



# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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## GOVERNOR HOSTS FIRST COUNTY REVENUE ROUND TABLE

Governor H.E Gladys Wanga presided over the inaugural Homa Bay County Revenue Roundtable bringing together various county departments and key stakeholders for a multi-sectoral brainstorming on how to achieve the county's revenue targets and further improve revenue administration and governance.

During the meeting, various County Departments reported on their own progress on revenue mobilization, challenges and mitigation plans to ensure the overall revenue targets are achieved. Homa Bay County targets to raise **Kshs. 1 Billion** as own source revenue.

The meeting was also graced by Deputy Governor Oyugi Magwanga, former Governor Nderitu Murithi who led Laikipia county into achieving a high rating in own source revenue mobilization during his tenure and several Members of the County Executive Committee.

The meeting deliberated on progress of the new revenue regime, since the resumption of revenue collection in the county on **5<sup>th</sup> October 2022** and a number of interventions to progress the cashless revenue collection.

**REPORTING ON PROGRESS:** The meeting noted that the county revenue mobilization has made tremendous progress since the introduction of the cashless revenue collection. Since 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to date the county has recorded a collection of KES 201 million compared to a total of KES 130 million collected over 12 months in the last Financial Year. **We celebrate the Kshs. 200 Million raised in the span of two months noting we are on course to achieve the 1 Billion target.**

**ON CASHLESS REVENUE COLLECTION** The governor reemphasized that cash transactions remain banned in all payable county government services, further warning that officers engaging in un authorized methods of revenue collection will be dismissed and legal action taken against them.

**NOTING** the establishment of the **County Revenue Board** and the enactment of the County Revenue Administration Act, it was announced that the board whose recruitment is underway will take charge of the revenue collection.

**IN REGARDS** to the establishment of **Osuru Center**, the meeting agreed that there was need for the enhancement of services at the center to make all county government services available under one roof. Kenya Commercial Bank agreed to second a cashier to the center, to facilitate cashless operations. The governor announced that the center will officially be launched on **22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**.

**IN ORDER** to achieve the Kshs. 1 billion own source revenue target, it was directed that all County Executive Committee Members and Chief Officers will sign revenue targets and work plans with the Governor to ensure each department delivers on their revenue obligations. Critical to note is the **link between services and revenue**. All the departments must commit to service delivery.

**REALISING** that a good population in the county was still not covered by the **National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF)**, it was decided that a campaign to mobilize residents to register be kick-started. It was further revealed that all County Staff will from next year be placed under the NHIF super cover and that all the 3000 Community Health Volunteers would be enrolled in the NHIF cover as well. **All Homa Bay County residents are encouraged to join NHIF.**

**ON SINGLE BUSINESS PERMITS** that are due for renewal all the businesses are reminded to remit their payments through cashless systems. **The Paybill No. 0434343** and the **USSD No. \*603#**.

**FINALLY**, the governor announced that she will leave nothing to chance in ensuring that revenue leakages are permanently dealt with. She appealed for public support in order to move the country from the embarrassing national positioning to a strategic recognizable ranking in service delivery and own source revenue collection. **It is indeed a new dawn in Homa Bay County.**

**Executive Office of the Governor**

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