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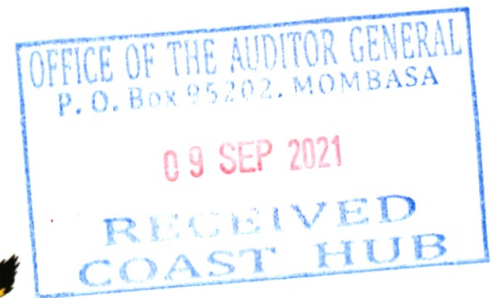
ON

**TAITA TAVETA COUNTY
DATU SAWAZISHA FUND**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE, 2019**

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
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Prepared in accordance with the Accrual Basis of Accounting Method under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)

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1. KEY ENTITY INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT

a) Background information

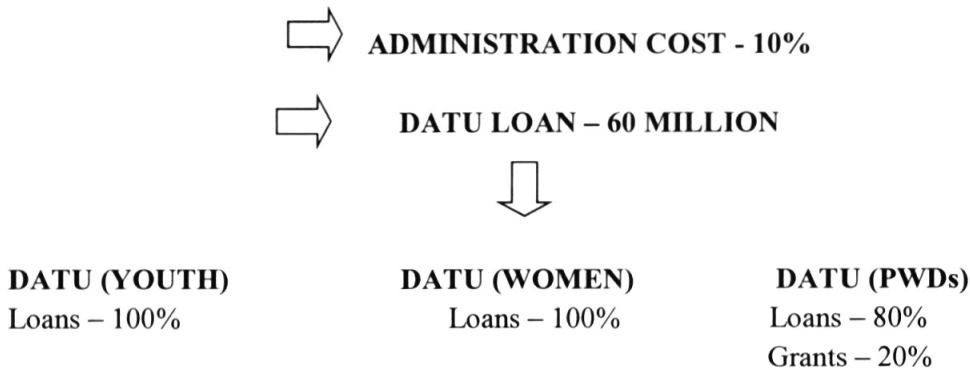
Datu Sawazisha Fund was launched in the year 2014 by the Taita Taveta County Government under the Taita Taveta County Datu Sawazisha Fund Act 2014.

DATU is an acronym that stands for “**DAWIDA TUWETA**”, meaning the people of Taita and Taveta.

The Datu Fund amount allocation as per the Datu Sawazisha Fund Act is 60 Million that mainly targets the vulnerable groups’ category namely the Youth, Women and Persons with Disability (PWDs) thus 20 Million each group category allocated respectively.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUND:

The division and usage of Datu fund is as follows;



OBJECTIVE:

The Fund strives to achieve the following;

- To improve and stimulate the economy and standards of living in the County.
- To provide credit facilities for Youth, Women and Persons with disabilities (PWDs) to enable them engage in profitable activities that enhance their economy and growth
- To promote and develop enterprises within the County

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b) Key Management

The DATU Sawazisha Fund *day-to-day* management is under the following key organs:

Name	Position	Term
Mr. Dr. Boniface Mwandoto	Board Chairman	November 2014- November 2017
Mr. Vitalis Kangero	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017
Mr. Ramadhan Itambo	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017
Mrs. Martha Kenio	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017
Mr. Venant Mwabara	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017
Mrs. Rosemary Mwazighe	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017
Mr. Joel Shinga	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017
Miss. Gladness Maganga	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017
Mrs. Juliah Mwale	Board Member	November 2014- November 2017

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:

No.	Designation	Name
1.	CEC Member, Member Finance and Planning	Davis Mwangoma
2.	Chief Officer, Finance and Planning	Leonard Langat, CPA (K)
3.	Director – Accounting	Joyce Kambe Mwachia, CPA (K)
4.	Fund Administrator	Jemimah Wanjala

d) Fiduciary Oversight Arrangements

The key fiduciary oversight bodies at the county for the year ended 30th June 2019 were:

1. County Assembly of Taita Taveta
2. County Audit Committee
3. County Budget and Economic Forum (CBEF)

e) Entity Headquarters

P.O. Box 1066-10304
 Red Elephant Bistro Building
 Along Msa-Nairobi Highway
 Voi, Kenya

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Voi, Kenya
2. Kenya Commercial Bank
Wundanyi Branch
P.O. Box 1067-80304
Wundanyi, Kenya

h) Independent Auditors

Auditor General
Kenya National Audit Office
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i) Principal Legal Adviser

The Attorney General
State Law Office
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Nairobi, Kenya

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2. FORWARD BY THE CECM FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

The Taita Taveta Datu Sawazisha Fund came into existence after the enactment of Datu Sawazisha Fund Act 2014.

The objective of the Fund is to

- (a) improve and stimulate the economy and standards of living in the County;
- (b) provide credit facilities for women, the youth and persons with disability to enable them engage in profitable activities that enhance their economic growth; and
- (c) promote and develop enterprises within the county

The Datu Sawazisha Fund is administered as follows:

The ward level through the ward Datu Committee;

Each ward of Taita Taveta County Government has elected Datu Ward committee to manage the allocation of funds to needy groups.

The committee at the ward level was elected under the supervision of the Sub County Administrator. The committee at the ward level receives and discusses all applications before awarding funds as they deem appropriate.

The Fund is managed by the Datu Sawazisha Fund Board, domiciled in the Department of Trade, Cooperatives, Youth and Sports.

The final distribution is by the board depending on the actual groups that have been approved by the committee. However, there has been no board in place in the Financial Year ended 30th June 2019.

Much has been achieved through this initiative though challenges persist as the Datu Fund allocation process is initiated, and awarding done at the Ward Committee level, with the payment process done at the Datu Board.

PERFORMANCE

Beneficiaries of the Fund include Youth, Women and Persons with Disability.

The ward committees are under pressure to award all applicants, but there is a need to put in place mechanisms that will enable to appraise and rank all the applicants and allocate only the most deserving cases.

The benefits of this Fund can only be effective where the group dynamics are taught to take beneficiaries. Deserving cases therefore need to be monitored with a view of helping them economically and sustainability in the projects undertaken by the groups.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

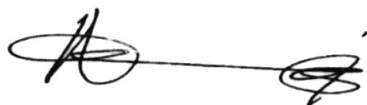
For the financial year 2018/2019, the fund **didn't** receive any funding from the County Treasury, Going forward we would wish to get funds for the continuity of the fund and smooth operations such as fast-tracking loan recoveries hence reissuing new loans.

CONCLUSION

FY 2018/2019 was a good year in general. Good progress was made in absorption of funds, unlike in the previous financial year 2017/2018 and the momentum has been created to enable Taita Taveta County continue on a trajectory into prosperity.

I take this opportunity to thank H.E the Governor and the Deputy Governor for their support. I would also want to thank my colleagues, the County Executive Committee Members in charge of other departments who we have worked hand in hand to ensure that Taita Taveta County achieves its mission.

I thank all staff in the County Government for their continued commitment and dedication through hard work in delivering services to the people of Taita Taveta County.



County Executive Committee Member-Finance and Economic Planning