

Reimagining the ECD Landscape in Kenya: Sustaining and Scaling Up Change

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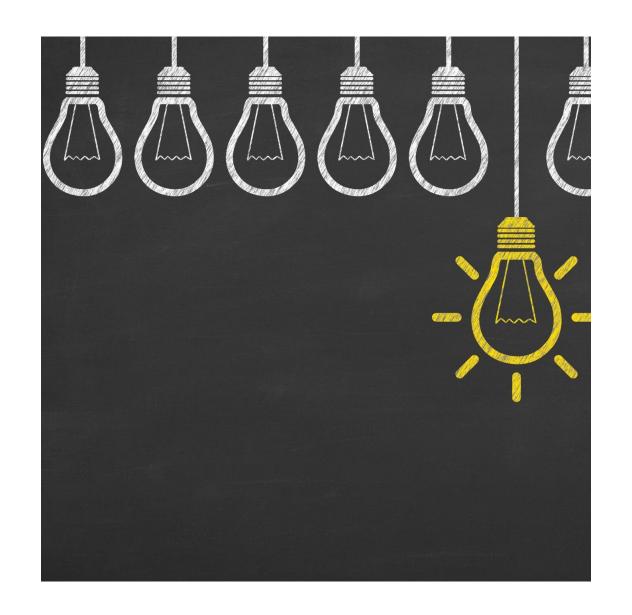


IBP Kenya Approaches to Work

- Collaborative Research and Analysis
- Embedded Capacity Building
- Strategic Advocacy and Communication
- Learning
- Institutional Strengthening

To start of this conversation, how would you distribute KES 1,000 to the various aspects of Children Services?

- Consider all the aspects that need to make ECD successful.
- List them and in the chat box and on a flip chart.





THE BUDGET CYCLE - STAGES

Budget Formulation Evaluation/Aud Budget **Approval** Budget Implementatio

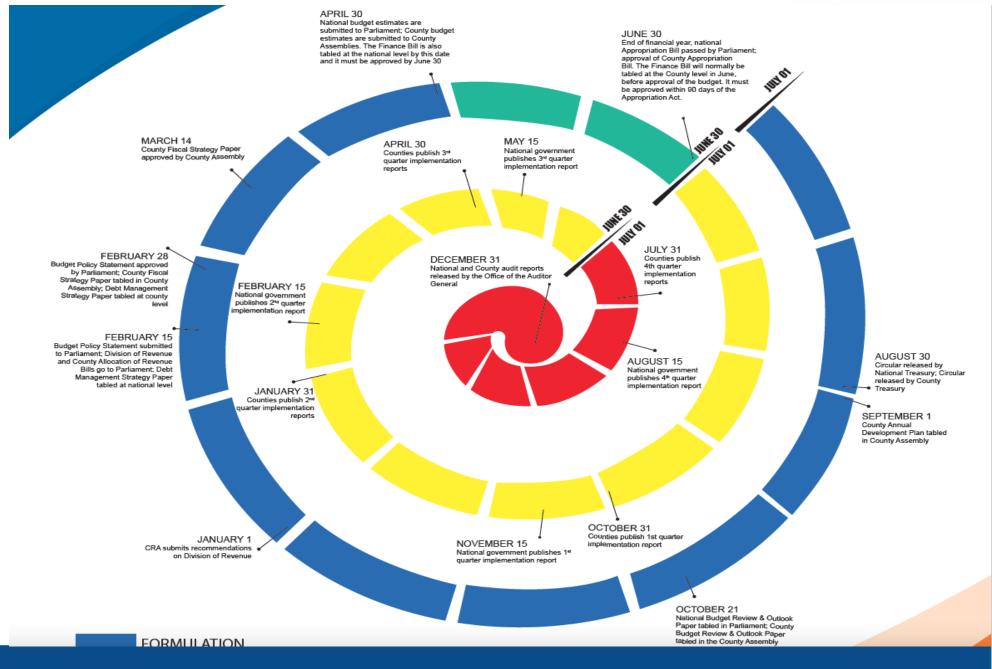
The national and county processes run concurrently.

The stages are interdependent and so are the documents (information) within each of the stages.

Budget Implementation happens throughout the cycle.

A full budget cycle takes two and a half years; formulation to evaluation.

The Budget Cycle





Budget Timelines and events for FY2024/25

Treasury circular for the preparation of FY 2024/25 Budget and the MTEF Period.

• (August 2023)



Sector Working Groups
Analysis, Sector Hearings
and the BROP

• (September – December 2023)

Decisions preceding the Supplementary Budget I FY 2024/25

BPS tabled, deliberated and subsequently approved

• (5th January 28th February2024)

Finance Bill 2024 tabled, deliberated and subsequently withdrawn following public unrest.

• 13 May – 27th June



Budget Estimates tabled, deliberated and subsequently approved.



Division of Revenue Bill deliberated and subsequently passed into law

• June 10th.

Appropriation Act is passed and Implementation of FY 2024/25 budget starts

• July 1st 2024



County Allocation of Revenue Bill 2024 returned to parliamen with ammendments.

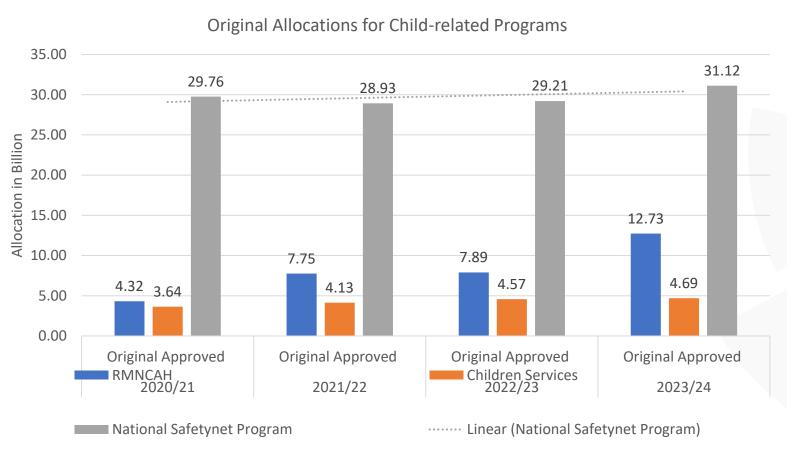


Supplementary I FY 2024/25 tabled in Parliament for consideration.

• 17th July 2024



Budgetary Allocations for Child-related Programs



- RMNCAH covers Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health having a steady growth in allocations.
- National SafetyNet Program
 has a plateaued allocation over
 the period.
- Allocation to children services is relatively small but steady growth in allocations.

Key Performance Indicators	Planned Targets			Achieved Targets			Remarks	
indicators	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22		
No. of OVC households supported with cash transfers.	353,000	390,500	353,000	295,316	294,345	278,945	Graduation of CT-OVC beneficiaries, replacement has not been done	

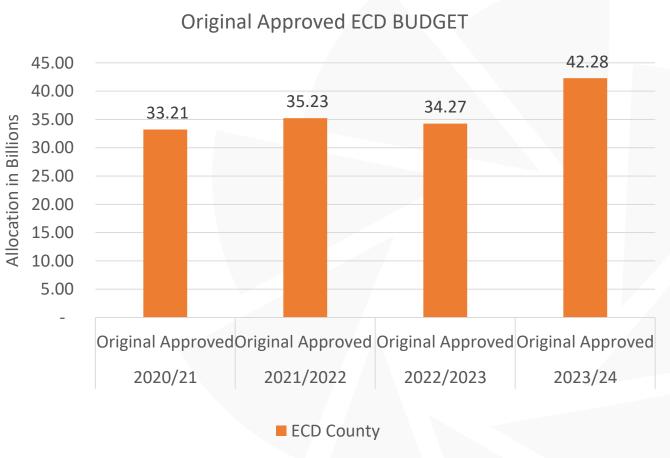
Source: Social Protection, Culture And Recreation Sector Report 2022/23-2024/25

- However, even with a steady allocation increase, targets especially on OVCs are poorly achieved with reasons such as insufficient data collected on beneficiaries and natural attrition such as retirement and graduation of beneficiaries.
- Are the increased allocations channeled to other sub-programs that are not childrelated e.g. Persons With Disabilities?



ECDE County Allocations

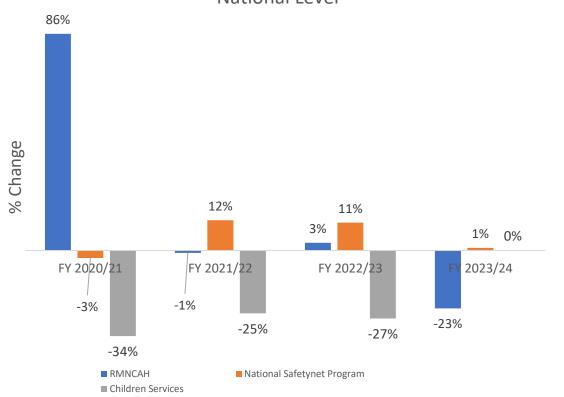
- ECDE is a devolved function. However, there is some allocation at national level of about 3 Million.
- County ECDE allocations remained within close range but increased significantly in FY 2023/24.
- In February 2023, Salaries and Remuneration Committee (SRC) gave a press release on minimum wages payable to ECD teachers to 14,961 in Nairobi and 13,211 in other areas.
- Counties such as Nyeri doubled ECD salaries in February from 13,983-25,220.





Supplementary Changes in Child-related Program Budgets

Budget Changes In Children Related Programems - National Level



Financial Year	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
Sector	Supplementar y Change(Billion s)	% Change	Change(Billi	Cha	,	han	Supplemen tary Change(Bill ions)	%cha nge
RMNCAH	3.72	86%	-0.11	-1%	0.24	3%	-2.99	-23%
	4.05	2.40/	4.00	-	4.00	- 27		00/
Children Services	-1.25	-34%	-1.03	25%	-1.22	%	0.00	0%
National Safetynet						13		
Program	-0.83	-3%	3.66	13%	3.80	%	0.22	1%

Supplementary Changes in Child-related Program Budgets

Delivery Unit	Key Output (KO)	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Targets 2020/2021	Revised 2020/2021 Targets
1081105500 Vaccines and Immunizations	Vaccination of Kenyan Adults against Covid-19	Number of people vaccinated	-	11,000,000

Source: PBB Supplementary II 2020/21

Programme	Delivery Unit	Key Output	Key Performance Indicators	Target 2020/21	Actual Achievement 2020/21
	Division of National Vaccines and	Vaccines and Immunization Services	Proportion of fully immunized children (Proxy Penta 3)	84	84
	Immunization program		Proportion of Health Facilities with Functional Cold Chain Equipment	90	88
			Number of Covid 19 vaccines doses admnistred(millions)	9	1.4

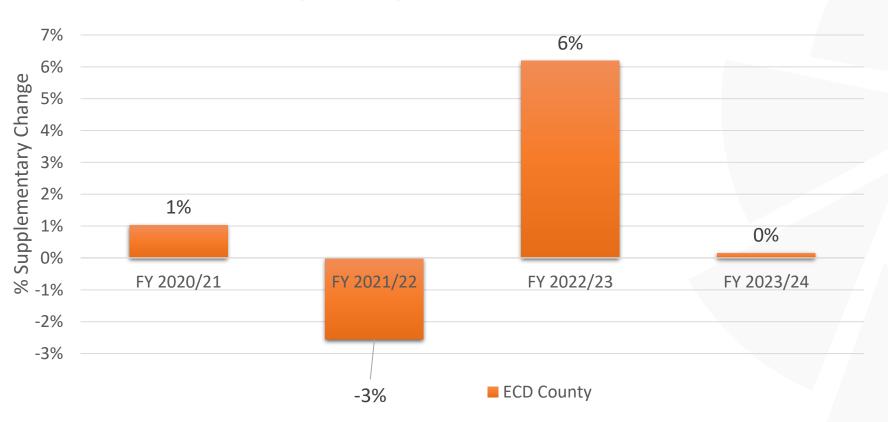
Source: Health Sector Report 2022/23-2024/25

- This notable increase in targets corresponds to the doubled increase in the revised allocations. However, the spending after the supplementary was only half from a revised allocation of 8B to expenditure of 4B. Only 1.4 Million people vaccinated.
- On the other hand, Children Services is experiencing consistent supplementary cuts in its budgets over the Financial Year.



Supplementary changes in ECDE Allocations

Budget Changes in ECD Allocations

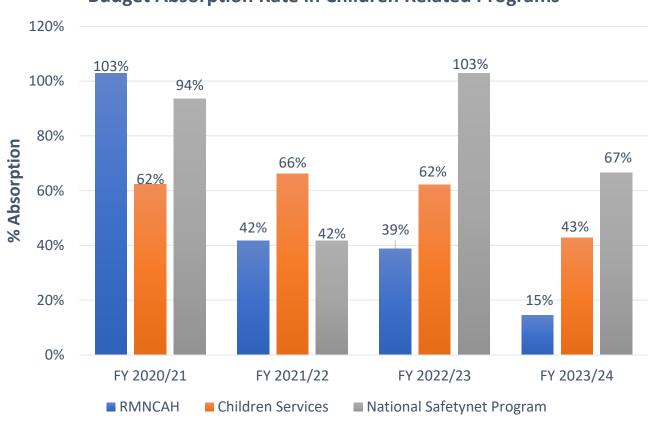


 ECD is generally protected from harsh supplementary cuts at the county level



Budget Absorption Rates in Child-related Programs

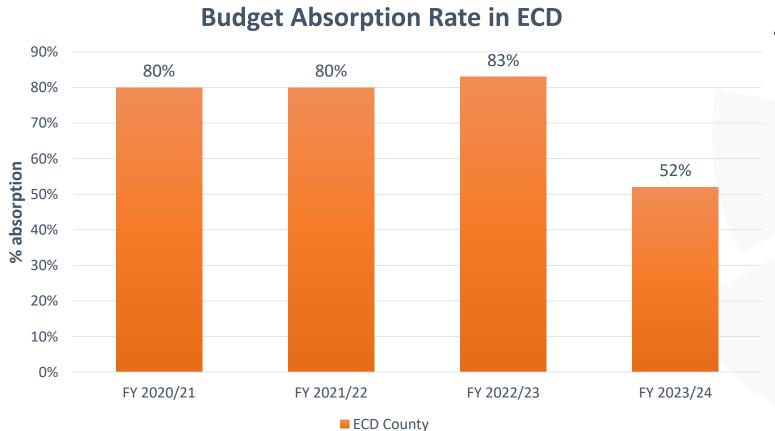
Budget Absorption Rate in Children Related Programs



- 2023/24 contains lower absorption rates since Quarter 4 is yet to be released in August 15.
- However, RMNCAH and Children Services have very low absorption for the period.
- There is a trend of the two programs facing low absorption rates.
- Presence of over 100 absorption indicating additional funds in the presence of supplementary budgets.



Absorption Rates in ECDE



 Good and steady absorption rates, even for the half year spending at FY 2023/24 the absorption is more than half

Recommendations

- 1. One of the main challenges appearing to be spending rather than allocation, more attention should be focused on barriers to spending such as delayed fund disbursement
- 2. Continued protection of ECD allocation at the county level from supplementary cuts.
- 3. Intentional emphasis on children services such as foster care and adoption that is important for child protection



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