

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSTITUENCIES DEVELOPMENT FUND - SABATIA CONSTITUENCY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Government Constituencies Development Fund - Sabatia Constituency set out on pages 5 to 25 which comprise the statement of financial assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of receipts and payments, statement of cash flows and statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information in accordance with the provisions of Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 35 of the Public Audit Act, 2015. I have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of my report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respect, the financial position of National Government Constituencies Development Fund - Sabatia Constituency as at 30 June 2017, and of its performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standard (Cash Basis) and comply with the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Act, 2015.

In addition, as required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution, based on the procedures performed, except for the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion and Other Matter sections of my report, I confirm that nothing has come to my attention to cause me to believe that public money has not been applied lawfully and in an effective way.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Transfer to Other Government Entities

- i). Included in the transfer to other Government entities figure of Kshs.65,066,535 are Kshs.25,000,000 and Ksh.1,500,000 paid to Moi Girls Vokoli and Gahumbwa Secondary Schools for construction of double storey administration/tuition building and rehabilitation of classrooms respectively. However, it was noted that the funds were not applied to any particular face of the projects as required by the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Act, 2015. As a result, the accountability and utilization of the disbursed funds could not be ascertained.
- ii). Further, payments totaling Kshs.688,000 made to three schools in respect of bursaries were not supported as detailed below.

Date	PV No.	Cheque No	Payee	Kshs.
27.02.2017	73	12398	Keveye Girls High School	264,000.00
27.02.2017	75	12455	St. Clares Maragoli Girls High	228,000.00
27.02.2017	73	12370	Chavakali High School	196,000.00
			Total	688,000.00

In the circumstances, it was not possible to ascertain propriety and completeness of the transfer to other Government entities figure of Kshs.65,066,535.

The audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). I am independent of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund - Sabatia Constituency in accordance with ISSAI 30 on Code of Ethics. I have fulfilled other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ISSAI and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Kenya. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgments, are of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. Except for the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion and Other Matter sections of my report, I have determined that there are no other Key Audit Matters to communicate in my report.

Other Matter

Irregular Re-allocation of Funds

During the year under review, the Fund had an unapproved and irregular re-allocation of funds of Kshs.775,000 as per the table below:

Date	P.V No.	Reallocation from	Amount Kshs.
14/07/2016	3	Sports and Culture	400,000

14/07/2016	3	Agriculture	375,000
Total			775,000

Re-allocated funds that were not approved may not be applied prudently and economically in fulfilling the intended and planned objective.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Cash Basis) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to sustain services, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to sustainability of services and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to close operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is also responsible for the submission of the financial statements to the Auditor-General in accordance with the provisions of Section 47 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditor-General's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

The audit objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Public Audit Act, 2015 and submit the audit report in compliance with Article 229(7) of the Constitution of Kenya. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and for the purpose of giving an assurance on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue offering services. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue offering services.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated and separate financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities to express an opinion on the financial statements.
- Perform such other procedures as I consider necessary in the circumstances.

I communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that are identified during the audit.

I also provide management with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. R. O. Ouko', with a stylized flourish at the end.

FCPA Edward R. O. Ouko, CBS
AUDITOR-GENERAL

Nairobi

22 August 2018