation of the budget and the planned programmes and activities and advises the management accordingly. **Monitoring and Evaluation** 

# The Ministry undertakes monitoring and evaluation exercises to establish progress made in the implementation of various programmes and projects including those that are funded by the development partners.

#### (e) The National Treasury Headquarters

P.O. Box 30007- 00100, Treasury Building, Harambee, Avenue Nairobi Kenya

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## (f) The National Treasury Contacts

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#### (g) The National Treasury Bankers

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#### (h) Independent Auditors

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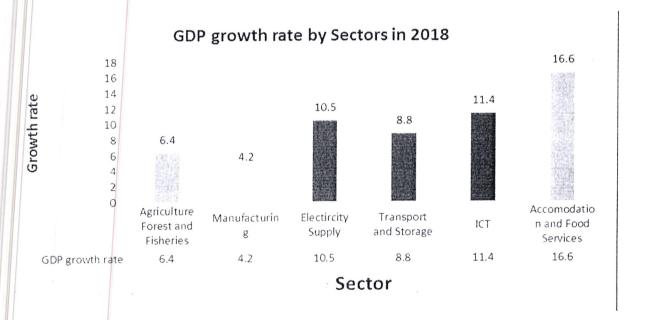
## (i) Principal Legal Adviser

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#### Reports and Financial Statements For the year ended June 30, 2019 II. FORWARD BY THE CABINET SECRETARY

The National Treasury is mandated to coordinate economic and financial management of the country in accordance with section 12 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. Overall, the National Treasury has strived to maintain a policy environment that is conducive to economic growth and development of the country.

As a result of consistent implementation of bold economic policies, structural reforms and sound macroeconomic management, Economic growth remained resilient and broad based averaging 5.7% in the past 6 years and generating a total of around 5 million new jobs since 2013. Growth accelerated to 6.3% in 2018 from 4.9% in 2017. This growth is the highest to have been recorded for the past 8 years and well above the sub Saharan Africa region average growth of 3.0 percent and the global average of 3.6 percent. The growth was attributable to increased agricultural production, accelerated manufacturing activities, sustained growth in transport and vibrant service sector activities. As a result of this economic growth, 860,000 new jobs were generated in the economy in 2018. Inflation remained within target, interest rates were stable, and exchange rates were competitive with adequate foreign exchange reserves equivalent to 6.2 months of import cover at the end of fiscal year 2018/19. The figure below shows the contribution of the GDP Growth rate by Sectors.



#### Figure 1: GDP Growth Rate by Sectors in 2018

In FY 2018/19, County Governments received **Ksh.314 billion** as their equitable share of revenue raised nationally. This represents 100 percent of the appropriation as per the CARA, 2018. In addition to the equitable share, the Counties received Ksh.46.1 billion in FY 2018/19, which comprised of:-

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- a) Conditional allocation worth more than Ksh.15 billion derived from the National Government's equitable revenue share;
- b) **Ksh.7.4 billion** from the Roads Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) collected by the Kenya Roads Board (KRB), of which 15 percent is set aside for County roads; and,
- c) Proceeds from external loans and grants totalling **Ksh.23.6 billion** earmarked to supplement financing of devolved functions.

Based on the above aggregate, payments to County government in FY 2018/19 amounted to **Kshs.360.1 billion**, representing 96 percent of the CARA, 2018 allocations. Including the FY 2018/19 payments, county governments have now received an estimated **Kshs.1.7 trillion** cumulatively since their establishment.

In all years, County Governments' equitable revenue share has been well above the minimum threshold defined in Article 203 (2) of the Constitution. Moreover, counties' equitable revenue share allocation has been fully disbursed in accordance with Article 219 of the Constitution, even when the shareable revenue outturn was less than projected revenue used in the Division of Revenue Act.

The National Treasury and Planning, successfully priced a new US dollar 2.1 billion, dual tranche Eurobond of 7-year and 12-year tenors on 15th May 2019 in London, United United Kingdom. This is the third time Kenya has been in the International Debt Capital Markets. The first was in June 2014, when we launched the debut bond of US dollar 2.0 billion and tapped for a further US dollar 750 million, while the second was in February 2018 when a dual-tranche of US\$ 2.0 billion was issued (10-year tenor of US\$1.0 billion and 30-year tenor of US\$ 1.0 billion).

The announcement of Kenya issuance triggered an overwhelming response from investors that amounted to an order book of US\$ 9.5 billion, an oversubscription of 4.5 times. This overwhelming interest in Kenya's bond issue confirms the strong investor confidence in Kenya's economic policy management and prospects going forward.

The proceeds from this issuance will be used to (i) finance some of the development infrastructure projects, (ii) the general budgetary expenditure in accordance with the applicable legal requirements and (iii) to refinance part or all of the obligations outstanding under the US\$ 750 million (2014 Eurobond).

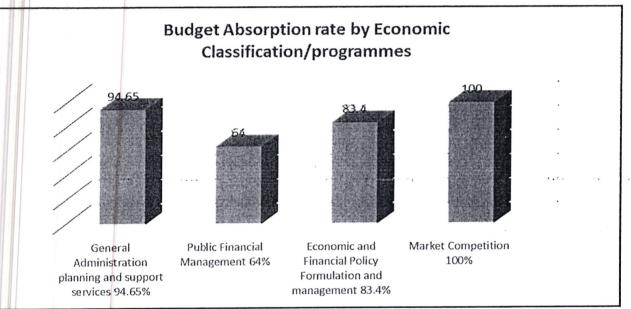
The National Treasury and Planning in its contribution to the Affordable Housing Agenda under the Big Four Plan launched the Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC) in May 2019. This is a Public Private Partnership arrangement with majority private sector owned. KRMC will extend long term loans at fixed interest rate to financial institutions secured against mortgages so that they can extend the maturity of their housing loans to end borrowers hence increasing affordability. Given Kenya's urbanization rates, there is critical need to deliver housing at the lower end of the income spectrum in order to improve housing conditions for the average Kenyan. KMRC will seek to catalyze growth of the mortgage market in Kenya by targeting households that fall within the

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mortgage gap and lower middle-income categories which represents about 95% of the formally employed population.

In terms of budget performance, the National Treasury expenditure stood at Kshs.54.417b against an approved budget of **Kshs.64.865b**. The National Treasury implemented the 2018/19 budget within four economic classifications/programmes. These were General Administration, Planning and Support Services, Public Financial Management, Economic and Financial Policy Formulation and Management and Market Competition. As demonstrated in figure 2 below, the Market Competition Programme had the highest absorption at 100% followed by General Administration, Planning and Support Services at 94.65%, Economic and Financial Policy Formulation and Management (83.4%) and Public Financial Management Programme at 64%.





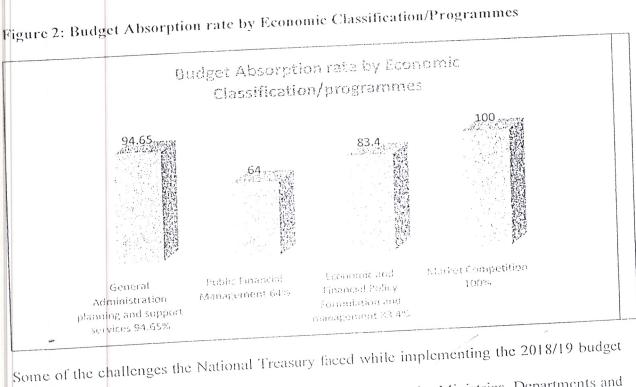
Some of the challenges the National Treasury faced while implementing the 2018/19 budget include:-

- Lack of adequate funds to finance all the budget requests by Ministries, Departments and Agencies.
- Low absorption of Official Development Assistance (ODA).
- Inadequate Exchequer issues thus contributing to the pending bill increment from Kshs.29.3b to Kshs.64.7b in FY2018/19.
- Inadequate capacity of staff in some key technical Departments.

To surmount the above challenges and ensure successful implementation of the National Treasury goals and objectives, the Ministry undertook the following:-

- Domestic borrowing to plug the financing gap created by non-performing revenue.
- Expenditure reduction strategies such as austerity measures and a ban on new projects

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- Expenditure reduction strategies such as austerity measures and a ban on new projects to ensure available money is used in completing old projects and prepared draft Public • •
- Strengthened capacity in public financial management to MDAs and County Governments to improve oversight of Public resources and Strengthened financial and fiscal relations
- between the national government and county governments. Enhanced the Government's cash management system to avoid undue pressure on payment
- flows and interest rates, and reduce borrowing costs for the government and the private Promoted the Public Private Partnership initiatives to finance government capital projects.
- Engaged other developments partners for concessional loans and grants as well as pursued

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strategies to facilifate issuance of international bonds to finance government projects.

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#### **III. STATEMENT OF ENTITY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Section 81 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2013 requires that, at the end of each financial year, the accounting officer for a National Government Entity shall prepare financial statements in respect of that entity. Section 81 (3) requires the financial statements so prepared to be in a form that complies with relevant accounting standards as prescribed the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board of Kenya from time to time.

The Accounting Officer in charge of the National Treasury is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the entity's financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the entity for and as at the end of the financial year (period) ended on June 30, 2019. This responsibility includes: (i) maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period; (ii) maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the entity; (iii) designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud; (iv) safeguarding the assets of the entity; (v) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and (vi) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Accounting Officer in charge of the National Treasury accepts responsibility for the entity's financial statements, which have been prepared on the Cash Basis Method of Financial Reporting, using appropriate accounting policies in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The Accounting Officer is of the opinion that the *entity's* financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of entity's transactions during the financial year ended June 30, 2019 and of the entity's financial position as at that date. The Accounting Officer charge of the National Treasury further confirms the completeness of the accounting records maintained for the *entity*, which have been relied upon in the preparation of the entity's financial statements as well as the adequacy of the systems of internal financial control.

The Accounting Officer in charge of the National Treasury confirms that the entity has complied fully with applicable Government Regulations and the terms of external financing covenants (where applicable), and that the entity's funds received during the year under audit were used for the eligible purposes for which they were intended and were properly accounted for. Further the Accounting Officer confirms that the entity's financial statements have been prepared in a form that complies with relevant accounting standards prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board of Kenya.

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## Approval of the financial statements

The National Treasury's financial statements were approved and signed by the Accounting Officer on 27/91 2019.

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DR. JULIUS MUIA, PhD, EBS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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#### REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2019 - THE NATIONAL TREASURY

**REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

#### **Disclaimer of Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Obligations Guaranteed by Government of Kenya set out on pages 16 to 20 which comprise the statement of outstanding obligations guaranteed by the Government of Kenya as at 30 June, 2019, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information in accordance with the provisions of Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 35 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

I do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of my report, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

#### **Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion**

#### 1. Presentation and Disclosure

The statement of outstanding obligations guaranteed by the Government of Kenya reflects outstanding balance of Kshs.152,317,825; (2018-Kshs.164,132,745) being Capital and Interest owed by Cereals and Sugar Finance Company. However, the Consolidated National Government Investment Report for the year 2018/2019, prepared by The National Treasury in accordance with Section 89 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, indicates that the total outstanding Government guaranteed debt stood at Kshs.159,405,000,000 as at 30 June, 2019 as shown below:

Agency	Outstanding Government Guaranteed Debt as at 30 June, 2019 Kshs.
Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC)	357,000,000
Tana and Athi River Development Authority	279,000,000
East African Portland Cement PLC	346,000,000
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC	43,035,000,000
Kenya Ports Authority	34,061,000,000
Kenya Railways Corporation	4,603,000,000
Kenya Airways	76,724,000,000
Total	159,405,000,000

The total outstanding Government guaranteed debt of Kshs.159,405,000,000 does not include the balance of Kshs.152,317,825 reflected in the statement of outstanding obligations guaranteed by the Government of Kenya prepared and submitted for audit by The National Treasury, which is indicated as relating to Capital and Interest owed by Cereals and Sugar Finance Company. Further, the parent Ministries for the Agencies mentioned above did not prepare and submit for audit their respective statements of outstanding obligations guaranteed by the Government of Kenya as at 30 June, 2019. No explanations have been provided for the omissions.

Under the circumstances, the completeness and accuracy of the outstanding balance of Kshs.152,317,825 reflected in the statement of outstanding obligations guaranteed by the Government of Kenya as at 30 June, 2019 could not be ascertained.

#### 2. Decrease in Guaranteed Obligations

The statement indicates that obligations guaranteed decreased from Kshs.164,132,745 reported as at 30 June, 2018 to Kshs.152,317,825 as at 30 June, 2019. Although Note 2 to the financial statements explains the reasons for the decrease in balance, Management did not avail documentary evidence to support the explanation. Consequently, the accuracy of the reported decrease of Kshs.11,814,920 could not be confirmed.

## REPORT ON LAWFULNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS IN USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

#### Conclusion

I do not express a conclusion on the lawfulness and effectiveness in the use of public resources as required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of my report, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for my audit conclusion.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

The audit was conducted in accordance with ISSAI 4000. The standard requires that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance, in all material respects, with the authorities that govern them. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my conclusion.

## REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS, RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

## Conclusion

I do not express a conclusion on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and overall governance as required by Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Audit Act, 2015. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of my report, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for my audit conclusion.

## **Basis for Conclusion**

The audit was conducted in accordance with ISSAI 2315 and ISSAI 2330. The standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether effective processes and systems of internal control, risk management and overall governance were operating effectively, in all material respects. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my conclusion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Cash Basis) and for maintaining effective internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control, risk management and overall governance.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing The National Treasury's ability to continue to sustain services, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to sustainability of services and using the applicable basis of accounting unless the Management is aware of the intention to terminate The National Treasury or to cease operations.

Management is also responsible for the submission of the financial statements to the Auditor-General in accordance with the provisions of Section 47 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, Management is also responsible for ensuring that the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance with the authorities which govern them, and that public resources are applied in an effective way.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process, reviewing the effectiveness of how The National Treasury monitors compliance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, ensuring that effective processes and systems are in place to address key roles and responsibilities in relation to overall

governance and risk management, and ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of the control environment.

#### Auditor-General's Responsibilities for the Audit

My responsibility is to conduct an audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Public Audit Act, 2015 and submit the audit report in compliance with Article 229(7) of the Constitution. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of my report, I was not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

In addition, my responsibility is to express a conclusion about whether, in all material respects, the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance with the authorities that govern them, and that public resources are applied in an effective way, in accordance with the provisions of Article 229(6) of the Constitution and submit the audit report in compliance with Article 229(7) of the Constitution. I also consider internal control, risk management and overall governance processes and systems in order to give an assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and overall governance in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Audit Act, 2015 and submit the audit report in compliance with Article 229(7) of the Constitution. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of my report, I was not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit conclusion on lawfulness and effectiveness in use of public resources, and on effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and governance.

I am independent of The National Treasury Management in accordance with ISSAI 130 on Code of Ethics. I have fulfilled other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ISSAI and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Kenya.

AUDITOR-GENERA

Nairobi

12 February, 2021

THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND PLANNING PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA AS AT 30TH JUNE 2019

	Organization to which	Obligation guaranteed	F.Y. 2018/2019	F.Y. 2017/2018
	guarantee is given		KSH.	KSH.
	Bond Holders	Loan of K£ 480,000 to Kenya Railways Corporation	1	513,100.00
	Bond Holders	Loan of K£ 18,816 to Kenya Railways Corporation		11,301,820.00
	Lenders/2	Capital and Interest owed by cereals and Sugar Finance Co.	152,317,825.00	152,317,825.00
	TOTAL		152,317,825.00	164,132,745.00
(	JULIUS MUIA, PhD, EBS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY		NAME: FRANCIS MAKUMI PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT ICPAK Member Number: 6338	
	Date: 29/3/2019		Date: 27 9119	

### **Reports and Financial Statements For the year ended June 30, 2019**

### I. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principle accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

#### 1. Statement of Compliance and Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Cash-basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) and set out in the accounting policy note below. This cash basis of accounting has been supplemented with accounting for; a) receivables that include imprests and salary advances and b) payables that include deposits and retentions.

The financial statements comply with and conform to the form of presentation prescribed by the PSASB. The accounting policies adopted have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

#### 2. Reporting Entity

The financial statements are for The National Treasury. The financial statements encompass the reporting entity as specified under section 81 of the PFM Act 2012 and does not comprise development projects.

#### 3. **Reporting Currency**

The financial statements are presented in Kenya Shillings (KShs), which is the functional and reporting currency of the Government and all values are rounded to the nearest Kenya Shilling.

#### 4. Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out in this section have been consistently applied by the Entity for all the years presented.

#### a) Recognition of Receipts

The Entity recognises all receipts from the various sources when the event occurs and the related cash has actually been received by the Entity.

#### b) Recognition of payments

The Entity recognises all payments when the event occurs and the related cash has actually been paid out by the Entity.

#### 5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash at bank, short-term deposits on call and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily

#### **Reports and Financial Statements** For the year ended June 30, 2019

convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank account balances include amounts held at the Central Bank of Kenya and at various commercial banks at the end of the financial year.

### **Restriction on Cash**

Restricted cash represents amounts that are limited/restricted from being used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period. This cash is limited for direct use as required by stipulation.

Amounts maintained in deposit bank accounts are restricted for use in refunding third party deposits. As at 30th June 2019, this amounted to Kshs zero compared to Kshs zero in prior period.

There were no other restrictions on cash during the year.

## 6. Comparative Figures

Where necessary, comparative figures for the previous financial year have been amended or reconfigured to conform to the required changes in presentation.

## 7. Subsequent Events

There have been no events subsequent to the financial year end with a significant impact on the financial statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

## 8. Errors

Material prior period errors shall be corrected retrospectively in the first set of financial statements authorized for issue after their discovery by: i. restating the comparative amounts for prior period(s) presented in which the error occurred; or ii. If the error occurred before the earliest prior period presented, restating the opening balances of assets, liabilities and net assets/equity for the earliest prior period presented.

During the year, errors that have been corrected are disclosed under note 26 explaining the nature and amounts.

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#### **Reports and Financial Statements** For the year ended June 30, 2019

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### **KENYA RAILWAYS CORPORATION**

**1.** Kenya Railways borrowed K£. 480,000.00 through issuance of Bonds of which the Government of Kenya guaranteed Ksh. 513,100.00.

**2.** Kenya Railways also obtained another loan of K£.18,816.00 through issuance of Bonds of which the Government of Kenya guaranteed Ksh. 11,301,820.00.

The guarantees by the Government of Kenya continued to be reported in the Statement of Obligations guaranteed by G.O.K. until 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The Government discontinued reporting the guaranteed obligation upon the advice of Kenya Railways Corporation vide their letter referenced KR/FIN/NT/FL013 dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

#### **3. CEREALS AND SUGAR FINANCE CORPORATION**

Cereals and Sugar Finance Corporation obtained loans that were guaranteed by the Government of Kenya to the tune of Ksh. 152,317,825.00. The guarantee is assumed to subsist although claim has been received in a long time.

However, lenders may not enforce a claim on Cereals and Sugar Finance Corporation since the entity is under receivership and being wound up.

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#### 7. PROGRESS ON FOLLOW UP OF AUDITOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is the summary of issues raised by the external auditor, and management comments that were provided to the auditor. We have nominated focal persons to resolve the various issues as shown below with the associated time frame within which we expect the issues to be resolved.

Reference e No. on the external audit Report	Issue / Observation s from Auditor	Management comments	Focal Point person to resolve the issue (Name and designation)	Status: (Resolved / Not Resolved)	Timeframes (Put a date when you expect the issue to be resolved)
1	Long Outstanding Balances	Kenya Railways Corporation vide letter referenced KRC/FIN/22 dated 9 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018 stated that they have no documents or information to support the two Bonds. Further, Kenya Railways Corporation vide their letter referenced KF/FIN/NT/(13) dated 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019 concurred with The National Treasury's proposal to discontinue reporting the obligation guaranteed forthwith.		Resolved	
- 2		The National Treasury has since stopped reporting the obligation guaranteed to Kenya Railways Corporation. Clearance of the obligation guaranteed to Cereals and Sugar Finance Corporation is awaiting the winding up of the Corporation.	Livingstone Bumbe Hubert Anyanga	Not resolved	At the time of review.

