



A Kajiado County IFMIS user demonstrates the use of IFMIS in the County to the PFM Development Partners Group.

## Development Partners Commend IFMIS Implementation.

Development Partners have commended IFMIS Implementation in National and County governments. The Partners, comprising members of the Partners Group on Public Finance Management (PFM), emphasized the importance of using IFMIS to manage the country's financial resources.

The PFM Development Partners Group noted this during a visit to Kajiado County where they witnessed Kajiado County staff conduct transactions using the IFMIS system. Expressing her satisfaction with the process, Tina Dooley-Jones, Deputy Mission Director USAID Kenya, said:

**"The team that is handling transactions using IFMIS at Kajiado County has surpassed our expectations. We did not expect to see such level of competency and the working together within the team to resolve issues".**

## VISION

'An excellently secure, reliable, efficient, effective and fully integrated financial management system.'

## MISSION

'To passionately and with commitment continuously enhance our capacities to innovate, and leverage the best of technology, to provide for a fully integrated financial management system.'

She added that USAID and by extension the PFM Donor Group will continue supporting IFMIS implementation as this is in line with their organizations' support for devolution in Kenya.

Walter Odero, Country Economist, African Development Bank (AfDB) also said, full adoption of the system would increase confidence levels among both development partners and international financiers.

"We have seen IFMIS working but from Nairobi. The purpose of such a system however is the outcome and impact it has on the ground. These can only be seen at the point where the consumers interact with the system, which is exactly what we have seen in Kajiado," added Mr. odero.

"It is also exciting to see that five modules are working at this County. The capacity on the ground is impressive and has a grasp of knowledge. So far, one can say that the development partners can see value for their money," Mr. Odero said, noting the extent of IFMIS use at Kajiado County.

AfDB is the current chair of the PFM Donor Group. The Group has been supporting reforms in public finance management including the roll out of IFMIS. Members of the donor group include USAID, African Development Bank (AfDB), World Bank and the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

Keswe Mapena, Kajiado County Executive for Finance and Economic Planning, said the system had improved accountability in the

County. He expects this to have an impact in terms of saving the county money as well as improving relations with suppliers.

"With the County using the IFMIS system, it is easy to track how much has been paid, who initiated the payment and who has approved it," he said.

Jerome Ochieng, Director IFMIS, the National Treasury said the Kajiado tour is a first in a series of visits the National Treasury has organized to Counties to enhance IFMIS use in the country. Noting that the roll out is a process and not an event. Mr. Ochieng said such visits provide the IFMIS team an opportunity to see the challenges users face and how to address them.

"The Constitution has placed emphasis on the prudent management of resources as well as accountability. IFMIS is the enabler in meeting these constitutional requirements," said the Director.

John Kiragu, an officer seconded to Kajiado County by the National Treasury is assisting implementation of IFMIS in the County. Mr. Kiragu said all payments are done through the IFMIS system. He said this has eliminated payment delays to suppliers and ensured payment tracking from beginning to end.

The PFM Donor Group was hosted by a team from the IFMIS Department and officials from the County Government of Kajiado.



IFMIS Director and Kajiado County CEC Finance with the development partners.

## IFMIS RE-ENGINEERING COMPONENTS

### RE-ENGINEERING FOR BUSINESS RESULTS (RBR)

Re - engineering business process for improved Financial Management.

### PLAN TO BUDGET (P2B)

Fully integrated process and system that links planning, policy objectives and budget allocation.

### PROCURE TO PAY (P2P)

Automated procurement process, from requisition, tendering, contract award to payment.

### REVENUE TO CASH (R2C)

Auto- reconciliation of revenue and payments with automatic file generation.

### RECORD TO REPORT (R2R)

Secure two way interface with CBK for accurate, up to date information on the GOK financial position and the production of statutory reports real time.

### ICT TO SUPPORT (ICT2S)

Dedicated IFMIS support functions for software, hardware and infrastructure.

### COMMUNICATE TO CHANGE (C2C)

IFMIS Academy for capacity building and continuous learning.

## IFMIS Team Creates Awareness on IFMIS e-Procurement

IFMIS/National Treasury has left no stone unturned to explain e-Procurement to the public. IFMIS stakeholders and audiences across various media were presented with e-Procurement news. For two weeks, 35 radio stations played host to IFMIS teams sharing and answering questions on e-Procurement.

A total of 15 vernacular languages, English and Kiswahili were used to relay this message of e-Procurement. All major radio stations broadcasting national, regional and vernacular radio participated.

IFMIS Director, Jerome Ochieng, was the first to create a buzz on the significance of prudent public finance management, with emphasis on IFMIS e-procurement. This was followed by several other IFMIS team members who ably championed through the FM stations the benefits of IFMIS e-Procurement for the country. The presentations, discussions and call-ins were mostly conducted in the morning during breakfast shows. Issues raised by listeners were comprehensively addressed by the IFMIS teams.

The interactive live interview sessions no doubt increased the level of public understanding of IFMIS e-Procurement as the use of technology to streamline the procurement process. It enhances accountability, transparency and efficiency; improves the management of public resources, the quality of service delivery and eliminates wastage. This information generated discussions and excitement among audiences. It complemented other IFMIS/National Treasury communication efforts to sensitize the public on the IFMIS system and the benefits of e-procurement. Transition from the manual procurement processes to e-procurement has gotten countrywide support, as a result of the campaigns which aired in both national and Vernacular radio stations.



Mr. Charles Kimwele from the IFMIS Department at Milele FM studios.