PRESS STATEMENT ON THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL 2019

Members of the Fourth Estate,

Citizens of Kenya,

This is to bring to your attention that County Governments have no funds to perform any function. It is important that Kenyans understand that County governments will literally ground to a halt.

As it is, barely two weeks to the end of the financial year 2018/19, the National Treasury is yet to disburse 32% of the Counties equitable share of revenue worth **100 Billion** out of the total 314 billion approved by parliament.

Even if these allocations were disbursed today, it will be absolutely impossible for the counties to spend. Some of the key services that will suffer in the next few days with a crisis already being experienced are;

- Health services through payment of commodities from KESMA and other commodity suppliers amounting to 5Billion.
- Agriculture support towards extension services and subsidy for fertilizer 5Billion
- Provision of Clean water services 10Billion
- County infrastructure development and administrative services 35Billion
- Operations maintenance and running of the County Governments 45 Billion

Additionally, with the current status, counties have no basis for development for their next financial year’s budget. This means that there shall be no expenditure at least in the first month of the 2019/20.

In the 2019/20 national budget statement the cabinet secretary allocated Ksh 450.9 billion towards the big four projects to be appropriated directly by the national government. These four functions are exclusively devolved to the Counties yet no allocation shall go to the Counties on the same. Important to note that this total
allocation is bigger than the Ksh 335 billion proposed for all the 47 County Governments.

The public needs to be aware that even though the Counties are ready to serve them, they are unable to do so due to lack of funds to support effective and efficient service delivery.

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