



THE NATIONAL TREASURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (CHILD WELFARE FUND) REGULATIONS, 2026

The Children Act, 2022, gives effect to Article 53 of the Constitution that provides for the rights of each child. Every child has a right-

- (a) to a name and nationality from birth;
- (b) to free and compulsory basic education;
- (c) to basic nutrition, shelter, and healthcare;
- (d) to be protected from abuse, neglect, harmful cultural practices, all forms of violence, inhuman treatment and punishment, and hazardous or exploitative labor;
- (e) to parental care and protection, which includes equal responsibility of the mother and father to provide for the child, whether they are married to each other or not; and
- (f) not to be detained.

Section 12 (7) of the Children Act 2022 establishes the Child Welfare Fund to realize the right guaranteed in Article 43(3) of the Constitution with respect to all reasonable expenses incurred in a child's welfare. The State Department for Children's Services shall administer the Fund through coordination with the National Council for Children's Services

Accordingly, a Multi-Agency Taskforce composed of officers drawn from the State Department for Children Services, National Council for Children's Services, the Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice and the National Treasury has now finalized preparing the draft Public Finance Management (Child Welfare Fund) Regulations, 2026

The draft Public Finance Management (Child Welfare Fund) Regulations, 2026, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Regulatory Impact Statement have been prepared and posted on the National Treasury website <http://www.treasury.go.ke>.

Now, pursuant to Section 4 (a) and 5 (3) (a) and (b) of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the National Treasury & Economic Planning invites members of the public to submit comments, inputs or memoranda they may have on the said draft Public Finance Management (Child Welfare Fund) Regulations, 2026 in the format provided on the website.

The comments, inputs or memoranda thereof from the general public may be forwarded to the **Principal Secretary, The National Treasury, P. O. Box 30007-00100, Nairobi**, or hand delivered to the Office of the Principal Secretary, National Treasury Building, Nairobi, or emailed to ps@treasury.go.ke and copied to jona.wala@treasury.go.ke to be received by **9th March, 2026, at 5.00 p.m.**

Comments, inputs, or memoranda from the general public, once received, will be considered public records and may be shared with the legislative arm of the Government. Comments are most helpful if they indicate the specific regulation or group of regulations to which they relate, contain a clear rationale, and, where applicable, provide a suggestion for alternative wording. Comments must be submitted in English (see the Template for Comments format).

The Regulations may be modified in light of comments received before publication in final form.

Additionally, there shall be an in-person meeting for public consultations on the above Public Finance Management (Child Welfare Fund) Regulations, 2026, as per the schedule below: -

No.	Region	County	Dates for meeting	Time for the meeting	Venue
1.	Nairobi	Nairobi (047) Kiambu (022) Kajiado (034)	6 th March, 2026	10.00 am	Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC)
2.	Central	Nyeri (019) Muranga (021) Embu (014) Kirinyaga (020)	6 th March, 2026	10.00 am	ACK Guest House, Nyeri
3.	Lower Eastern	Kitui (015) Machakos (016) Makueni (017)	10 th March, 2026	10.00 am	(ACK Church Hall), Machakos
4.	Upper Eastern	Samburu (025) Isiolo (011) Meru (012) Tharaka (013) Marsabit (010) Laikipia (031)	10 th March, 2026	10.00 am	Landmark Hotel, Isiolo
5.	Coast	Mombasa (001) Kilifi (003) Kwale (002) Taita Taveta (006) Lamu (005)	12 th March, 2026	10.00 am	Tononoka Hall, Mombasa
6.	North Eastern	Garissa (007) Wajir (008) Mandera (009) Tana River (004)	12 th March, 2026	10.00 am	Government Guest House, Garissa
7.	South Rift	Nakuru (032) Narok (033) Nyandarua (018) Baringo (030) Bomet (036) Kericho (035)	16 th March, 2026	10.00 am	Red Cross, Nakuru
8.	Western	Busia (040) Kakamega (037) Vihiga (038) Bungoma (039)	16 th March, 2026	10.00 am	Magharibi Hall, Kakamega
9.	North Rift	Uasin Gishu (027) Nandi (029) Elgeyo Marakwet (028) Trans-Nzoia (026) West Pokot (024) Turkana (023)	19 th March, 2026	10.00 am.	Home Craft Social Hall, Eldoret
10.	Nyanza	Kisumu (042) Siaya (041) Homa-bay (043) Migori (044) Kisii (045) Nyamira (046)	19 th March, 2026	10.00 am	Mama Grace Social Hall, Kisumu

The invitation letters for the meetings shall be delivered to the registered stakeholders before the meeting date.

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CABINET SECRETARY

