

MEMORANDUM ON CFSP FY 2021/2022

From: Busia County Civil Society Organizations Network Memorandum to the County Assembly as Contribution CFSP FY 2021/2022

Date: 18/03/2021

To: The County Assembly Clerk

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1. The County Executive Committee Member; Finance & Economic Planning.
2. The Chairperson County Assembly Finance & Planning Committee.
3. The Chairperson County Assembly Budget & Appropriation Committee.
4. The chairperson County Assembly Early Childhood Education, and Vocational training
5. The County Executive Committee Member; Youth, Gender, Sports & Social Services.
6. The Chief Officer; Finance and Economic Planning.
7. The Chief Officer; Gender, Youth, Sports & Social Services.

Kind Attention,

REF: BUSIA COUNTY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS PROPOSAL FOR CHILDREN CARE AND PROTECTION BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR FY 2021/2022 BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

As partners working with Busia County Government, we recognize that The County Fiscal Strategy Paper is published in accordance with Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. We note that in preparing the County Fiscal Strategy, the County Treasury shall seek and take into account the views of: a) The Commission on Revenue Allocation, b) The public, c) Any interested persons or groups, and d) Any other forum that is established by legislation.

Having gone through the document and participation in public hearing forums and in reference to other child protection studies, we realize that Busia county has high incidences of child abuse and neglect, including defilement, child trafficking sexual exploitation, early marriages and physical abuse, child labour, incest and general neglect of children by parents/guardians, orphans, children living with HIV and other categories of vulnerable children. There are also children living in streets especially in the border towns of Busia and Malaba. According to the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) the most reported cases of child abuse in Busia Law courts are as follows from the period of January -December 2020

case category	total casces
Child Marriage	16
Defilement	176
Emotional Abuse	12
Harmful cultural practice	4
Incest	4
Physical abuse/violence	61
Sexual Exploitation and abus	4
Grand Total	277

According to the Child Protection baseline survey report conducted in Busia County by Joining Forces Alliance in January, 2021, 85.3% boys and 92.6% girls aged 1 to 17 years had experienced some form of abuse, unfortunately only 2.1% of these children felt adequately supported by their parents/ guardians. The findings also showed that children, parents/ care givers had very little knowledge on reporting on child abuse cases. The capacity of child protection actor and community based organizations to respond to the cases of child abuse was only at 59.1% and 37.5% respectively. The report recommend the need to:

- a. Capacity building of the Child Protection Actors through strengthened Area Advisory Council(AAC)
- b. Establish a Child Management Committee at Ward Levels to take lead in creating awareness on Child Protection in the community.
- c. Prioritize Child Protection at all levels of planning, policy and budgeting as enriched in the constitution
- d. Establish coordination framework that brings all partners under one roof with a common reporting framework for efficiency and effectiveness

Additionally, according to MOH report on adolescent pregnancies 2020, the number of teenage pregnancies presenting with pregnancy at 1st ANC a of age 10-14 and age 15-19 in Busia county in 2020 were 400 and 11442 respectively

Organisation unit / Data	2020	
	MOH 711 No. Adolescents (10-14 years) Presenting With Pregnancy at 1st ANC Visit	MOH 711 No. Adolescents (15-19 years) Presenting With Pregnancy at 1st ANC Visit
Busia County	196	5,529
Bunyala Sub County	8	384
Butula Sub County	19	1,224
Matayos Sub County	76	944
Nambale Sub County	14	660
Samia Sub County	13	606
Teso North Sub County	56	883

Teso South Sub County	10	828
Totals	400	11442

Currently the 2018/2022 CIDP has budgetary allocations for child care and protection while the CFSP 2021/2022 does not have the same allocation. Our analysis of CBROP 2020 shows that children programme did not get the budgetary prominence required hence little achievements.

Table of activities and recommended budget allocation (both developing and recurrent).

DEPARTMENT / SECTOR	COMMENTS / ISSUES OF CONCERN	RECOMMENDATIONS / PROPOSALS
Finance	Budgetary allocation	Allocate funds to Child protection activities as outlined in the CIDP
Office of the county secretary legal department	Presentation of children cases	Lobby for budgetary allocation. Fasten the court case over the land row meant for the Child Protection Centre.
CECM Department Of Sports, Culture and Social Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of County Children Policy. 2. Inclusion of the budget lines for the following activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Construct, establish & Operationalise a Child Protection Centre. ● Establish & Operationalise an OVC support programme. ● Operationalise Area Advisory Council (AAC) ● Form Community Children management committee ● Operationalise Children Assemblies ● County, National and International Children's Day Celebrations 	<p>Allocate the resources to facilitate the development and enactment process.</p> <p>The county government to allocate funds for itemized activities as per the CIDP 2018-2022 page 112 to page 113 to form a base fund for other interested partners to support the County on Child care and protection issues.</p>

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

This memorandum has been submitted by Busia Civil Society Organizations after a wider consultation and input from various stakeholders including children assemblies & clubs for the sole purpose of improving partnership in service delivery that guarantees Children Survival, Children Development, Children Protection and Children Participation in Busia County.

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION.

1. Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TDH-NL)
2. SOS Children Villages
3. World Vision Kenya
4. Center for Adolescent Studies (CSA)
5. FLEP
6. ADT
7. CEDC
8. Save the Children International
9. REEP
10. Palladium Group
11. SOUL
12. TWaweza SOVO
13. ANPPCAN
14. AMPATH

Yours faithfully,

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