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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET

ON

ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS' (EQUITABLE SHARE) CASH
DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27

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PREFACE

Mandate and Functions of the Committee

Article 124 of the Constitution of Kenya, provides for the establishment of Committees by either House of Parliament. Committees are central to the workings, roles and functions of Parliament as set out in Article 94 and more specifically in Article 96 of the Constitution as regards to the Senate.

Parliamentary committees consider policy issues, scrutinize the workings and expenditures of the national and county governments and examine proposals for legislation. The end results of these processes are reports to the House in plenary on inquiry of certain issues under the mandate of a particular committee.

The Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Budget is established under section 8(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Cap. 412A and standing order 212(3) of the Standing Orders of the Senate and is mandated to -

- a) *To investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budgets and to examine –*
 - i) *the Budget Policy Statement presented to the Senate;*
 - ii) *report on the Budget allocated to Constitutional Commissions and independent offices;*
 - iii) *the Division of Revenue Bill, County Allocation of Revenue Bill, and cash disbursement schedule for county governments.*
 - iv) *To consider all matters related to resolutions and Bills for appropriations, share of national revenue amongst the counties and all matters concerning the National Budget, including public finance and monetary policies and public debt, planning and development policy; and*
- b) *To pursuant to Article 228 (6) of the Constitution, to examine the report of the Controller of Budget on the implementation of the budgets of county governments.*

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Finance and Budget was constituted by the Senate of the Thirteenth (13th) Parliament on Thursday, 13th October, 2022 during the First Session. The Committee was later reconstituted on Wednesday, 12th February, 2025, during the Fourth Session. The Committee as currently constituted is comprised of the following Members-

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| 1) Sen. (Capt.) Ali Ibrahim Roba, EGH, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2) Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, CBS, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3) Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP | - | Member |
| 4) Sen. Mohamed Faki Mwinyihaji, CBS, MP | - | Member |
| 5) Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, MP | - | Member |
| 6) Sen. Shakila Abdalla Mohamed, MP | - | Member |
| 7) Sen. Eddy Gicheru Oketch, MP | - | Member |
| 8) Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP | - | Member |
| 9) Sen. Essy Okenyuri Nyaituga, MP | - | Member |

Executive Summary

The County Governments Cash Disbursement Schedule, submitted to the Senate by the National Treasury according to section 17 of the Public Financial Management Act, Cap. 412A, ensures timely monthly transfers of county governments share of nationally raised revenue from the Consolidated Fund to respective County Revenue Funds (CRF). The Schedule facilitates a predictable flow of county funds, enabling counties to undertake critical functions and service delivery to citizens.

Further, the Schedule ensures implementation of Article 219 of the Constitution which provides that a counties' share of revenue raised by the National Government shall be transferred to the county governments without undue delay and without deduction, except when the transfer has been stopped under Article 225 (stoppage of transfer for material breaches).

Following the enactment of the Division of Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the envisioned passage of the County Allocation of Revenue Act, 2026 which provides for allocations for each county, the Schedule for Financial Year 2026/27 was submitted to the Senate by the National Treasury on 16th June, 2026 for approval.

The Schedule was tabled in the Senate on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 and committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget pursuant to standing order 189(2) of the Senate Standing Orders.

The Committee considered the Cash Disbursement Schedule and noted that-

- a) The proposed Cash Disbursement Schedule groups county transfers into five funding categories depending on the amounts to be disbursed. This phased approach is intended to ensure a balanced and predictable flow of funds to counties throughout the FY 2026/27.
- b) The proposed Cash Disbursement Schedule provides a predictable framework for transferring equitable share allocations to county governments, however, the National Treasury's condition that the transfers will depend on the performance of nationally collected revenues introduces uncertainty about the timing and

amounts of actual disbursements. Given that equitable share accounts for approximately 90% of county government budgets, any revenue shortfalls or delays at the national level could significantly constrain county liquidity, disrupt service delivery, delay development projects, and adversely affect overall budget implementation.

- c) An analysis of actual monthly disbursement in FY 2025/26 reveals that as at 15th June 2026, transfers amounting to Ksh.35.28 billion for May 2026 and Ksh.33.20 billion for June 2026, totaling Ksh.68.48 billion, were yet to be disbursed to county governments despite the financial year ending on 30th June 2026. This delay demonstrates that the proposed disbursement schedule may not necessarily translate into timely cash releases. Delayed disbursements during the financial year significantly diminish counties' capacity to absorb funds and achieve planned outputs, thereby weakening the link between approved budgets and actual service delivery outcomes

Having made the above observations, the Committee recommends that the Senate approves the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for the Financial Year 2026/27 as tabled in the Senate on 17th June, 2026.

Acknowledgments

The Committee appreciates the National Treasury and Economic Planning for submission of the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule which is a facilitative planning tool for budget execution by the county governments.

The Committee thanks the Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the Senate for the support extended to the Committee in the execution of its mandate.

Appreciation to all Members of the Committee for their patience, sacrifice and commitment to complete the assigned task within the stipulated time.

It is now my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget, pursuant to standing order 189(2) of the Senate Standing Orders, to present to the Senate, this Report of the Committee on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/27.

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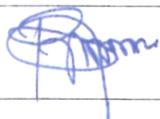
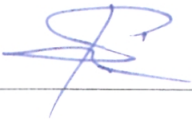
SEN. (CAPT.) ALI IBRAHIM ROBA, EGH, MP,

CHAIRPERSON,

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (EQUITABLE SHARE) CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27

We, the undersigned Members of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Budget,
do hereby append our signatures to adopt this Report-

	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Sen. Capt. Ali Ibrahim Roba, EGH, MP	Chairperson	
2.	Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, CBS, MP	Vice-Chairperson	
3.	Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP	Member	
4.	Sen. Mohamed Faki Mwinyihaji, CBS, MP	Member	
5.	Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, MP	Member	
6.	Sen. Shakila Abdalla Mohamed, MP	Member	
7.	Sen. Eddy Gicheru Oketch, MP	Member	
8.	Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP	Member	
9.	Sen. Essy Okenyuri Nyaituga, MP	Member	

CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY EQUITABLE SHARE FOR FY 2026/27.

1.0 Overview

1.1 Introduction

1. The cash disbursement schedule is prepared in fulfillment of the requirement of the National Treasury to administer the Consolidated Fund in accordance with Article 206 of the Constitution. The National Treasury is required to pay from the Exchequer Account, without undue delay, all amounts that are payable for public services.
2. Section 17(6) of the Public Finance Management Act (Cap. 412A), provides that the National Treasury shall, at the beginning of every month, and not later than the fifteenth day from the commencement of the month, disburse monies to county governments for the expenditure of the following month.
3. To facilitate the disbursement, the National Treasury, in consultation with the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC), is required to prepare a disbursement schedule indicating the monthly payments of the equitable share that shall be made to counties. The schedule is then submitted to the Senate for approval.

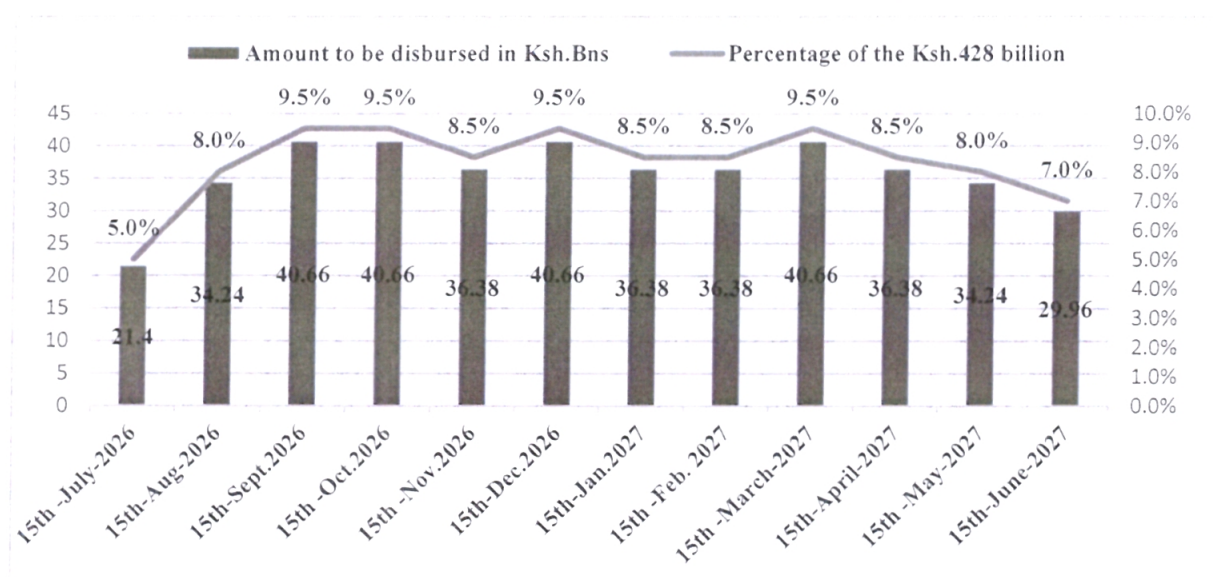
1.2 Analysis of the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for FY 2026/27.

4. The Cash Disbursement Schedule is based on the Division of Revenue Act, 2026, which allocates a total of Ksh.428 billion to counties as equitable share from the revenue raised nationally. The county equitable share is shared among counties by application of the approved Fourth Basis for allocating nationally raised revenue among county governments.
5. The disbursement to each county is exclusively scheduled to be made every 15th of each month from 1st July 2026 to 30th June 2027. On average, 8.3% of the Ksh.428 billion will be paid out monthly to counties. The highest releases of Ksh.40.66 billion per month are scheduled for September, October, December 2026, and March 2027. Additional analysis reveals that the lowest disbursements will be in

July 2026 and June 2027, with proposed transfers of Ksh.21.4 billion and Ksh.29.96 billion, respectively.

6. Further, the schedule splits equally the funds transfer across the two halves of the fiscal year, targeting Ksh.214 billion by the close of December 2026, and the balance of Ksh.214 billion will be transferred by the end of June 2027. Quarterly analysis of the disbursement shows that the highest allocations shall be transferred in the second and third quarters of the financial year, with the cumulative amount being Ksh.117.7 billion and Ksh.113.42 billion, respectively.

Table 1: Monthly disbursement of the county's equitable share.



7. A further breakdown of the proposed disbursements shows that Nairobi City County will consistently receive the highest transfer, while Lamu County gets the least. For the least transfer of Ksh.21.4 billion, Nairobi City County will receive Ksh.1.22 billion, and Lamu County Ksh.199.4 million. For the highest transfer of Ksh.40.66 billion, Nairobi City County will receive Ksh.2.1 billion, while Lamu County will receive Ksh.378.8 million. The overall average transfer for the 47 counties shall be Ksh.865.1 million per county under the highest tranche of Ksh.40.66 billion and Ksh.455.3 million per county under the lowest tranche of Ksh.21.4 billion.

2.0 Committee Observations

8. The Committee observed that-

- a) The proposed Cash Disbursement Schedule groups county transfers into five funding categories. The phased approach is intended to ensure a balanced and predictable flow of funds to counties throughout the FY 2026/27.
 - i) The lowest allocation of Ksh.21.40 billion is scheduled for disbursement in July 2026,
 - ii) The transfer of Ksh.29.96 billion will be disbursed in June 2027.
 - iii) Monthly transfers of Ksh.34.24 billion are scheduled for August 2026 and May 2027.
 - iv) The highest monthly allocation, amounting to Ksh.40.66 billion will be disbursed in months of September 2026, October 2026, December 2026, and March 2027.
 - v) The transfers of Ksh.36.38 billion are scheduled in November 2026, January 2027, February 2027, and April 2027.
- b) The proposed Cash Disbursement Schedule provides a predictable framework for transferring equitable share allocations to county governments, however, the National Treasury's condition that the transfers will depend on the performance of nationally collected revenues introduces uncertainty about the timing and amounts of actual disbursements. Given that equitable share accounts for approximately 90% of county government budgets, any revenue shortfalls or delays at the national level could significantly constrain county liquidity, disrupt service delivery, delay development projects, and adversely affect overall budget implementation.
- c) An analysis of actual monthly disbursement in FY 2025/26 reveals that as at 15th June 2026, transfers amounting to Ksh.35.28 billion for May 2026 and Ksh.33.20 billion for June 2026, totaling Ksh.68.48 billion, were yet to be disbursed to county governments despite the financial year ending on 30th June 2026. This delay demonstrates that the proposed disbursement schedule may not

necessarily translate into timely cash releases. Delayed disbursements during the financial year significantly diminish counties' capacity to absorb funds and achieve planned outputs, thereby weakening the link between approved budgets and actual service delivery outcomes

3.0 Committee Recommendations

The Committee recommends that-

- a) The Senate approves the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/27 as tabled in the Senate on 17th June, 2026.
- b) In disbursement of funds to the counties, the National Treasury should adhere to the approved Cash Disbursement Schedule as required by Article 219 of the Constitution.

Appendices

Annex 1: Minutes

Annex 2: County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for
Financial Year 2026/27



MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIRST (291ST) MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2026 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 4, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT

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| 1. Sen. (Capt.) Ali Ibrahim Roba, EGH, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP | - | Member |
| 3. Sen. Shakila Abdalla Mohamed, MP | - | Member |
| 4. Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP | - | Member |
| 5. Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, MP | - | Member |
| 6. Sen. Essy Okenyuri Nyaituga, MP | - | Member |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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| 7. Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, CBS, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 8. Sen. Mohamed Faki Mwinyihaji, CBS, MP | - | Member |
| 9. Sen. Eddy Gicheru Oketch, MP | - | Member |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mr. Christopher Gitonga | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Beverlyne Chivadika | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Ms. Lucy Radoli | - | Legal Counsel |
| 4. Mr. Constant Wamayuyi | - | Researcher |
| 5. Mr. Kiminza Kioko | - | Fiscal Analyst |
| 6. Ms. Rose Ometere | - | Audio Officer |

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PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4.55 p.m. This was followed by a word of prayer and introduction.

MIN/SEN/SCF&B/1661/2026

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted having been proposed by Sen. Essy Okenyuri Nyaituga, MP, and seconded by Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP, as listed-

1. Prayer;
2. Introduction;
3. Consideration and adoption of the report on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for FY 2026/27- (*Committee Paper 181*);

4. Any other Business; and
5. Adjournment and Date of the Next Meeting.

MIN/SEN/SCF&B/1662/2026

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE
COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (EQUITABLE
SHARE) CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE
FOR FY 2026/27- (COMMITTEE PAPER 181)**

The Committee considered the draft report on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for FY 2026/27, and observed that-

- a) The proposed Cash Disbursement Schedule groups county transfers into five funding categories. The phased approach is intended to ensure a balanced and predictable flow of funds to counties throughout the FY 2026/27.
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**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE
COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (EQUITABLE**

SHARE) CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE
FOR FY 2026/27- (COMMITTEE PAPER 181)

Having considered the report on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for FY 2026/27, the Committee unanimously adopted it having been proposed by Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP, and seconded by Sen. Richard Momoima Onyonka, MP, recommending that the Senate approves the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for FY 2026/27 as tabled in the Senate at its Sitting held on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026.

MIN/SEN/SCF&B/1664/2026

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting shall be by notice.

SIGNATURE:



DATE: 17th June, 2026.

SEN. (CAPT.) ALI IBRAHIM ROBA, EGH, MP
(CHAIRPERSON)