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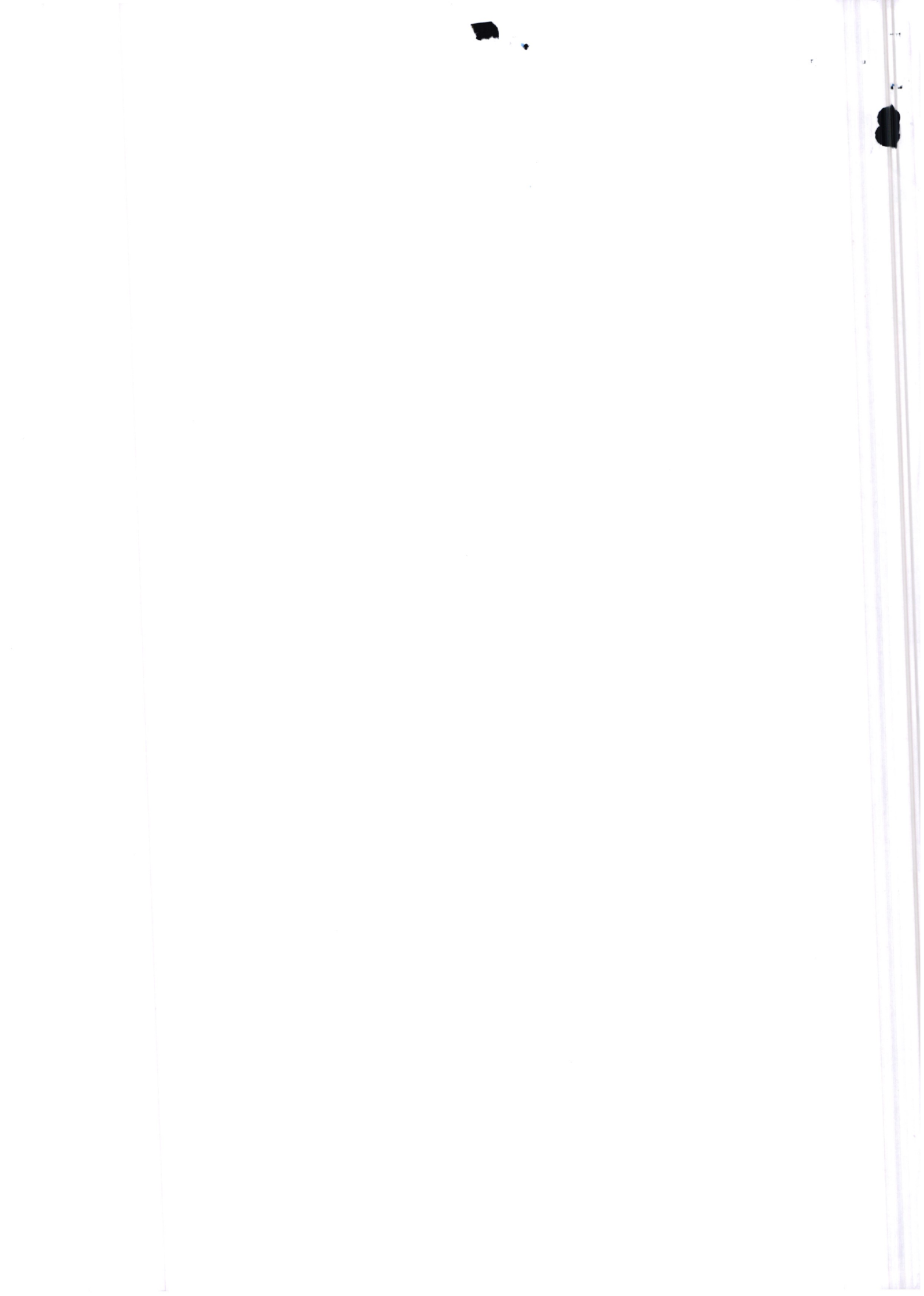
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**THARAKA NITHI COUNTY YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT FUND**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE, 2023**



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THARAKA NITHI COUNTY YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND

ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2023

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

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RE: THARAKA NITHI COUNTY YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FY 2022/2023

In accordance to Public Financial Management Act 2012, Section 167, we hereby submit Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2023.

Kindly find enclosed copy of the report for your necessary action

Thank you

Lawrence K. Ileri Rweria

CECM- Finance and Economic Planning

cc

- The Clerk, County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi
- The Director General, Accounting Services and Quality Assurance
- The Commission on Revenue Allocation
- The Controller of Budget

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1. Acronyms and Glossary of Terms

a) Acronyms

BOM	Board of Management
CECM	County Executive Committee Member
ICPAK	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
PFM	Public Finance Management
PSASB	Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
Ksh.	Kenya Shilling

b) Glossary of Terms

Fiduciary Management	The key management personnel who had financial responsibility
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2. KEY INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT

a) Background information

Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund is established by and derives its authority and accountability from Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Act, 2020. The Fund is wholly owned by the County Government of Tharaka Nithi and is domiciled in Kenya.

b) Principal Activities

The principal activity/mission/ mandate of the Fund is to provide assistance to organised youth groups to establish business and develop talents among the youth within Tharaka Nithi County

c) Youth Empowerment Committee

Ref	Name	Position
1	Wilberforce M. Ntwiga	CO Youth and Sports / Administrator
2	Moreen Nyambura	CEC Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism
3	Fredrick Maruta	Youth Officer

d) Key Management

Ref	Name	Position
1	Wilberforce M. Ntwiga	CO Youth and Sports / Administrator
2	Fredrick Maruta	Youth Officer
3	Nduati E.K.	Director Accounting Services

e) Fiduciary Oversight Arrangement

Ref	Name	Position
1	Susan Agevi	Head of Internal Audit
2	Obed Kibaged Chweya	Chairman - Internal Audit Committee
3	Amos Kiangwe Sikweya	Clerk - County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi

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k) County Attorney

The County Attorney




County Government of Tharaka Nithi

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3. THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Name	Details of qualifications and experience
 <p>Moreen Nyambura</p>	<p>Mrs. Moreen Myambura is the CECM– in charge of Youth, Sports, Culture and Tourism</p> <p>She holds Masters’ Degree in curriculum and Instruction and Bachelor Degree in Education Arts (Chuka University)</p> <p>She previous served as Youth leader while at the University and also high school teacher.</p> <p>Year of birth; 1997</p>
 <p>Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga</p>	<p>Mr. Wilberforce Ntwiga is the County Chief Officer in charge of Youth and Sports and also the Youth Empowerment Fund Administrator</p> <p>He holds Bachelor’s Degree in Agri – Busines form Maseno University.</p> <p>He previously worked as Economic Advisor to the Governor Tharaka Nithi. He has over seven years’ experience in private and public sector administration</p> <p>Year of birth; 1986</p>
 <p>Fredrick Maruta</p>	<p>Mr. Maruta hold a Bachelor’s Degree - BEd, Accounts and Economics. Joined PSC in 2007, as Youth Officer II, Ministry of Youth Affairs. Rose to Senior Youth Officer and acted as Sub County Youth and Gender Officer.</p> <p>He joined CGTN as Assistant Director, Sub County Admin and then got deployed as the Assistant Director in charge of Youth Affairs, Culture, Social Services, Gender Affairs and Tourism.</p> <p>Year of birth; 1978</p>

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4. MANAGEMENT TEAM

Name	Details of qualifications and experience
 <p>Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga</p>	<p>Mr. Wilberforce Ntwiga is the County Chief Officer in charge of Youth and Sports and also the Youth Empowerment Fund Administrator</p> <p>He holds Bachelor's Degree in Agri – Business from Maseno University.</p> <p>He previously worked as Economic Advisor to the Governor Tharaka Nithi. He has over seven years' experience in private and public sector administration</p> <p>Year of birth; 1986</p>
 <p>CPA, CS Nduati E.K.</p>	<p>CPA, CS Nduati is the County Director - Accounting Services.</p> <p>He is professional Accountant and member of ICPAK (No. 6720) and Certified Secretary ICPSK (No. 2253)</p> <p>He holds Master's Degree in Finance (UoN) and B.A. Econ (UoN) and PhD (Finance) Candidate at JKUAT</p> <p>He has extensive experience in Public Finance Management and specialist in Accounting</p> <p>Year of Birth. 1980</p>
 <p>Fredrick Maruta</p>	<p>Mr. Maruta hold a Bachelor's Degree – B.Ed, Accounts and Economics. Joined PSC in 2007, as Youth Officer II, Ministry of Youth Affairs. Rose to Senior Youth Officer and acted as Sub County Youth and Gender Officer.</p> <p>He joined CGTN as Assistant Director, Sub County Admin and then got deployed as the Assistant Director in charge of Youth Affairs, Culture, Social Services, Gender Affairs and Tourism.</p> <p>Year of birth; 1978</p>

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5. REPORT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND BOARD CHAIRPERSON

During the financial year 2022/2023 Tharaka Nithi County Government did not allocated any funds as grants to Tharaka Nithi Youth Empowerment Development Fund.

The Fund will be calling for funding proposals from the eligible youth groups for award of grants during the next financial year when more budgetary allocation is expected to be made.

I take this opportunity to thank His Excellency Governor Muthomi Njuki, Members of County Assembly, County employees and all stakeholders for the support accorded to Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund in its execution of its mandate.

Thank you very much and God bless Tharaka Nithi County

Signed: 

Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga

For: Chairperson – Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund

Date; 12th July 2023

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6. REPORT OF THE FUND ADMINISTRATOR

During the financial year ended 30th June 2023, the Fund financial performance was as detailed here below;

Income

Description	Budget Ksh	Actual Ksh.	Variance Ksh
Unspent Balance Brought Forward	21,664	21,664	-
Total Income	21,664	21,664	-

a. Expenditure

Particulars	Budget Ksh.	Actual Ksh.	Variance Ksh
Use of Goods and Services	21,664	7,800	(13,864)
Total	21,664	7,800	(13,864)

The Fund intends to approach several stakeholders such as business community, financial institutions and civil society to extend financial support in order to enable the Fund offer more financial support to our youths.

I take this opportunity to appreciate H.E. The Governor, Members of County Assembly, Youth Empowerment Fund Committee, Management Team and ward committees for your commitment and immense support accorded to the fund.

Signed: 
Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga
Fund Administrator

Date: 12th July 2023

7. STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST FUND'S PREDETERMINED OBJECTIVES

The Fund targets to support more youth groups in future by offering equipment in order to enable them in expansion of their business.

During the current financial year, the Fund carried out monitoring and evaluation of the youth groups that benefited from the previous year's donations before making further allocation. This helped in identifying the gaps in the management of the equipment issued out and ensure the members of the youth group has put the items into proper use and ensuring their security.

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8. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Fund strategic leadership led by Funds Manager established in accordance to Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 Section 7, while the Youth Empowerment Fund Committee helps in coordinating the activities of the Fund.

There is established a Committee to be known as the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Committee which shall consist of—

- (a) the Chief Officer who shall be the Committee Secretary;
- (b) Youth Officer;
- (c) one youth representative from each sub -county; and
- (d) a youth representative of persons with disabilities;

Functions of the Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for—

- (a) advising the Executive Member on the appropriate guidelines and procedures for implementation of the Act and for better management of the Fund;
- (b) reviewing and considering the applications recommended by the youth officers on utilization of the Fund;
- (c) preparing annual report on the implementation of the Act for transmission to the Executive Member;
- (d) advising the Executive Member generally on implementation of this Act; and
- (e) carrying out any other functions as may be assigned by the Executive Member.

Meetings of the Committee

The Chairperson shall convene and preside over the Committee meetings. In the absence of the Chairperson, the vice chairperson or in the absence of both, any other member appointed by the Committee members shall convene and preside over the Committee meetings. The quorum for the meeting shall be two thirds of the members.

Youth Officer

There is established an office of the Youth Officer. The functions of the youth officer shall be—

- (a) receiving and reviewing applications for funding under this Act;
- (b) recommending to the Committee the applicants who shall be considered for funding under this Act;
- (c) assisting in monitoring and evaluating the progress and performance of the micro and small enterprises supported under this Act;
- (d) creating awareness among the residents of the sub county about the Fund and mobilizing potential beneficiaries under this Act;
- (e) advising the Committee such projects that may be funded by County;
- (f) facilitating the Committee in the implementation of the Act in the county; and

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- (g) carrying out such other roles as are necessary for the implementation of the object of this Act, and perform such other functions as may, from time to time, be assigned by the County Executive Member

Winding Up of the Fund

In the event of winding up of the Fund, the cash balances shall be transferred to the account designated by the County Treasury while other assets of the Fund shall be transferred to the County Government

9. MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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10. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund exists to transform lives. This is our purpose; the driving force behind everything we do. It's what guides us to deliver our strategy, which is founded on five pillars: putting the customer/Citizen first, delivering relevant goods and services, and improving operational excellence. Below is a brief highlight of our achievements in each pillar

1. Sustainability strategy and profile -

The Fund management has put plans for fund sustainability through support of the youth group to engage in income generating activities such as goat farming, motor bike transport, maize milling business and beauty parlour.

2. Environmental performance

To ensure environmental sustainability, the fund has endeavoured to apply eco-friendly operations that minimise harmful effect on the environment. The Fund has in its policy to provide youth groups with non-gas emitting machines which are electrically powered rather than fuel energy.

3. Employee welfare

The Fund has not hired its own staff but obtain necessary human resources from the County Executive. The Fund has ensured the employees seconded by the County Executive are adequately facilitated and provided with conducive working environment.

4. Market place practices-

The Fund being a Public funded entity is governed by The Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2015. The Fund has endeavoured to adhere to the requirement of the law in the process of procurement of goods and services.

The Fund does not condone any unethical and corrupt practices in dealing with its suppliers. The highest level of integrity is mandatory among its employees. The supplies are paid within stipulated time including the remittance of tax to Kenya Revenue Authority.

The advertisement for supply of goods and services is done through public notices and widely circulated local newspaper. All bidders are given equal opportunity whereas certain category of goods and services is reserved for Youth, Women and People with Disabilities.

5. Community Engagements-

The Fund has a robust engagement with the community through supporting of youth groups in economic empowerment.

The Fund in its entirety has its principal objective of providing registered youth groups with necessary equipment to enable get into self-employment engagements. This has enabled over 1000 youth benefit from the programme.

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11. REPORT OF THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Youth Empowerment Fund Committee hereby submit annual Report and Financial Statements for the financial year ended **30th June, 2023**

10.1 Principal activities

The principal activity/mission/ mandate of the Fund is to provide assistance to organised youth groups to establish business and develop talents among the youth within Tharaka Nithi County

Performance

The results of the Fund for the financial year ended **30th June 2023** are set out on pages 1-5 of the Financial Statements.


10.2 Trustees

The members of the Youth Empowerment Fund Committee who served during the year are shown on page iv (*refer to the key entity information and management page*). There was changes in the Committee during the year under review following appointment of new CEC and Chief Officer Youth

10.3 Auditors

The Auditor General is responsible for the statutory audit of the Fund in accordance with Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya, and the Public Audit Act 2015.

By Order of the Committee

Signed: 
Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga

For: Chairman – Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Committee

Date: **12th July 2023**

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12. STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 167 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires that, at the end of each financial year, the Administrator of a County Public Fund established by the Constitution, an Act of Parliament or County Legislation shall prepare annual report and financial statements for the Fund in accordance with the standards and formats prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board

The Administrator of Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Fund's financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund for and as at the end of the financial year ended on **30th June 2023**. This responsibility includes: (i) maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting year; (ii) maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fund; (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 Fund; (v) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and (vi) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Administrator of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund accepts responsibility for the Fund's financial statements, which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, in conformity with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and in the manner required by the PFM Act, 2012 and Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Act, 2020. The Administrator of the Fund is of the opinion that the Fund's financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of Fund's transactions during the financial year ended **30th June 2023**, and of the Fund's financial position as at that date. The Administrator further confirm the completeness of the accounting records maintained for the Fund, which have been relied upon in the preparation of the Fund's financial statements as well as the adequacy of the systems of internal financial control.

In preparing the financial statements, the Administrator of Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund has assessed the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and disclosed, as applicable, matters relating to the use of going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. Nothing has come to the attention of the Administrator to indicate that the Fund will not remain a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date of this statement.

Approval of the financial statements

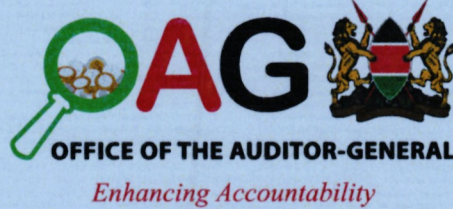
The Youth Empowerment Fund's financial statements were approved by the Administration Committee on **12th July 2023** and signed on its behalf by:



**Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga
Fund Administrator**

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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THARAKA NITHI COUNTY YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2023

PREAMBLE

I draw your attention to the contents of my report which is in three parts:

- A. Report on the Financial Statements that considers whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, accounting standards and the relevant laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the financial statements.
- B. Report on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources which considers compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, gazette notices, circulars, guidelines and manuals and whether public resources are applied in a prudent, efficient, economic, transparent and accountable manner to ensure the Government achieves value for money and that such funds are applied for the intended purpose.
- C. Report on the Effectiveness of Internal Controls, Risk Management and Governance which considers how the entity has instituted checks and balances to guide internal operations. This responds to the effectiveness of the governance structure, risk management environment and internal controls, developed and implemented by those charged with governance for orderly, efficient and effective operations of the entity.

An unmodified opinion does not necessarily mean that an entity has complied with all relevant laws and regulations and that its internal controls, risk management and governance systems are properly designed and were working effectively in the financial year under review.

The three parts of the report are aimed at addressing the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Auditor-General as provided by Article 229 of the Constitution, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the Public Audit Act, 2015. The three parts of the report when read together constitute the report of the Auditor-General.

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund set out on pages 1 to 31, which comprise of the statement of financial position as at 30 June, 2023 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets, statement of cash flows and statement of comparison of budget

and actual amounts for the year then ended 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 have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund as at 30 June, 2023 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Accrual Basis) and comply with the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Basis for Opinion

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). I am independent of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Management in accordance with ISSAI 130 on the 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. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

Budgetary Control and Performance

The statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year ended 30 June, 2023 reflects budgeted expenditure of Kshs.21,664 and actual expenditure of Kshs.7,800 resulting to under expenditure of Kshs.13,864 or 64% of the budget.

The under absorption is an indication of lack of proper planning for efficient and effective budgetary execution. There is need for the Fund Management to adopt a realistic budget to avoid instances of under budgeting for efficient and effective delivery of goods and services to the residents of Tharaka Nithi County.

My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgement, are of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. There were no key audit matters to report in the year under review.

Other Matter

Unresolved Prior Year Matters

In the audit report of the previous year, several issues were raised under the Report on Financial Statements, Report on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources and Report on Effectiveness of Internal Controls, Risk Management and

Governance. However, the Management had not resolved the issues or given any explanation for failure to implement the recommendations.

REPORT ON LAWFULNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS IN USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

Conclusion

As required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution, and based on the audit procedures performed, except for the matters described in the Basis for Conclusion on Lawfulness and Effectiveness in Use of Public Resources section of my report, I confirm that nothing else has come to my attention to cause me to believe that public resources have not been applied lawfully and in an effective way.

Basis for Conclusion

1. Lack of Youth Empowerment Fund Management Committee

The Fund Management did not constitute a Youth Empowerment Fund Committee. This is contrary to Section 11(1) of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 which states that there is established a Committee to be known as the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Committee which shall consist of the Chief Officer who shall be the Committee Secretary, Youth Officer, one youth representative from each Sub-County and a youth representative of persons with disabilities.

In the circumstances, Management was in breach of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020.

2. Lack of an Approved Budget

The statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts reflects both final revenue and expenditure budget amounting to Kshs.21,64. However, the approved budget was not approved. This is contrary to Section 43(2) of Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 which states that County Government entities shall execute their approved budgets based on the annual appropriation legislation, and the approved annual cash flow plan with the exception of unforeseen and unavoidable spending dealt with through the County Emergency Fund or supplementary estimates.

In the circumstances, Management was in breach of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

3. Lack of Annual Work Plan

Review of records revealed that the Fund did not have an annual work plan. This is contrary to Section 25(d) of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 which states that the Department in charge of youth affairs in the implementation of programs shall develop annual work plans for youth empowerment in line with the Department's programs. In the absence of an approved annual work plan it could not be established how the Management of the Fund intended to implement the activities for the year.

In the circumstances, Management was in breach of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020.

4. Lack of Monitoring and Evaluation of Youth Groups

Review of documents revealed that Kshs.23,557,680 was disbursed to various youth groups in the last two financial years. However, no monitoring and evaluation was carried out on the beneficiaries. This is contrary to Section 16(1)(c) of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 which requires the Youth Officer to assist in monitoring and evaluating the progress and performance of the micro and small enterprises supported. It was therefore not confirmed whether the money disbursed was utilized for the intended purpose.

In the circumstances, value for money was not achieved and Management was in breach of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020.

5. Lack of Needs Assessment Programmes

Review of records revealed that needs assessment program to determine needs, concerns and priorities of the youths was not carried out. This is contrary to Section 25 of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 which states that the Department in charge of youth affairs in the implementation of programs shall identify youth concerns, needs, priorities, constraints and opportunities in the County.

In the circumstances, Management was in breach of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020.

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) 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 comply 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 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS, RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Conclusion

As required by Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Audit Act, 2015 and based on the audit procedures performed, I confirm that nothing else has come to my attention to cause me to believe that internal controls, risk management and overall governance were not effective.

Basis for Conclusion

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) 2315 and 2330. The Standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether effective processes and systems of internal controls, 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

The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Accrual Basis) and for maintaining effective internal controls as the 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 controls, risk management and governance.

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

The 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, the Management is also responsible for ensuring that the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements comply 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 Fund's financial reporting process, reviewing the effectiveness of how Management 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 governance and risk management, and ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of the control environment.

Auditor-General's Responsibilities for the Audit

The audit objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, 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. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement and weakness when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

In addition to the audit of the financial statements, a compliance audit is planned and performed 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.

Further, in planning and performing the audit of the financial statements and audit of compliance, I consider internal control in order to give an assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and governance processes and systems 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. My consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses under the ISSAIs. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control may not prevent or detect misstatements and instances of noncompliance. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and for the purpose of giving an assurance on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue to sustain its services. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date

of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue to sustain its services.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information and business activities of the Fund to express an opinion on the financial statements.
- Perform such other procedures as I consider necessary in the circumstances.

I communicate with Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that are identified during the audit.

I also provide Management with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence and where applicable, related safeguards.


FCPA Nancy Gathungu, CBS
AUDITOR-GENERAL

Nairobi

12 February, 2024



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14. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

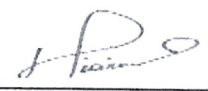
		2022/2023	2021/2022
	Note	Ksh	Ksh
Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions			
Transfers from the County Government	1	-	25,000,000
Total Revenue		-	25,000,000
Expenses			
Capital Grants	2	-	23,557,680
Use of Goods and Services	3	7,800	1,420,656
Total Expenses		7,800	24,978,336
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(7,800)	21,664

The notes set out on pages 16 -22 form an integral part of these Financial Statements

The accounting policies and explanatory notes to these financial statements form an integral part of the financial statements. The Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund Financial Statements were approved on **12th July 2023** and signed by:



Wilberforce Muriungi
Fund Administrator



CPA, CS Nduati E.K
Director Accounting Services
ICPAK No. 6720

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15. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30th JUNE 2023

		2022/2023	2021/2022
	Note	Ksh	Ksh
Assets:			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	13,864	21,664
Total Current Assets		13,864	21,664
Net Assets		13,864	21,664
Financing:			
Accumulated Surplus and Reserves		21,664	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		(7,800)	21,664
Total Net Assets and Liabilities		13,864	21,664

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16. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

	Accumulated Surplus	Total
	Ksh.	Ksh.
Balance as at 01st July 2021	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year	21,664	21,664
Funds received during the Year	-	-
Balance as at 30th June 2022	21,664	21,664
Balance as at 01st July 2022	21,664	21,664
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year	(7,800)	(7,800)
Funds received during the Year	-	-
Balance as at 30th June 2023	13,864	13,864

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17. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

	Note	2022/2023	2021/2022
		Ksh	Ksh
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts			
Transfers from the County Government	1	-	25,000,000
Total Receipts		-	25,000,000
Payments			
Capital Grants	2	-	23,557,680
Use of Goods and Services	3	7,800	1,420,656
		7,800	24,978,336
Adjusted for:			
Decrease / (Increase) in Accounts Receivable		-	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		-	-
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		(7,800)	21,664
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(7,800)	21,664
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Year		21,664	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of the Year		13,864	21,664

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18. STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

	Original budget Ksh	Adjustments Ksh	Final budget Ksh	Actual on comparable basis Ksh	Performance difference Ksh	% utilisation
Revenue						
Unspent Balance Brought Forward	21,664		21,664	21,664	-	100%
Total Income	21,664		21,664	21,664	-	100%
Expenses						
Use of Goods and Services	21,664	-	21,664	7,800	(13,864)	36%
Total Expenditure	21,664	-	21,664	7,800	(13,864)	36%

The explanatory notes to these financial statements form an integral part of the financial statements. The financial statements were approved on 12th July 2023 Signed by:



Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga
Youth Fund Administrator



CPA, CS Nduati E.K.
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19. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General Information

Tharaka Nithi County Youth Fund is established by and derives its authority and accountability from Tharaka Nithi County Youth Fund Act, 2020. The Fund is wholly owned by the County Government of Tharaka Nithi and is domiciled in Kenya. The Fund's principal activity is to provide funds for youth empowerment and support.

2. Statement of compliance and basis of preparation

The Fund's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The financial statements are presented in Kenya shillings, which is the functional and reporting currency of the Fund. The accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, unless stated otherwise. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method. The financial statements are prepared on accrual basis.

3. Adoption of new and revised standards

a) Relevant new standards and amendments to published standards effective for the financial year ended 30th June 2023

Standard	Effective date and impact
<p>IPSAS 41: Financial Instruments</p>	<p>Applicable: 1st January 2023</p> <p>The objective of IPSAS 41 is to establish principles for the financial reporting of financial assets and liabilities that will present relevant and useful information to users of financial statements for their assessment of the amounts, timing and uncertainty of an Entity's future cash flows.</p> <p>IPSAS 41 provides users of financial statements with more useful information than IPSAS 29, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying a single classification and measurement model for financial assets that considers the characteristics of the asset's cash flows and the objective for which the asset is held; • Applying a single forward-looking expected credit loss model that is applicable to all financial instruments subject to impairment testing; and • Applying an improved hedge accounting model that broadens the hedging arrangements in scope of the guidance. The model develops a strong link between an Entity's risk management strategies and the accounting treatment for instruments held as part of the risk management strategy. <p><i>(The standard has no impact to the Fund)</i></p>

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<p>IPSAS 42: Social Benefits</p>	<p>Applicable: 1st January 2023 The objective of this Standard is to improve the relevance, faithful representativeness and comparability of the information that a reporting Entity provides in its financial statements about social benefits. The information provided should help users of the financial statements and general-purpose financial reports assess: (a) The nature of such social benefits provided by the Entity; (b) The key features of the operation of those social benefit schemes; and (c) The impact of such social benefits provided on the Entity's financial performance, financial position and cash flows. <i>(The standard has no impact to the Fund)</i></p>
<p>Amendments to Other IPSAS resulting from IPSAS 41, Financial Instruments</p>	<p>Applicable: 1st January 2023 a) Amendments to IPSAS 5, to update the guidance related to the components of borrowing costs which were inadvertently omitted when IPSAS 41 was issued. b) Amendments to IPSAS 30, regarding illustrative examples on hedging and credit risk which were inadvertently omitted when IPSAS 41 was issued. c) Amendments to IPSAS 30, to update the guidance for accounting for financial guarantee contracts which were inadvertently omitted when IPSAS 41 was issued. Amendments to IPSAS 33, to update the guidance on classifying financial instruments on initial adoption of accrual basis IPSAS which were inadvertently omitted when IPSAS 41 was issued. <i>(The standard has no impact to the Fund)</i></p>
<p>Other improvements to IPSAS</p>	<p>Applicable 1st January 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>IPSAS 22 Disclosure of Financial Information about the General Government Sector.</i> Amendments to refer to the latest System of National Accounts (SNA 2008). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>IPSAS 39: Employee Benefits</i> Now deletes the term composite social security benefits as it is no longer defined in IPSAS. • IPSAS 29: Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement Standard no longer included in the 2021 IPSAS handbook as it is now superseded by IPSAS 41 which is applicable from 1st January 2023. <i>(The standard has no impact to the Fund)</i> </p>

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b) New and Amended Standards and Interpretations in issue but not effective for the financial year ended 30th June 2023

Standard	Effective date and impact:
IPSAS 43	<p><i>Applicable 1st January 2025</i></p> <p>The standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of leases. The objective is to ensure that lessees and lessors provide relevant information in a manner that faithfully represents those transactions. This information gives a basis for users of financial statements to assess the effect that leases have on the financial position, financial performance and cashflows of an Entity.</p> <p>The new standard requires entities to recognise, measure and present information on right of use assets and lease liabilities.</p> <p><i>(The standard has no impact to the Fund)</i></p>
IPSAS 44: Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations	<p><i>Applicable 1st January 2025</i></p> <p>The Standard requires,</p> <p>Assets that meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale to be measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell and the depreciation of such assets to cease and:</p> <p>Assets that meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale to be presented separately in the statement of financial position and the results of discontinued operations to be presented separately in the statement of financial performance.</p> <p><i>(The standard has no impact to the Fund)</i></p>

c) Early adoption of standards

The Fund did not early – adopt any new or amended standards in the financial year.

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4. Revenue Recognition

i) Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Transfers from other government entities

Revenues from non-exchange transactions with other government entities are measured at fair value and recognized on obtaining control of the asset (cash, goods, services and property) if the transfer is free from conditions and it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential related to the asset will flow to the entity and can be measured reliably.

ii) Revenue from exchange transactions

Interest income

Interest income is accrued using the effective yield method. The effective yield discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount. The method applies this yield to the principal outstanding to determine interest income each financial year.

Dividends

Dividends or similar distributions must be recognized when the shareholder's or the Entity's right to receive payments is established.

Rental income

Rental income arising from operating leases on investment properties is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and included in revenue

5. Budget Information

The original budget for FY 2022/2023 was approved by the County Assembly on 16th June 2022. There was one budget revision to the approved budget in accordance with specific approvals from the appropriate authorities.

The Youth Fund budget is prepared on a different basis to the actual income and expenditure disclosed in the financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on accrual basis using a classification based on the nature of expenses in the statement of financial performance, whereas the budget is prepared on a cash basis. The amounts in the financial statements were recast from the accrual basis to the cash basis and reclassified by presentation to be on the same basis as the approved budget. A comparison of budget and actual amounts, prepared on a comparable basis to the approved budget, is then presented in the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts.

In addition to the Basis difference, adjustments to amounts in the financial statements are also made for differences in the formats and classification schemes adopted for the presentation of the financial statements and the approved budget.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

6. Property, Plant and Equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the entity recognizes such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognized in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognized in surplus or deficit as incurred. Where an asset is acquired in a non-exchange transaction for nil or nominal consideration the asset is initially measured at its fair value.

7. Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognized at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a non-exchange transaction is their fair value at the date of the exchange. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalized development costs, are not capitalized and expenditure is reflected in surplus or deficit in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful life of the intangible assets is assessed as either finite or indefinite.

8. Investment Property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. The carrying amount includes the replacement cost of components of an existing investment property at the time that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met and excludes the costs of day-to-day maintenance of an investment property. Investment property acquired through a non-exchange transaction is measured at its fair value at the date of acquisition. Investment properties are derecognized either when they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit or service potential is expected from its disposal. The difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset is recognized in the surplus or deficit in the year of de-recognition.

9. Financial Instruments

IPSAS 41 addresses the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities, introduces new rules for hedge accounting and a new impairment model for financial assets. *The entity does not have any hedge relationships and therefore the new hedge accounting rules have no impact on the Fund's financial statements.* A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. At initial recognition, the entity measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through surplus or deficit, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(a) Financial assets

Classification of Financial Assets

The entity classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through net assets/ equity or fair value through surplus and deficit on the basis of both the entity's management model for financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. A financial asset is measured at amortized cost when the financial asset is held within a management model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding. A financial asset is measured at fair value through net assets/ equity if it is held within the management model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cashflows and selling financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. A financial asset shall be measured at fair value through surplus or deficit unless it is measured at amortized cost or fair value through net assets/ equity unless an entity has made irrevocable election at initial recognition for particular investments in equity instruments.

Subsequent measurement

Based on the business model and the cash flow characteristics, the entity classifies its financial assets into amortized cost or fair value categories for financial instruments. Movements in fair value are presented in either surplus or deficit or through net assets/ equity subject to certain criteria being met.

Amortized cost

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, and that are not designated at fair value through surplus or deficit, are measured at amortized cost. A gain or loss on an instrument that is subsequently measured at amortized cost and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss when the asset is de-recognized or impaired. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method

Fair value through net assets/ equity

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at fair value through net assets/ equity. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through net assets, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognized in surplus/deficit. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method.

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Fair value through surplus or deficit

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or fair value through net assets/equity are measured at fair value through surplus or deficit. A business model where the entity manages financial assets with the objective of realizing cash flows through solely the sale of the assets would result in a fair value through surplus or deficit model.

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognized at fair values less allowances for any uncollectible amounts. Trade and other receivables are assessed for impairment on a continuing basis. An estimate is made of doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at the year end.

Impairment

The Fund assesses, on a forward-looking basis, the expected credit loss ('ECL') associated with its financial assets carried at amortized cost and fair value through net assets/equity. The entity recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date.

Financial liabilities

Classification

The entity classifies its liabilities as subsequently measured at amortized cost except for financial liabilities measured through profit or loss.

d) Inventories

Inventory is measured at cost upon initial recognition. To the extent that inventory was received through non-exchange transactions (for no cost or for a nominal cost), the cost of the inventory is its fair value at the date of acquisition.

Costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and conditions are accounted for, as follows:

- Raw materials: purchase cost using the weighted average cost method
- Finished goods and work in progress: cost of direct materials and labour and a proportion of manufacturing overheads based on the normal operating capacity, but excluding borrowing costs

After initial recognition, inventory is measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. However, to the extent that a class of inventory is distributed or deployed at no charge or for a nominal charge, that class of inventory is measured at the lower of cost and current replacement cost. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of operations, less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale, exchange, or distribution. Inventories are recognized as an expense when deployed for utilization or consumption in the ordinary course of operations of the Entity.

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e) Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the Entity expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognized as a separate asset only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of financial performance net of any reimbursement.

f) Social Benefits

Social benefits are cash transfers provided to i) specific individuals and / or households that meet the eligibility criteria, ii) mitigate the effects of social risks and iii) Address the need of society as a whole. The entity recognises a social benefit as an expense for the social benefit scheme at the same time that it recognises a liability. The liability for the social benefit scheme is measured at the best estimate of the cost (the social benefit payments) that the entity will incur in fulfilling the present obligations represented by the liability.

g) Contingent liabilities

The Entity does not recognize a contingent liability but discloses details of any contingencies in the notes to the financial statements, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential is remote.

Contingent assets

The Entity does not recognize a contingent asset, but discloses details of a possible asset whose existence is contingent on the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Entity in the notes to the financial statements. Contingent assets are assessed continually to ensure that developments are appropriately reflected in the financial statements. If it has become virtually certain that an inflow of economic benefits or service potential will arise and the asset's value can be measured reliably, the asset and the related revenue are recognized in the financial statements of the year in which the change occurs.

h) Nature and purpose of reserves

The Fund creates and maintains reserves in terms of specific requirements. .

i) Changes in accounting policies and estimates

The Entity recognizes the effects of changes in accounting policy retrospectively. The effects of changes in accounting policy are applied prospectively if retrospective application is impractical.

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

j) Employee benefits – Retirement benefit plans

The Entity provides retirement benefits for its employees and directors. Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior years. The contributions to fund obligations for the payment of retirement benefits are charged against income in the year in which they become payable.

Defined benefit plans are post-employment benefit plans other than defined-contribution plans. The defined benefit funds are actuarially valued tri-annually on the projected unit credit method basis. Deficits identified are recovered through lump sum payments or increased future contributions on proportional basis to all participating employers. The contributions and lump sum payments reduce the post-employment benefit obligation.

k) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially accounted for at the ruling rate of exchange on the date of the transaction. Trade creditors or debtors denominated in foreign currency are reported at the statement of financial position reporting date by applying the exchange rate on that date. Exchange differences arising from the settlement of creditors, or from the reporting of creditors at rates different from those at which they were initially recorded during the year, are recognized as income or expenses in the year in which they arise.

l) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are capitalized against qualifying assets as part of property, plant and equipment. Such borrowing costs are capitalized over the year during which the asset is being acquired or constructed and borrowings have been incurred. Capitalization ceases when construction of the asset is complete. Further borrowing costs are charged to the statement of financial performance.

m) Related parties

The Entity regards a related party as a person or an entity with the ability to exert control individually or jointly, or to exercise significant influence over the Entity, or vice versa. Members of key management are regarded as related parties and comprise the directors, the CEO and senior managers.

n) 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 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. For the purposes of these financial statements, cash and cash equivalents also include short term cash imprests and advances to authorised public officers and/or institutions which were not surrendered or accounted for at the end of the financial year.

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

o) Comparative figures

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

Significant judgments and sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the Entity's financial statements in conformity with IPSAS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the end of the reporting year. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future years.

State all judgements, estimates and assumptions made e.g.

a) Estimates and assumptions –

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Entity based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. However, existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Entity. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur. IPSAS 1.140.

b) Useful lives and residual values

The useful lives and residual values of assets are assessed using the following indicators to inform potential future use and value from disposal:

- The condition of the asset based on the assessment of experts employed by the Entity
- The nature of the asset, its susceptibility and adaptability to changes in technology and processes
- The nature of the processes in which the asset is deployed
- Availability of funding to replace the asset
- Changes in the market in relation to the asset

c) Provisions

Provisions were raised and management determined an estimate based on the information available.

Provisions are measured at the management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and are discounted to present value where the effect is material.

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20. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. TRANSFERS FROM COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Description	2022/2023	2021/2022
	Ksh.	Ksh.
Transfers from County Govt.	-	25,000,000
Total	-	25,000,000

2. OTHER CAPITAL GRANTS AND TRANSFER

Description	2022/2023	2021/2022
	Ksh.	Ksh.
Other Capital Grants and Transfers	-	23,557,680
Total	-	23,557,680

3. USE OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Description	2022/2023	2021/2022
	Ksh.	Ksh.
Hire of Transport	-	1,010,000
Publicity and Advertisement	-	51,300
Catering	-	231,800
Allowance	-	106,500
Bank Charges	7,800	21,056
Total	7,800	1,420,656

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Description	Account Number	2022/2023	2021/2022
Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund A/c	54000008745	13,864	21,664
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		13,864	21,664

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5. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

	2022/2023	2021/2022
	Ksh.	Ksh.
Surplus/ (deficit) for the Year before Tax	13,864	21,664
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation	-	-
Amortisation	-	-
Gains/ losses on disposal of assets	-	-
Interest income	-	-
Finance cost	-	-
Working Capital adjustments		
Increase in inventory	-	-
Increase in receivables	-	-
Increase in payables	-	-
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	13,864	21,664

6. Related Party Balances

a) Nature of related party relationships

Entities and other parties related to the Youth Empowerment Fund include those parties who have ability to exercise control or exercise significant influence over its operating and financial decisions. Related parties include management personnel, their associates and close family members. The fund/scheme is related to the following entities:

- a) The County Government of Tharaka Nithi
- b) The County Government Ministry of Education, Sports, Youth and Culture
- c) Key management;
- d) Board of Trustees

b) Related party transactions

	2022/2023	2021/2022
	Ksh.	Ksh.
Transfers from County Government of Tharaka Nithi	-	25,000,000
Total Amount	-	25,000,000

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7. Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including credit and liquidity risks and effects of changes in foreign currency. The Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on unpredictability of changes in the business environment and seeks to minimise the potential adverse effect of such risks on its performance by setting acceptable levels of risk. The Fund does not hedge any risks and has in place policies to ensure that credit is only extended to customers with an established credit history.

The Fund's financial risk management objectives and policies are detailed below:

a) Credit risk

The Fund has exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, and deposits with banks, as well as trade and other receivables and available-for-sale financial investments.

Management assesses the credit quality of each customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. Individual risk limits are set based on internal or external assessment in accordance with limits set by the directors. The amounts presented in the statement of financial position are net of allowances for doubtful receivables, estimated by the Fund's management based on prior experience and their assessment of the current economic environment.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements representing the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral obtained is made up as follows:

	Total amount Ksh.	Fully performing Ksh.	Past due Ksh.	Impaired Ksh.
At 30th June 2023				
Receivables from exchange transactions	-	-	-	-
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	-	-	-	-
Bank balances	13,864	13,864	-	-
Total	13,864	13,864	-	-

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The customers under the fully performing category are paying their debts as they continue trading. The credit risk associated with these receivables is minimal and the allowance for uncollectible amounts that the Fund has recognised in the financial statements is considered adequate to cover any potentially irrecoverable amounts.

The Fund has no significant concentration of credit risk.

b) Liquidity risk management

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Fund Administrator, who has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Fund's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Fund manages liquidity risk through continuous monitoring of forecasts and actual cash flows.

The table below represents cash flows payable by the Fund under non-derivative financial liabilities by their remaining contractual maturities at the reporting date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than 1 month	Between 1- 3 months	Over 5 months	Total
	Ksh.	Ksh.	Ksh.	Ksh.
At 30th June 2023				
Trade payables	-	-	-	-
Current portion of borrowings	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Employee benefit obligation	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

c) Market risk

The Management has put in place an internal audit function to assist it in assessing the risk faced by the Fund on an ongoing basis, evaluate and test the design and effectiveness of its internal accounting and operational controls.

Market risk is the risk arising from changes in market prices, such as interest rate, equity prices and foreign exchange rates which will affect the Fund's income or the value of its holding of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. Overall responsibility for managing market risk rests with the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

The Fund's Finance Department is responsible for the development of detailed risk management policies (subject to review and approval by Audit and Risk Management Committee) and for the day-to-day implementation of those policies.

There has been no change to the Fund's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk.

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d) Foreign currency risk

The Fund did not have foreign transactional currency exposures. Such exposure arises through purchases of goods and services that are done in currencies other than the local currency. Invoices denominated in foreign currencies are paid after 30 days from the date of the invoice and conversion at the time of payment is done using the prevailing exchange rate.

The Fund did not have foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting year:

		Other currencies	Total
	Ksh.	Ksh.	Ksh.
At 30th June 2023			
Financial assets	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-
Cash	-	-	-
Debtors/ receivables			
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	-	-	-
Borrowings	-	-	-
Net foreign currency asset/(liability)	-	-	-

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Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The following table demonstrates the effect on the Fund's statement of financial performance on applying the sensitivity for a reasonable possible change in the exchange rate of the three main transaction currencies, with all other variables held constant. The reverse would also occur if the Kenya Shilling appreciated with all other variables held constant.

	Change in currency rate	Effect on surplus/ deficit	Effect on Equity
	Ksh.	Ksh.	Ksh.
2022			
Euro	10%	-	-
USD	10%	-	-
2023			
Euro	10%	-	-
USD	10%	-	-

e) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund's financial condition may be adversely affected as a result of changes in interest rate levels. The Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund's interest rate risk arises from bank deposits. This exposes the Fund to cash flow interest rate risk. The interest rate risk exposure arises mainly from interest rate movements on the Fund's deposits.

Management of interest rate risk

To manage the interest rate risk, management has endeavoured to bank with institutions that offer favourable interest rates.

Sensitivity analysis

The Fund analyses its interest rate exposure on a dynamic basis by conducting a sensitivity analysis. This involves determining the impact on profit or loss of defined rate shifts. The sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign exchange rates, remain constant. The analysis has been performed on the same basis as the prior year.

The end of the year figures, the sensitivity analysis has no impact on the statement of comprehensive income.

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f) Capital risk management

The objective of the Fund's capital risk management is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. The Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Development Fund capital structure comprises of the following funds:

	30th June 2023	30th June 2022
	Ksh.	Ksh.
Revaluation reserve	-	-
Revolving fund	-	-
Accumulated surplus	13,864	21,664
Total funds	13,864	21,664
Total borrowings	-	-
Less: cash and bank balances	13,864	21,664
Net debt (excess cash and cash equivalents)	-	-
Gearing	0%	0%

8. Events after the reporting Period

There were no material adjusting and non- adjusting events after the reporting period.

9. Ultimate and Holding Entity

The entity is a County Public Fund established by Tharaka Nithi County Emergency Fund Act, 2016 under the docket of Finance and Economic Planning. Its ultimate parent is the County Government of Tharaka Nithi.

10. Currency

The financial statements are presented in Kenya Shilling (Ksh.).

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21. APPENDICES

I. PROGRESS ON FOLLOW UP OF PRIO YEAR AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

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 as per the Auditor General Report FY 2021/2022

Reference No. on the external audit Report	Issue / Observations from Auditor	Management comments	Status: (Resolved / Not Resolved)	Timeframe: (Put a date when you expect the issue to be resolved)
1. Inaccuracies in the Financial Statements	<p>The financial statements for the year ended 30 June, 2022 presented for the Audit had the following anomalies:</p> <p>The report on Youth Fund Committee on page iii reflects only three members. However, corporate Governance Statement on page viii indicates that the Youth Empowerment Committee comprises of (9) members including the chief officer, youth officer, one youth representative from each of the six sub counties and a youth representative of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>The Fund Administrator signed various sections of the report including the report of the chairperson in page v and the report of management committee on page xx where the Chairperson of the Fund was supposed to sign. There was no explanation why the</p>	<p>The Management takes note of the Audit findings on failure to constitute the Youth Fund Committee and appropriate measures will be instituted to ensure the Committee is properly established.</p>	Not resolved	30 th Sep 2023

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Reference No. on the external audit Report	Issue / Observations from Auditor	Management comments	Status: (Resolved / Not Resolved)	Timeframe: (Put a date when you expect the issue to be resolved)
2. Lack of Ownership Documents for Motor Cycles	Fund Administrator acted and signed the report as chairperson of the Fund. The statement of financial performance and as disclosed in Note 2 to the financial statements reflects Kshs.23,557,680 in respect to Capital Grants and Transfers which were used for procurement of ten (10) motor cycles valued at Kshs.2,00,000 and two (2) three-wheeler motor cycles valued at Kshs.840,000 for distribution to youth groups. However, documents provided revealed that the ownership of the motor cycles had neither been transferred to the Fund nor to the beneficiary groups as they remained registered in the name of supplier. In the circumstances, the ownership and rights over the assets could not be confirmed	The delay in transfer of ownership of motor cycles was occasioned by the process of registering a company to enable the supplier transfer log books as the registered welfare groups do not have PIN The process of transfer of logbooks is currently underway and several applications for transfer of logbooks have been lodged on NTSA virm portal pending transfer.	Not Resolved	30 th Sep 2023
OTHER MATTERS				
1. Delay in Budget Implementation	The statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts reflects an approved revenue budget of Kshs.25,000,000 being transfers from the County Government. However, the amount was from the previous year's approved budget and the Management did not provide approved budget in	The Management acknowledges the delay in implementation of the Funds programmes. The amount allocated by the County Executive during	Not Resolved	30 th Sep 2023

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	<p>respect to the Fund for the current financial year (2021-2022) therefore, the amount utilized in the current year was from previous year's budget and was not clear why the Management delayed in implementing the budget.</p> <p>Further, in approves budget for the previous year 2020/2021, the Management set aside an amount of Ksh. 25,000,000 to finance the programs of the Fund, out of which Ksh. 24,978,336 was utilised as grants to youth groups. However, there was no budgetary allocation contrary to Regulation 197 (1)(c) of the Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulations, 2015 which states that in establishing a County Public Fund, the Executive Committee Member responsible for the County Government entity functions shall confirm in writing that the establishment of the Fund and its continued existence will not depend on annual financing from the County exchequer.</p> <p>In addition, the department in charge of the youth affairs has not developed annual work plans for youth empowerment contrary to Section 25(d) of Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020</p>	<p>the FY 2020/21 was actually received in July, 2021 hence the Fund utilized the resources during the FY 2021/2022.</p> <p>The delay was occasioned by late disbursement of funds from national exchequer for equitable share of revenue. Considering the funds were utilized in the current financial year, there was no further allocation of funds by county executive, but it is expected there will be more budgetary allocation in future.</p> <p>The Fund shall approach other public and private institutions to partner in supporting the Fund in raising more resources</p>	<p>Resolved / Not Resolved</p>	

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REPORT ON LAWFULNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS IN USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCE				
1. Failure to Operationalise Youth Projects	<p>The statement of financial performance and as disclosed in Note 2 to the financial statements reflects K shs.23,557,680 in respect to capital grants which includes K shs.2,351,080 used in procurement of (8) posho mill, a sunflower extractor, a fuel pump and fuel dispenser for distribution to youth groups. According to available inspection and acceptance committee reports, the items were delivered to the County premises between the month of June, 2021 and October, 2021. Although there were distributed to youth groups without respective equipment co-ownership agreement.</p> <p>In addition, physical verification conducted on 25 October, 2022 revealed the following:</p> <p>i. The eight (8) posho mills were not operational as they were kept in various locations across the County and were yet to be installed long after their delivery to the group.</p>	<p>We acknowledge the findings by the audit and wish to confirm that there has been delays in operationalization of posho mills issued to the youth groups. The delay has been occasioned by lack of three phase power lines in most of village markets.</p> <p>The groups have written to Kenya power requesting for power line upgrade to enable run the equipment. The letter requesting for upgrade attached.</p> <p>The fuel tank is available and still in the custody of the youth group as issued. We have</p>	Not Resolved	30 th Sep 2023

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2. Failure to Conduct Capacity Building Trainings	<p>ii. The Management did not provide the physical location of the fuel tank and fuel dispenser for audit inspection.</p> <p>iii. The sunflower extractor was issued to a youth group but not operational as at the time of audit.</p> <p>The Management did not provide explanation why the machines were not put to intended use long after their distribution to the groups.</p> <p>In circumstances, the value for money for the expenditure amount of Ksh. 2,351,080 could not be confirmed.</p>	<p>provided images of the same as traced on the ground as at date of this report.</p>	Not Resolved	30 th Sep 2023
	<p>During the year, the Fund distributed equipment to various youth groups. However, the Management did not provide evidence including training invitations, attendance registers, training program, details of facilitators, duration and venue to confirm that beneficiaries were subjected to capacity building trainings. This is contrary to Section 8(f) of Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 which states that the Fund shall be appropriated for the purpose of supporting entrepreneurship training for</p>	<p>The Management takes note of the audit findings and recommendation and undertakes to train the youth groups on successful running of business on entrepreneurship skills for all the beneficiary youth groups.</p>	Not Resolved	

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Reference No. on the external audit Report	Issue / Observations from Auditor	Management comments	Status: (Resolved / Not Resolved)	Timeframe: (Put a date when you expect the issue to be resolved)
3. Non Compliance with law on Reservation of Procurement Opportunities to Special Groups	<p>In the circumstances, the Fund Management is in breach of the law.</p> <p>During the financial year, the Fund purchased equipment valued at Kshs.23,557,680 which were later distributed to various youth groups across the County. However, there was no evidence that the procurement provided 30% reservation of the tenders advertised for women, youth, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups contrary to Section 53 (6) of the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Act, 2015 which states that all procurement and assets disposal planning shall reserve a minimum of thirty percent of the budgetary allocation for enterprises owned by women, youth, persons with disabilities and disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>In the circumstances, the Fund Management is in breach.</p>	<p>The Management confirms having provided opportunity to youth, women and people with disabilities when sourcing for the products and services. Several suppliers registered under YA GPO benefited from the Fund</p>	Resolved	30 th June 2023
4. Non Compliance with	<p>During the year under review, the Fund received Kshs.25,000,000 from Tharaka Nithi County Executive in respect to youth empowerment</p>	<p>The Management takes note of the audit finding and wish to clarify that</p>	Not Resolved	30 th Sep 2023

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Law on Public participation	<p>programs. However, the Management did not provide evidence of public participation including reports, signed attendance registers for the meetings held, venues of the events, invitations of the public and minutes of the meetings held contrary to Section 7(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulations, 2015 which requires participatory strategies including open forums, written submissions, online platform and media.</p> <p>In the circumstances, it was not possible to determine whether the youth of Tharaka Nithi County were involved in formulation of the programs of the Fund. In addition, the Fund was in breach of law.</p>	<p>the Fund conducted several public participation forums within the County to sensitize the youth on the Youth Fund. The program was implemented in accordance to requirements as made by the youth through the proposal submitted.</p> <p>The qualifying registered youth groups were invited to submit proposals for kind of business that they are desirous to engage. The equipment was provided based on the proposals.</p>		
5. Failure to Develop Regulations for the Fund	<p>The Management did not develop regulations in respect to Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Fund as envisaged in Section 27 of Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020. In absence of the regulations and specific</p>	<p>The Management takes note of the audit finding on failure to prepare Youth Empowerment Fund Regulations. However, there has been</p>	Not resolved	30 th Sep 2023

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	guidelines, it was not possible to determine the criteria applied in receiving, processing and approval of applications for grants, preparation and maintenance of grantee's record and recovery and cancellation of grants.	no legal requirement to enact Regulations since the Act is sufficient and can be implemented without a Regulations		
6. Non Preparation of Monitoring and Evaluation Reports	The Management did not provide monitoring and evaluation reports on the progress and performance of the micro and small enterprises supported by the Fund contrary to Section 16(2)(c) of the Tharaka Nithi County Youth Empowerment Act, 2020 which requires the youth officer to be assisting in monitoring and evaluating the progress and performance of the micro and small enterprises under this Act.	The Management takes note of the findings and confirms Monitoring and Evaluation exercise was conducted in August 2022 as per attached report	Not resolved	30 th Sep 2023
REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS, RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE				
1. Ineffective Internal Audit	During the year, the Fund incurred expenditure totalling to Kshs.24,978,336 as reflected in the statement of financial performance. However, there was no evidence that the financial operations of the Fund were subjected to internal audit contrary to Section 153(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulations, 2015 which	The Management takes note of the findings and necessary measures shall be taken to ensure complaint in respect to conduct of internal audit.	Resolved	30 th June 2023

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	<p>states that internal auditors shall review and evaluate budgetary performance, financial management, transparency, accountability mechanism and process in County Government entity.</p> <p>In the circumstances, the Fund Management was in breach of the law.</p>			

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Guidance Notes:

- a) *Use the same reference numbers as contained in the external audit report;*
- b) *Obtain the “Issue/Observation” and “management comments”, required above, from final external audit report that is signed by Management;*
- c) *Before approving the report, discuss the timeframe with the appointed Focal Point persons within your entity responsible for implementation of each issue;*
- d) *Indicate the status of “Resolved” or “Not Resolved” by the date of submitting this report to County Treasury.*

Sign. 

Wilberforce Muriungi Ntwiga
Tharaka Nithi Youth Fund Administrator

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II. BREAKDOWN OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE BY QUARTER


	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
	Ksh	Ksh	Ksh	Ksh	Ksh
Revenue from non-exchange Transactions					
Transfers from the County Government	-	-	-	-	-
Unspent Balance Brought Forward	21,664	-	-	-	21,664
Total Revenue	21,664	-	-	-	21,664
Expenses					
Capital Grants and Transfers					
Use of Goods and Services	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	7,800
Total Expenses	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	7,800
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	18,264	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	13,864


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III. INTER – ENTITY TRANSFERS

ENTITY NAME:		THARAKA NITHI COUNTY YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND		
Break down of Transfers from Tharaka Nithi County Government Executive				
	FY 2022/2023			
a.	Recurrent Grants	<u>Bank Statement Date</u>	<u>Amount (Ksh)</u>	<u>Relate to FY</u>
		Total		
b.	Direct Payments	<u>Bank Statement Date</u>	<u>Amount (Ksh)</u>	<u>Relate to FY</u>
		Total		

The above amounts have been communicated to and reconciled with the County Government of Tharaka Nithi

Sign: 
Fund Administrator
Youth Empowerment Fund

Sign: 
Director Finance
County Government of Tharaka Nithi