

# **THE NATIONAL TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION (NTA)**

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Programme Area: Dissemination of the Nairobi County Executive and County Assembly Auditor General's Report (Nairobi Chambua)**

**Project Title: Civil Society capacity building for improved fiscal justice in East Africa Kenya**

**Goal of the project: Building Grass Root Women Participation in Budget Making Process for Essential Public Services**

**Date :29th November, 2019.**

**Venue: Jacaranda Grounds**

### **Introduction**

The auditor-general is delegated by Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Public Audit Act, 2015, to audit and report on the use of public resources by all entities funded from public funds including the national government, county governments, the Judiciary, Parliament, statutory bodies/state corporations, commissions, political parties funded from public funds, other government agencies and any other entity funded from public funds. Consequently, the auditor general has conducted an audit of the financial statements in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs), and has issued an auditor's report for the year 2017/2018. It is on the basis of these reports that our research is done.

As part of the project deliverables, NTA undertook a research from the 47 counties on the report of the office of the Auditor General and shared the findings with the public at the Jacaranda Grounds. The exercise is important for the capacity building of the public and demand for accountability as the attendants will be empowered to appropriately participate in regards to the government budget.

### **Activity**

The activity undertaken was the dissemination of the Auditor General's Audit Report for the Nairobi County Executive and County Assembly for the year 2017/2018. The event comprised of the presentation of the findings, plenary sessions and entertainment sessions from 10:00a.m. to 15:00p.m.

#### **1. Objectives of the activity,**

The overall objective of the activity was to build grass root Women Participation in Budget Making Process for Essential Public Services. The specific objectives of the training were as mentioned below:

- I. In-depth understanding of the Performance of the County Government
- II. In depth understanding of the public's role in ensuring good governance.

## **2. Achievements (both intended and unintended)**

### **Output:**

- I. Successful development of a report from the research
- II. Successful sharing and validation of the findings and recommendations of the report with the stakeholders; the public.
- III. Identified some of the queries the public had as well as their recommendations based on the report
- IV. The Public was capacity built and inspired to act based on the findings of the report that entrenches efficient use of revenue for service delivery.

**Outcome:** The activity aims to influence informed policy and decision making based on budget advocacy.

## **3. Lessons Learnt**

- I. It is important to engage and have persons who are well acquainted with policy makers in order to influence their attendance. This will help eliminate the challenge of mobilizing the policy makers.

## **4. Challenges & Mitigation Measures**

- I. The public showed scepticism over registering their names as they did not understand the basis of giving out such information.

## **5. Recommendations & Action points**

- I. The attendants realised the importance of advocating for efficient budgeting. Accordingly, there is need to shed some light on the activities undertaken within the county to ensure prevalent transparency and accountability, and subsequently safeguarding good governance.
- II. It is important to empower the anti-corruption agencies to seek out prudent utilisation of taxes by the government.
- III. To engage and follow up with MCAs on the projects undertaken in the wards.