

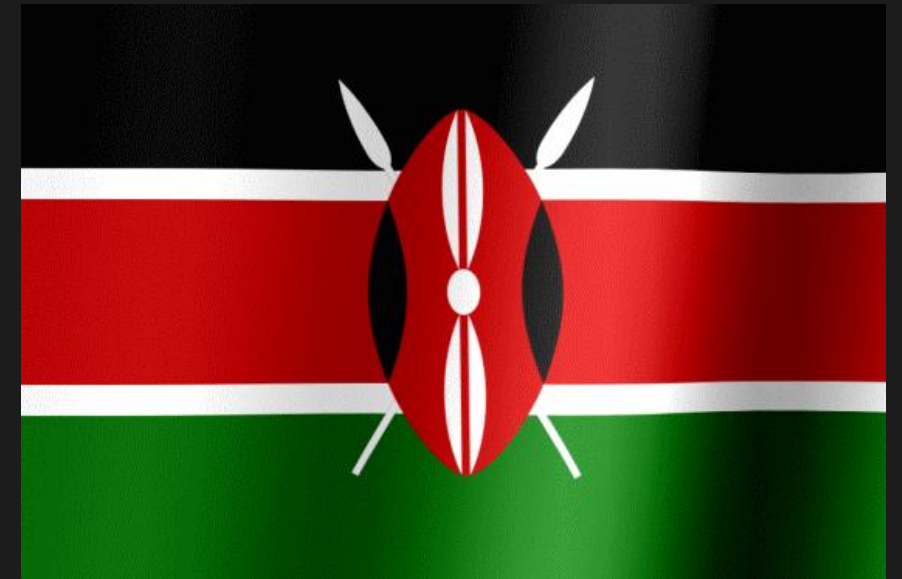
Social Protection, Culture and Recreation (SPCR) Sector

Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF)
FY 2027/28 – 2029/30

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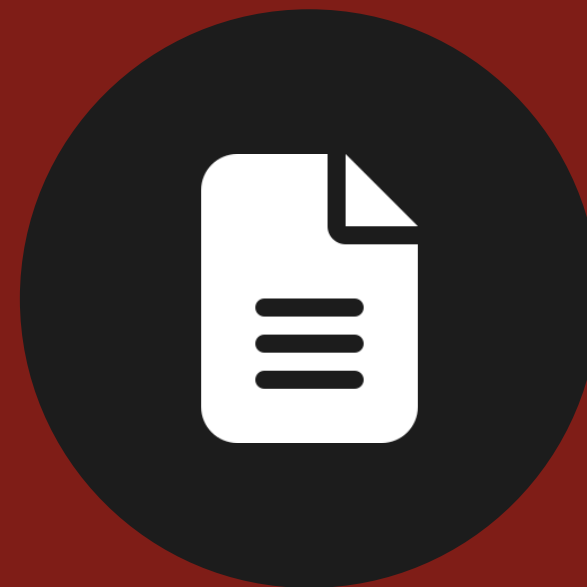


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01

Introduction



1.1 BACKGROUND

Sector Contribution to National Transformation

The SPCR Sector plays a crucial role in the country's socio-economic transformation, in line with the aspirations of the **Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023–2027** of Kenya Vision 2030 and the **Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**, through:



Promotion of youth empowerment, mainstreaming and participation in development



Advancement of sustainable employment, harmonious labour relations and safe labour migration



Promotion of gender equality, communities and vulnerable groups empowerment and child protection



Development and promotion of culture, arts and sports

1.2 SPCR SUB-SECTORS

Seven Sub-Sectors, One Mandate



Sports



**Culture, the Arts and
Heritage**



**Youth Affairs and
Creative Economy**



**Labour and Skills
Development**



**Social Protection and Senior Citizen
Affairs**



Children Services



**Gender Affairs and Affirmative
Action**

1.3 SECTOR VISION AND MISSION

Where We Are Headed



VISION

**A socially inclusive,
prosperous, just and
equitable society**



MISSION

To promote sustainable employment, best labour practices, sports, gender equality and equity, empowerment of communities and vulnerable groups; safeguarding and protection of children, diverse cultures, heritage and arts

1.4 SECTOR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Seven Strategic Objectives



01

Harness, manage, regulate and build adequate capacity in the promotion and development of the sports industry



02

Harness, develop, preserve and promote Kenya's positive and diverse culture and heritage, creative arts industry, access to information, and management of records and archives



03

Nurture and promote youth talents for national development



04

Promote decent work, skills development, sustainable employment and productivity



05

Promote adult literacy and community empowerment; safeguard the rights and welfare of PWDs, the elderly and other vulnerable groups



06

Promote the well-being and resilience of children and families



07

Promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and youth, and their inclusion in national development and leadership

1.5 SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS

A Sector Built on Partnerships



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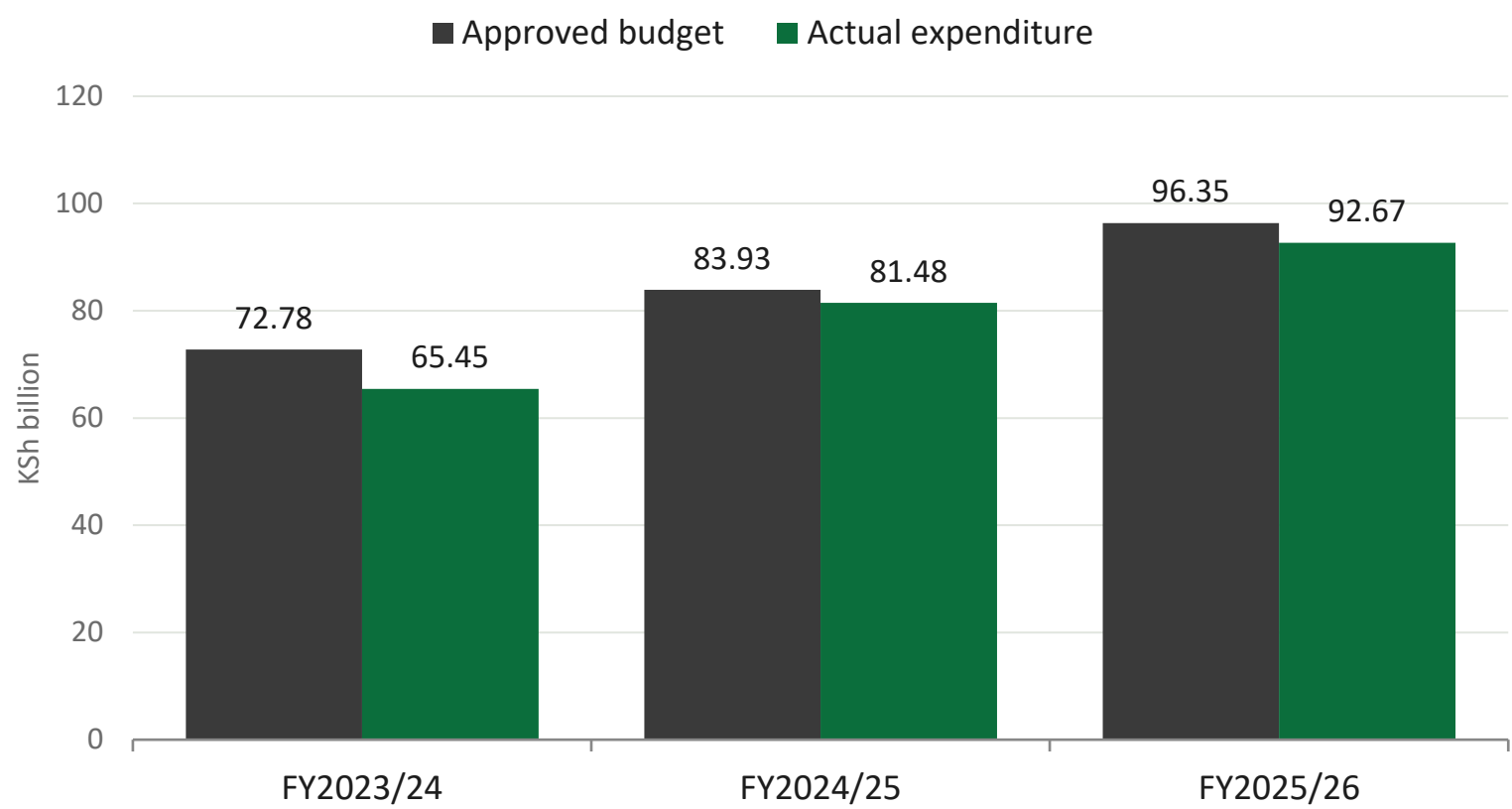
Sector Performance Review

For the period FY 2023/24 – FY 2025/26

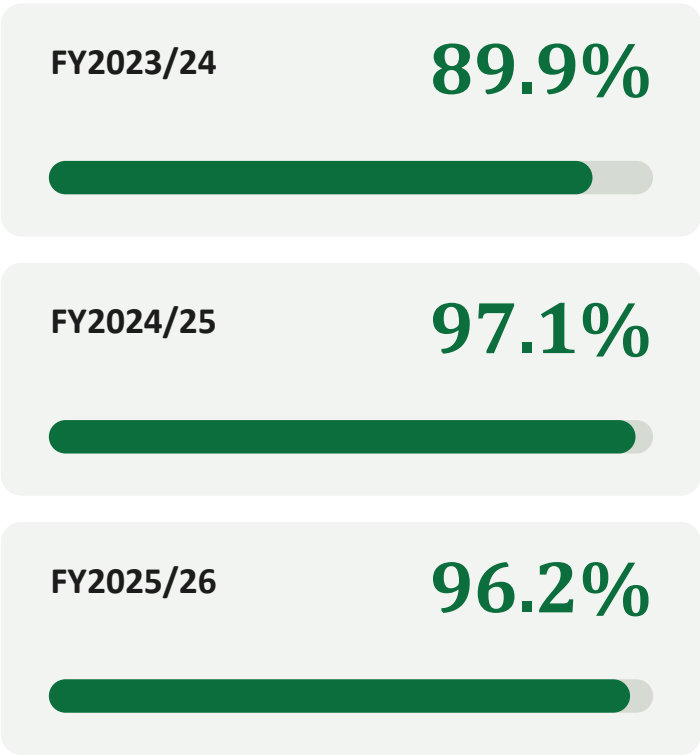


2.1 EXPENDITURE TRENDS FY 2023/24 – 2025/26

Steady Increase in Sector Allocation



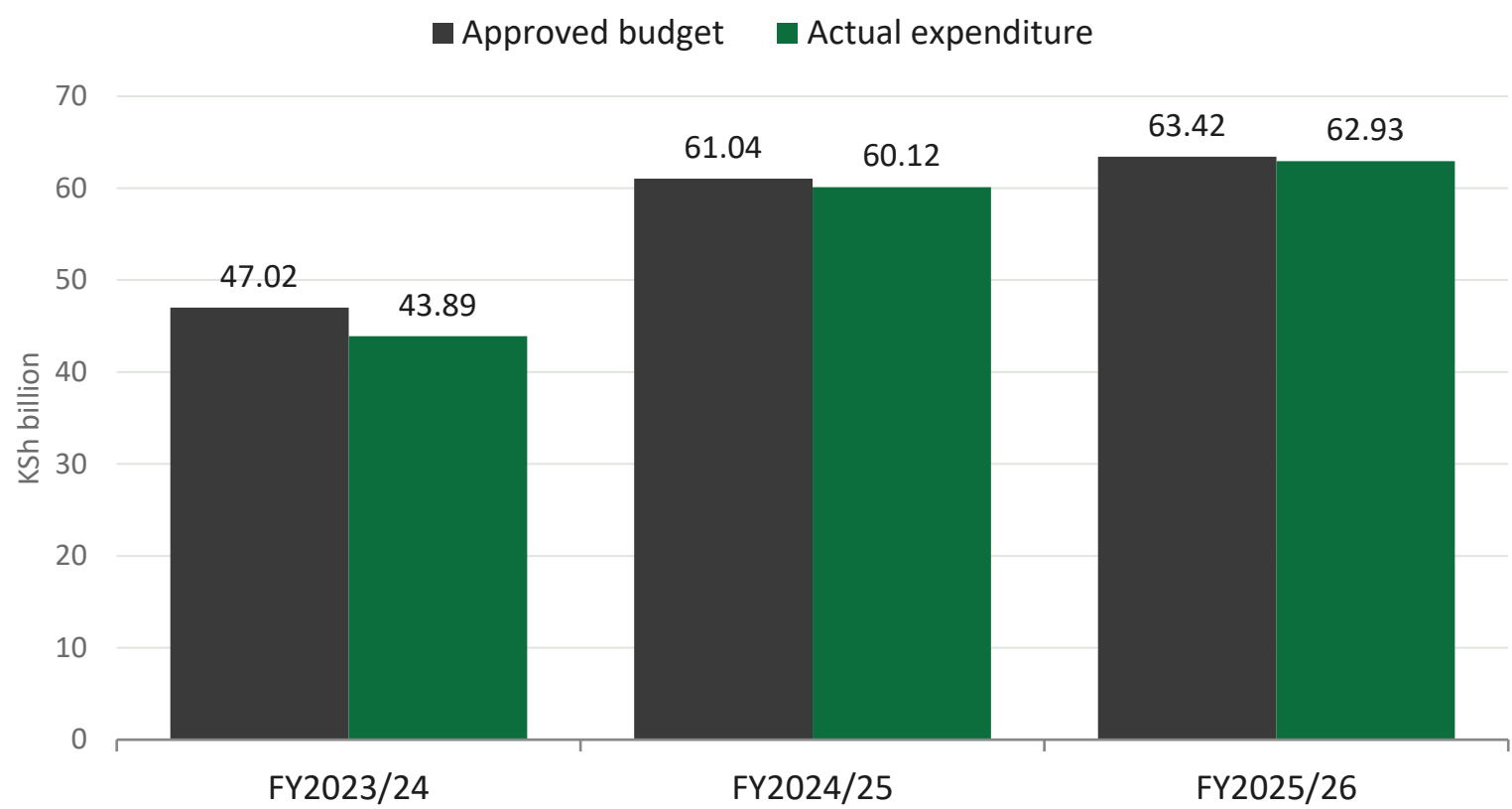
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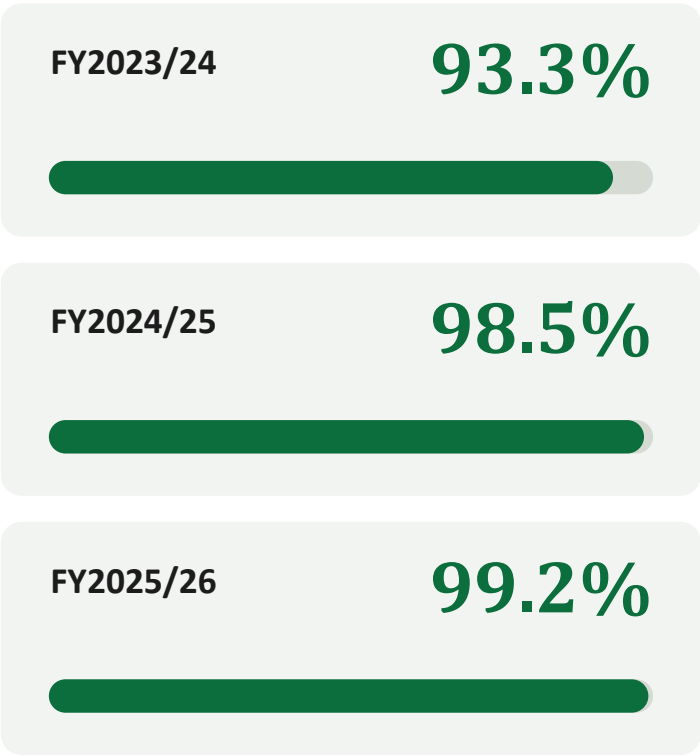
Approved budget up 32% (KSh 72.78B to 96.35B); actual spending up 42% (KSh 65.45B to 92.67B)

2.2 EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS – RECURRENT

Recurrent Absorption Nearly Complete



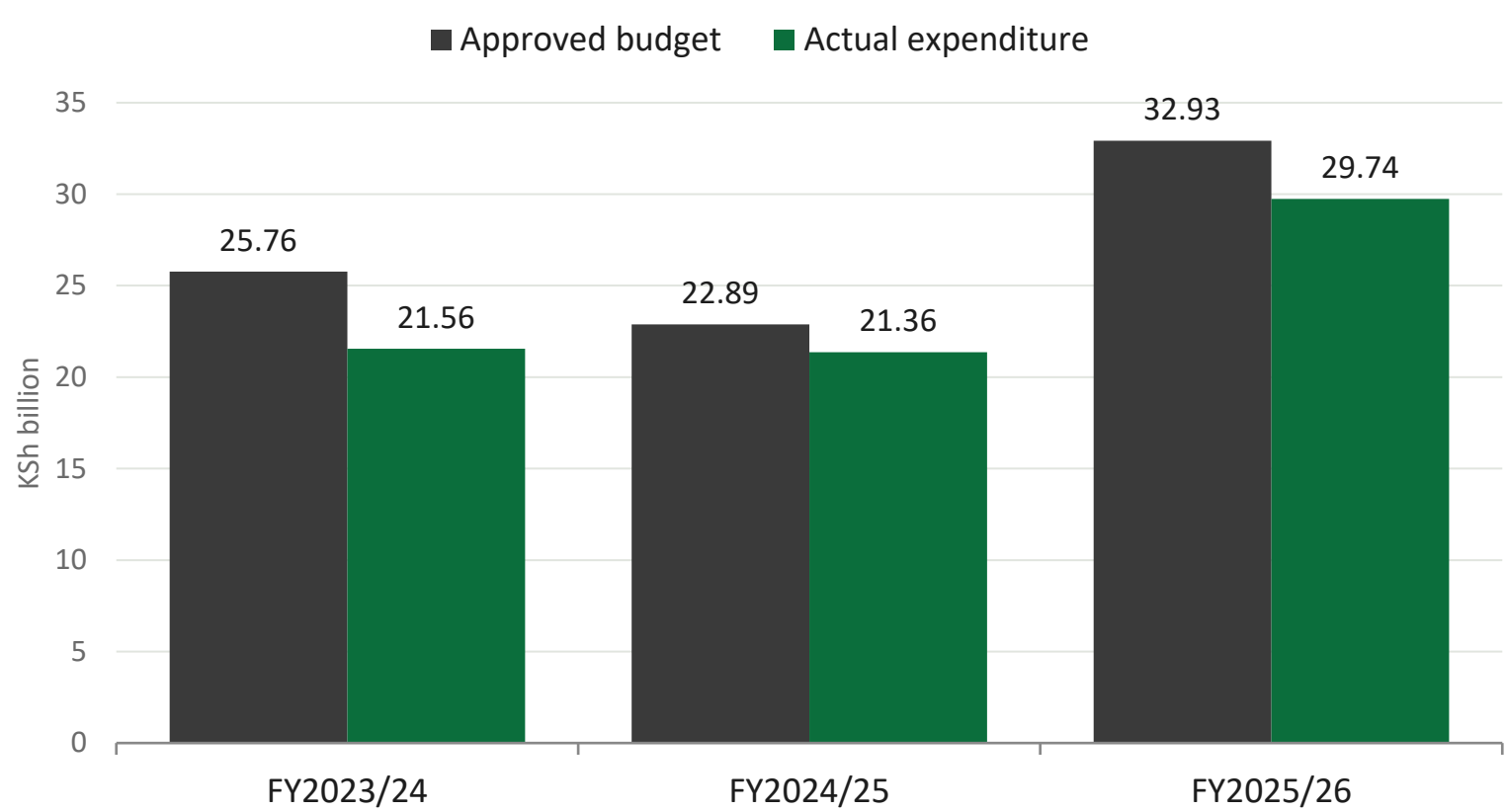
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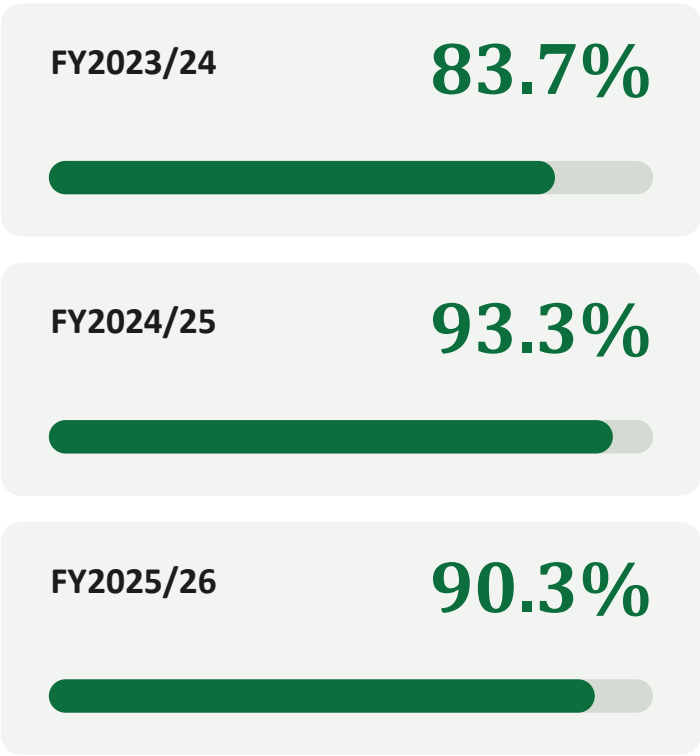
Recurrent absorption improved from 93.3% to 99.2%; approved budget up 35%

2.2 EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS – DEVELOPMENT

Development Absorption Improving



Absorption rate



Development budget rose to KSh 32.93B in FY2025/26; absorption improved from 83.7% to 90.3%



Sports

130

National teams facilitated to compete in international competitions

85

Medals won: 40 Gold, 26 Silver and 19 Bronze

39

International competitions hosted

1,168

Sports organizations registered; 15 professional bodies and 79 professional sports persons licensed

75,892

Athletes and support personnel sensitized on anti-doping; 14,146 intelligence-based tests conducted

91%

Talanta Stadium construction progress; 11 other facilities upgraded

Moi, Kiprugut Chumo, Raila Odinga, Malinya, Kinarini, Ithookwe, Wajir, Police Sacco and Masinde Muliro stadia; Ulinzi Sports Complex; KAS Complex Phase 1B

9,197

Athletes nurtured; 4,779 coaches, referees and umpires trained



Culture, the Arts and Heritage

483

National heroes and heroines honored

26

Cultural festivals coordinated, with
47,327 participants

3,690

Women and girls trained in beadwork,
entrepreneurship and product
development

839,600

Digital archival records repatriated from the United Kingdom



Upgrading and modernization of the Kenya National Theatre
completed



Youth Affairs and Creative Economy

1,177,480

Young people served through Youth Empowerment Centres

94,047

Youth trained in life skills; 68,349 in market-specific technical skills

23,460

Youth placed in apprenticeship and employment

Ksh 862.26M

Loans disbursed to 32,783 youth beneficiaries

63,431

Youth accessed subsidized sexual and reproductive health services through the VIVA project

2,463

Local and foreign films produced; 210 students trained and 2,486 film licenses issued



Labour and Skills Development

299,441

Job seekers placed in gainful employment

2

Bilateral Labour Agreements signed (Germany and Austria); 147,626 foreign contracts attested

37,963

Workplace inspections on remuneration and working conditions

61,522

Workplaces audited for Occupational Safety and Health compliance

268,769

Persons trained in industrial skills; 30,221 assessed and certified through RPL

1,341

Trade union books of accounts inspected for compliance



Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs

1,213,240

Inua Jamii beneficiaries: 1,149,276 older persons and 63,964 households with PWSDs

216,443

Community Self-Help Groups registered and linked to micro-finance institutions

219,731

PWDs registered; 14,238 given assistive devices and 10,684 given therapy

3,417

Persons with Albinism provided with sunscreen lotions



Children Services

441,561

Households receiving the monthly CT-OVC stipend

9,583

Orphans and vulnerable children supported through the Presidential Secondary School Bursary

5,214

Street persons rescued; 5,359 reintegrated into society

3,570

Children in conflict or in contact with the law given protection, rehabilitation and reintegration

659,783

Parents trained under the National Positive Parenting Programme



Gender Affairs and Affirmative Action

Ksh 2.374B

Affordable loans to 231,089 women entrepreneurs through the Women Enterprise Fund

170,398

Needy students supported with bursaries and scholarships (NGAAF); 8,566 groups in table banking and 4,452 in value addition

21,045

Persons trained on psychosocial support and counselling for GBV cases

322,369

Women entrepreneurs trained on economic empowerment

46,000

Resource persons trained on FGM effects and the legal frameworks prohibiting FGM

03

Medium-Term Priorities and Financial Plan

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30



Sector Programmes and Objectives



1. Sports

To promote and develop sports at all levels



3. The Arts

To cultivate, enhance and advance the creative arts sector



5. Public Records Management

To effectively manage, preserve and archive all public records within the entire public service sector



7. Youth Development Services

To enhance youth engagement and participation in national development



2. Culture/Heritage

To advocate for the promotion, preservation, conservation and maintenance of diverse cultures that contribute positively to national identity



4. Library Services

To improve the preservation and conservation of the national documentary heritage



6. Youth Empowerment Services

To enhance youth employability, entrepreneurship and job creation



8. Film Development Services

To promote, develop and regulate the film industry

Sector Programmes and Objectives



9. Labour, Employment and Safety Services

To foster collaborative labour and employment relations while promoting a robust culture of safety and health within the workplace



10. Manpower Development, Industrial Skills and Productivity Management

To improve industrial competencies, enhance graduate placement in industry-relevant jobs and reduce the skills mismatch rate



11. Social Development and Disability Inclusion

To promote inclusive social development by empowering individuals, communities and Persons with Disabilities, and the quality of adult learning and education, to realize their rights



12. National Safety Net

To strengthen and coordinate social protection systems for effective delivery of interventions that cushion vulnerable groups, including older persons and persons with disabilities, from shocks while safeguarding their basic needs and dignity



13. Community Development

To promote socio-economic empowerment of vulnerable groups including youth, women and Persons with Disabilities



14. Gender Empowerment

To mainstream gender in Government and the private sector and promote equitable socio-economic development for women, men, girls and boys



15. Child Protection, Rights and Family Support

To protect and safeguard children against all forms of violence and promote family-based care and reintegration for vulnerable children, including child rights enforcement



16. General Administration, Planning and Support Services

To enhance the efficiency of service delivery and the coordination of the functions, programs and activities of the State Department

3.2 SECTOR RESOURCE REQUIREMENT AND ALLOCATION · 1 OF 2

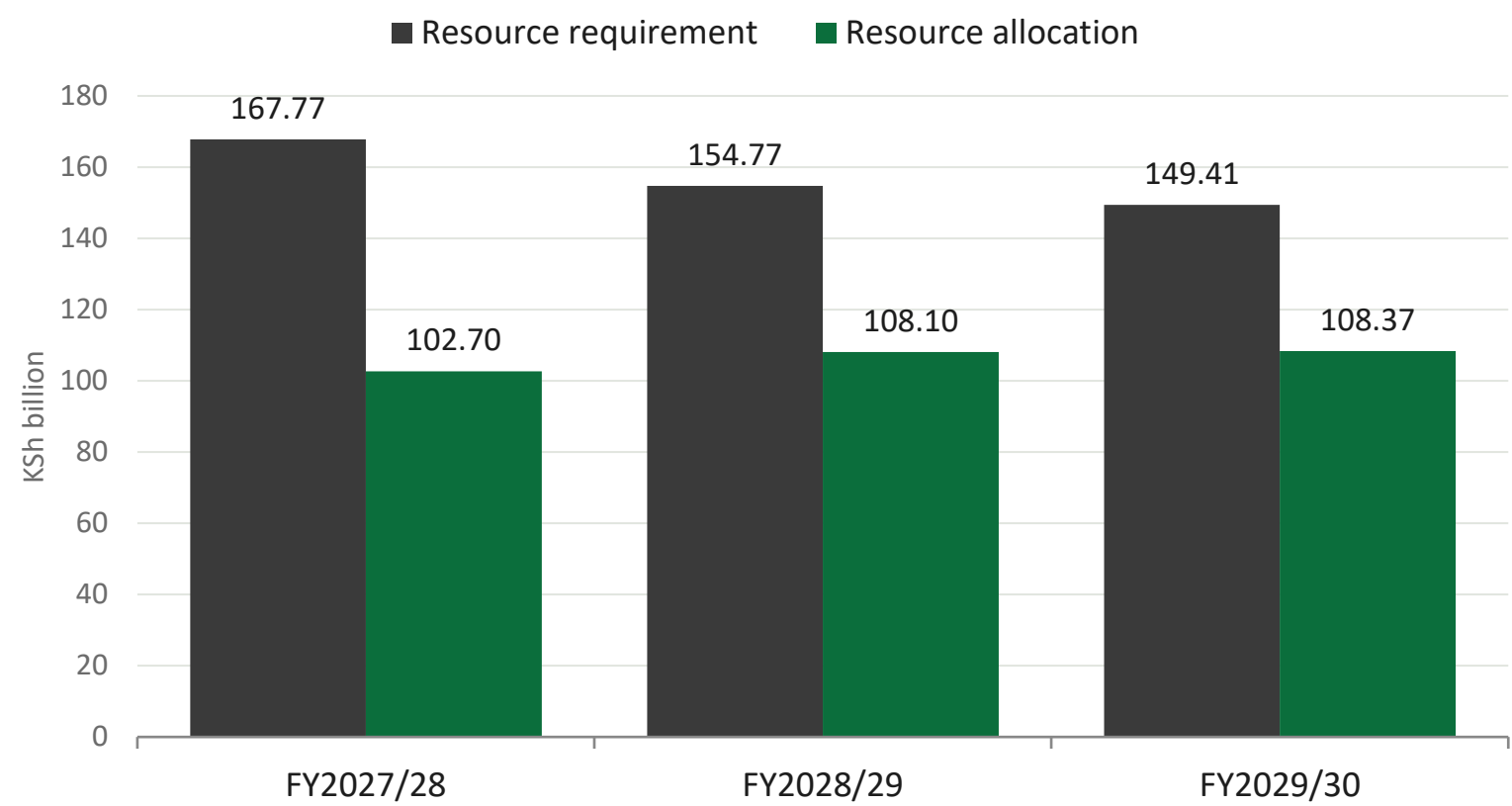
Requirement and Allocation Summary

	Baseline	Resource Requirements			Resource Allocations		
KSh. Billion	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Recurrent	59.34	100.53	101.46	98.02	64.60	69.68	69.76
Development	41.93	67.24	53.31	51.40	38.10	38.42	38.61
Total	101.27	167.77	154.77	149.41	102.70	108.10	108.37

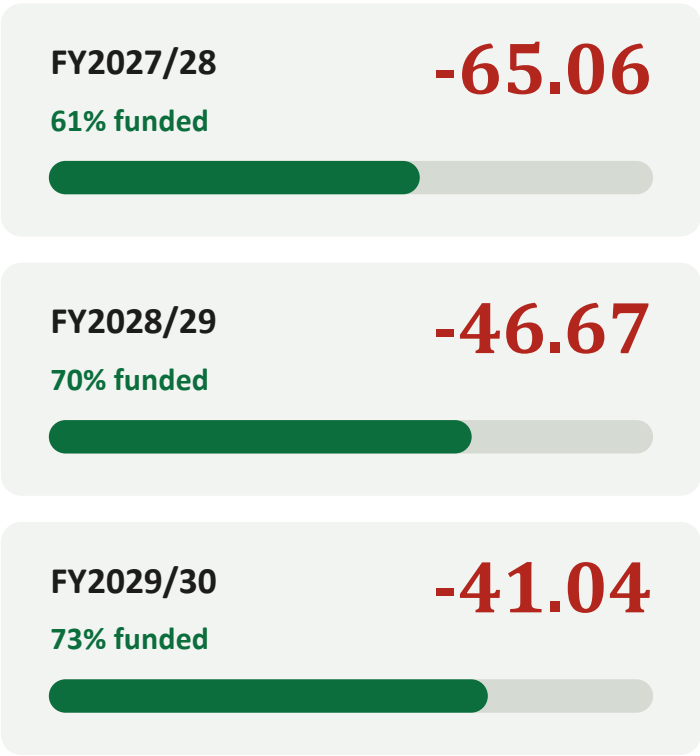
- Total resource requirement is **KSh 167.77 billion** in FY 2027/28, **KSh 154.77 billion** in FY 2028/29 and **KSh 149.41 billion** in FY 2029/30.
- Allocation is **KSh 102.70 billion** in FY 2027/28, **KSh 108.10 billion** in FY 2028/29 and **KSh 108.37 billion** in FY 2029/30.
- The next slide shows the resulting funding gap in each year.

All figures in KSh billion

Requirement Versus Allocation



Funding gap (KSh billion)



Requirement exceeds allocation by KSh 41 – 65 billion in each year of the medium term



3.3 KEY MEDIUM-TERM PRIORITIES · FY 2027/28 – 2029/30

Sports

36	International sports competitions to be hosted
150	National teams facilitated to participate internationally; 5 Sports Safaris conducted annually
90,061	Athletes sensitized; 21,358 anti-doping tests conducted
15,200	Athletes trained, plus 6,300 technical and administrative personnel
2,100	Sports organizations registered; 156 professional sports persons and 91 sports bodies licensed
155	Sports academies completed; 61 sport and recreation facilities upgraded



Medium-term targets

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30



3.3 KEY MEDIUM-TERM PRIORITIES · FY 2027/28 – 2029/30

Culture, the Arts and Heritage

1,230	National heroes and heroines identified, honored and gazetted
10	Heritage sites, mausoleums and monuments restored and gazetted, including the Raila Odinga Mausoleum and Kapenguria 6
24	National cultural festivals coordinated and supported to promote unity, cohesion and integration
3,700	Women and girls trained in bead-craft production; 2,800 creatives nurtured in Performing Arts
385,000	Microfilmed archival records digitized; 11,500 public records restored



Medium-term targets

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30

3.3 KEY MEDIUM-TERM PRIORITIES · FY 2027/28 – 2029/30

Youth Affairs and Creative Economy

Ksh 3,294M

Disbursed to 115,540 youth beneficiaries

66,600

Youth placed on apprenticeship and employment; 190,000 trained on entrepreneurship opportunities

11,000

Talented youth identified and nurtured; 5,400 awarded through the 'WHO'Z Next' Talent Search Programme

1,200,000

Youth to receive youth-friendly services in the Youth Empowerment Centres (YECs)

2,800

Local and foreign films shot in Kenya; 13,900 film licenses issued, 500 youth trained in film production and 82,800 copyright works registered



Medium-term targets

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30

Labour and Skills Development

12	Bilateral Labour Agreements negotiated with key destination countries; 260,000 foreign contracts of service attested
1,610	Trade union books of accounts inspected for compliance; all labour and trade disputes resolved
270,000	Workers in hazardous occupations medically examined
489,000	Workers trained in industrial skills in sectors such as textiles and apparel within the EPZ
310,000	Persons assessed and certified through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)



Medium-term targets

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30



Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs

1,142,633	Older persons and 63,958 PWDs supported with cash transfers under Inua Jamii
20,000	Persons with autism supported; 18,000 PWDs given assistive and supportive devices; 4,200 persons with albinism served
54,293	Indigents provided with annual SHIF cover
312,000	Community groups registered and linked to micro-finance institutions
51,500	Adult learners enrolled in the Accelerated Education Programme



Medium-term targets

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30



Children Services

429,023	Households on the monthly CT-OVC stipend, plus 57,000 NICHE households and 88,000 adolescents on cash transfers
16,000	Orphans and vulnerable children supported through the Presidential Secondary School Bursary
2,000,000	Parents and caregivers trained on the National Positive Parenting Programme
365,000	Violence Against Children (VAC) cases resolved
13,400	Children in Statutory Children Institutions given safe custody, basic care and reintegration services



Medium-term targets

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30



Gender Affairs and Affirmative Action

199,000	Needy students supported with bursaries and scholarships; 16,590 groups through table banking and value-addition
10.2M	School girls provided with sanitary towels
310,000	Women entrepreneurs trained on financial literacy
2,700	FGM survivors engaged as frontliners in the campaign against FGM
3,000	SGBV survivors trained in entrepreneurship; 1,500 given targeted economic support packages



Medium-term targets

FY 2027/28 – 2029/30



04

Cross-Sector Linkages, Challenges, Recommendations and Conclusion



4.1 CROSS-SECTOR LINKAGES

How SPCR Connects With Other Sectors



Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development

- Empowers women and youth by commercializing cultural products and crafts and integrating them into agribusiness value chains.
- Promotes indigenous foods and knowledge for improved nutrition.



Energy, Infrastructure and ICT

- Provision of inclusive energy, reliable transport networks and ICT services.
- SPCR generates demand for ICT and energy through digital content, use of stadiums, cultural centres and recreation facilities, and digital literacy.



General Economic and Commercial Affairs

- SPCR complements tourism through culture, recreation, sports facilities and events.
- GECA facilitates registration of SACCOs and markets sports and cultural events within the Sector.



Health

- Provides access to quality and affordable healthcare services.
- SPCR supports documentation and research on indigenous knowledge and traditional health practices, alongside biomedical research, to complement national health systems.



Education

- Education supports SPCR in developing skills and competencies that meet labour-market requirements.
- SPCR promotes girl-child retention in schools through provision of sanitary towels.

4.2 CHALLENGES

Key Challenges



Financing

Inadequate and unpredictable financing delayed timely execution of planned programmes



Skills mismatch

Weak linkages between industry, training and research institutions create training gaps



Human resources

Shortage of personnel, particularly at decentralized levels



Policy and legal gaps

Inadequate policy, legal and institutional frameworks hinder implementation and coordination



Data

Inadequate and unreliable data for planning, targeting, monitoring and resource allocation



Infrastructure

Inadequate infrastructure and equipment for social protection, sports, youth and industrial training



Enforcement

Weak enforcement of labour, gender, children and anti-doping laws; limited institutional and prosecution capacity



Youth unemployment

High youth unemployment and socio-economic vulnerability



Rising demand

Growing demand for social protection due to economic shocks, unemployment and rising cost of living

Recommendations



Enhance resource mobilization and timely funding

Strengthen domestic resource mobilization and align development partner support with Government priorities.



Align training with labour-market needs

Expand apprenticeship, work-based learning, certification and recognition of prior learning.



Strengthen human resource capacity

Recruit technical staff, implement succession planning, build capacity and adopt technology.



Strengthen laws, policies and institutions

Enhance collaboration with relevant enforcement and regulatory agencies to improve implementation.

Recommendations



Improve data management, research and digital transformation

Integrated and digitized information systems, data disaggregation and adoption of modern technologies.



Upgrade infrastructure and facilities

Prioritize construction, rehabilitation, modernization and upgrade of new and existing facilities for sports, culture, youth and child protection.



Upscale youth employability

Market-oriented skills development, entrepreneurship, access to finance and employment opportunities, with stronger linkages to industry and the creative economy.



Expand empowerment and protection

Widen access to economic empowerment and protection services; strengthen shock-responsive social protection mechanisms.

4.4 CONCLUSION

Delivering for Kenyans



The Sector appreciates the budget allocation and continued support of stakeholders, and will strengthen collaboration to enhance service delivery.



In FY 2027/28 and the medium term, the Sector will prioritize protecting vulnerable populations, promoting employment, preserving and promoting Kenya's culture and heritage, and developing sports and creative talent.



Sustained investment, efficient resource utilization and strengthened partnerships will be critical to achieving the Sector's objectives and targeted outcomes.

Thank you

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