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TRANSFERS TO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

The National Treasury & Planning wishes to confirm that it has so far transferred a total of KES 133 billion to county governments for the Financial Year 2020/21. Of these transfers, KES 120.2 billion has been disbursed as part of the Equitable Share due to county governments and KES 13 billion as Conditional Grants.

However due to the adverse effects of COVID-19 and the subsequent containment measures that have generally slowed down the pace of economic activities, the disbursements to county governments are indeed falling behind by two months.

Nonetheless, the National Treasury notes that as at 13th January, 2021, the balances of county governments at the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) stands at KES 34.6 billion and appeal to them to make full use of these funds in the meantime, as further disbursements from the Exchequer are made in due course.

With the opening up of the economy and the reversal of the COVID-19 tax relief measures, the National Treasury expects revenue collection to improve from the current Quarter (Third Quarter of this Financial Year) and will prioritize disbursements to county governments with a view to clearing the arrears.

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