

Kenya's County Budget Transparency Survey 2024

Muranga County Summary











81%

30%

Kenya's public finance laws put budget transparency at the centre of efforts to secure accountability, effective, economic, and efficient collection, and utilization of public resources. The County Budget Transparency Survey (CBTS) is an annual survey that assesses the availability of ten key budget documents that, by law, each county is required to publish and publicize annually on their official websites. Secondly, the survey evaluates the information contained in the available key budget documents including revenue, expenditure, feedback on public participation, priority narratives, justifications, and details on capital projects.

The CBTS assigns each county a transparency index based on the information it has publicly available. In the CBTS 2024, Murang'a County published 9 out of 10 key budget documents and scored 61 out of 100 points. This slightly declined from 62 out of 100 points in CBTS 2023.











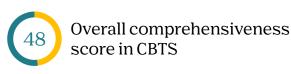
Muranga County **Declined** in the 2024 transparency index

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How comprehensive is the content of budget documents that Muranga County makes publicly available?

| KEY BUDGET DOCUMENT | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| County Integrated Development Plan | 64 | _ | _ | 7 | _ |
| Annual Development Plan | 37 | 45 | × | 58 | 54 |
| County Budget Review & Outlook Paper | × | 75 | 58 | 69 | 73 |
| County Fiscal Strategy Paper | 81 | × | 57 | 46 | 56 |
| Approved Programme-Based Budget | × | × | 33 | 47 | 43 |
| Citizens Budget | × | × | × | 26 | 29 |
| Finance Act | × | × | × | × | × |
| County Quarterly Budget Implementation Report | X | X | × | 39 | 47 |





Key observations in Muranga County budget documents

Murang'a county stagnated in the publicly availability of budget documents in CBTS 2024 compared to CBTS 2023. However, the county has never published its Finance Act in the last five rounds of the survey.

The county's Annual Development Plan, Citizen Budget and Approved Programme Based Budget lacks details on the breakdown of revenue targets and performance by local revenue sources. The approved Programme Based Budget and County Quarterly Budget implementation report further has no details on capital projects.

The information on public participation shows the county provided 0 out of 100 points. The CBTS evaluates the feedback from the public, that is, the information on who was involved, input that resulted from public participation and the decisions incorporated into the final documents. Murang'a county provided no information on public participation in County Fiscal Strategy Paper, Annual Development Plan, and approved Programme Based Budget, which was evaluated.

Opportunities to improve Muranga County's budget transparency:

- Murang'a county has not published the Finance Act in the last five rounds of surveys. The county should produce, publish, and publicize this key budget document on time.
- Murang'a County should provide all the required details, especially missing information on revenue and expenditure with their disaggregation up to programme and sub-programme in its key budget documents available to the public.
- Murang'a county should provide the section with feedback on public participation with justifications. Outcomes of feedback should be in these categories whether A)the input is incorporated into the final budget document, and allocations made for them, this could further tell us there is an impact and decisions were influenced, B)input is considered and taken up but to be implemented in subsequent financial year(s) which could be as a result of limited resources, C)the public input acknowledged but rejected but with proper justification and D) the input is not acknowledged or considered.

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