PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN KENYA;
WHAT ARE THE
MILESTONES, CHALLENGES AND
PROSPECTS
**Uraia Trust Presence**

- **Number of partners working nationally**: 14
- **Average number of Civic Educators per County**: 6
- **Number of County Based Partners**: 32
- **Number of Kenyans reached with mass Civic Education through forums and workshops**: 220,223
- **Number of Uraia civic Educators**: 368
- **Number of partners with a focus on women issues**: 1
- **Number of County based programs aimed at Persons with Disability**: 3
- **Number of national partners whose programs are youth based**: 4

**Key Focus Areas**

- **KFA 1**: Entrenching Constitutionalism
- **KFA 2**: Promoting PR & Infrastructures
- **KFA 3**: Addressing the historical political marginalization of women, youth, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and minority communities in Kenya
- **KFA 4**: Internal Excellence

**Number of Kenyans that have been reached with mass Civic Education through Radio & TV**: Over 10,000,000

Source: Uraia 2016 - 2020 Strategic Plan
### Number of Information, Education and Communication Materials

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<td>Over 60,000 Booklets of the Acts relating to Devolution Volume 1</td>
<td>Over 150,000 Copies of the Constitution of Kenya</td>
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<td>50,000 Copies of the Citizen Handbook</td>
<td>4,000 Brochures on public participation</td>
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<td>Over 8,000 Copies of the Budget cycle calendars</td>
<td>Over 500,000 Posters on devolution and public participation</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>Reprinting of IEBC voter education IEC materials</strong></td>
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<td>18,000 Sample ballot papers for the six electoral positions</td>
<td>3,000 Voter education curriculum booklets</td>
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<td>50,000 Copies of the IEBC handbook on elective positions</td>
<td>188,000 IEBC voter guide booklets</td>
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<td>90,000 Assorted posters (3 types: on voting procedures, correctly marked ballot paper &amp; wrongly marked ballot paper)</td>
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BECAUSE KENYANS HAVE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

URAI A CIVIC PARTICIPATION CALENDAR

2017/18

Organisation Summary

Uraia Trust is a National Civil Society Organisation, which works in the areas of civic education, civic engagement and institutional transformation. Uraia Trust is a non-profit, non-governmental, non-partisan, not-for-profit voluntary organisation. The organisation is run by a team of dedicated professionals who together work towards the achievement of the organisation's goals.

Beginning of Financial Year

Budget Activity

JULY 2017

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25  26  27  28  29  30
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STATISTICS
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

Within the past one year, have you attended any public/town hall meeting to discuss the affairs of your county?

- Yes: 40%
- No: 60%
Proportion of Respondents attending Forums by County
What are the challenges hindering citizens from attending these forums?

Challenges hindering citizens from attending public/town hall meetings:

- I did not have information of the forum: 59%
- I have no time to attend such forums: 20%
- I do not think my participation is necessary: 10%
- The forum venue was too far: 9%
- Others: 3%

Percentage distribution.
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

Do you feel that your opinions are addressed in these forums?

No 72%
Yes 28%
Have you been involved in any activity to monitor how your county uses the money it gets?

Involvement in county activities to monitor how it uses its money

- Yes: 10%
- No: 90%
% of citizens involved in monitoring how counties use their money

Citizen participation in monitoring county use of money

% Yes % No
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FOUNDATION
FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Function 14 – Schedule 4 part 2 of the CoK assigns the responsibility to ensure, facilitate and build capacity of the public to participate in the governance to the county government.

- C. Govt.- Mechanisms of engagement
  - Build capacity of communities to develop the administrative capacity for the effective exercise of the functions and powers.

- Principle of public participation – includes Private Public Participation.
COUNTY PLANNING

• County plans form the basis for all budgeting and spending

• **County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)**
  – 5 year plan framework
  – Public funds expended within this framework
  – Developed by the CEE and approved by the CA

• **County Sectoral Plans**
  – 10 year county department plan
  – Basis for budgeting and performance management
  – Reviewed every 5 years and updated annually
COUNTY PLANNING

• **Spatial plan**
  – Multi sectoral 10 year land use plan
  – Involves all sectors – National and County Govt.
  – Social and economic development programme of the county.

• **Cities and urban areas Plan**
  – Stipulates land use
  – Building and zoning plans etc.

• **County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP)**
  – Actual fiscal performance in the previous year
  – Updated economic and financial forecasts
  – Sets indicative ceilings for the following year’s budget
COUNTY PLANNING

- **County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP)**
  - Broad strategic priorities and policy goals
  - Guides the County Govt in preparing its budget
  - Financial outlook on revenue, expenditure and borrowing
  - Aligned with national objectives in the Budget Policy Statement

- **Annual Budget Estimates**
  - Prepared by the County Treasury – tabled in the CA
  - CA thru the Budget and Appropriations Committee hold public hearings to receive views

- **Finance Bill**
  - Stipulates proposed revenue raising measures and taxes to be imposed
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<td>- County development plan tabled in the County Assembly</td>
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<td>- The development plan is released to the public within 7 days</td>
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<td>30th September</td>
<td>- The County Treasury (CT) prepares and submits the C-BROP (County Budget</td>
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<td>Review and Outlook Paper) to the County Executive Committee (CEC)</td>
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<td>28th February</td>
<td>- The CT prepares and submits the C-FSP (County Fiscal Strategy Paper) to the CEC, allowing enough time for review and approval before submission to the CA by 28th February</td>
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<td>- January - mid February consultations</td>
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<td>- CT submits Debt Management Strategy of the County to the CA</td>
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<td>30th April</td>
<td>- CEC-MF submits the Budget Estimates to the CEC for approval, prior to submitting to the CA by 30th April</td>
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<td>- Budget Estimates must be submitted with all supporting documents and draft bills</td>
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<td>- The CEC-Member of Finance prepares and presents his/her comments on the budget estimates (by 15th May)</td>
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<td>30th June</td>
<td>- CA considers budget estimates and approves with or without amendments, in times for relevant appropriation law or laws required to implement the budget to be passed by 30th June</td>
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<td>- CA approves budget estimates and passes the Appropriation Bill</td>
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<td>- After approval of the budget, the CEC-Member of Finance is expected to consolidate, publish and publicize the budget within 21 days</td>
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COUNTY BUDGET AND ECONOMIC FORUM (CBEF)

• Established by Sec 137 PFM Act 2012

• Ultimate power and mandate to facilitate public participation in the County Executive.

• Governor, CECs and representatives nominated by organisations – professionals, business, labour issues, women, PwDs, elderly, faith based groups.

• Purpose:
  – Preparation of county plans, the CFSP and CBROP
  – Matters relating to budget, the economy and financial management at the county level.
  – Serve to reach out to citizens
CASE STUDIES

- Elgeyo Marakwet County, Kabiemit Ward
  - Iten Integrated Environmental Community Based Organisation
  - Kamwosor Community Group
  - Feeder road between Kamwosor Center and Kombatich Primary School
  - Constructed in 1990s, never repaired
CASE STUDIES

- Met with the Ward Administrator
- Worked with the county department of Roads public Works and Transport under the County Executive Committee
- Produce transportation improved
- Ease of access to School by the children
CASE STUDIES

- Busia County, Teso South Constituency, Chakol South Ward
- Community Empowerment Development Centre
- Ochude Dispensary
- No lab, water and sanitation, access for PWDs, understaffed.
- Monitored Ochude Dispensary – community scorecard = evidence based
CASE STUDIES

Ochude Dispensary improvements:
2000 litre water tank and shallow well.
- 1 delivery bed, 2 resting beds, 1 wheel chair and 2 fire extinguishers.
- Additional nurse.
- Department of health in Busia – directive – all new dispensaries to be equipped with a ramp for PwDs.
- 2.5 M allocated in 2017/8 FY budget for the construction of the laboratory
- Violet Barasa, 27 years old – “I had not realised that I could deliver my baby at this dispensary hospital...but after the sorecard process the facility got equipment that enabled me get assistance when my time for delivery came”
Thank you