



## **REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SAITOTI TOROME, CBS, PRINCIPAL  
SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING, THE NATIONAL  
TREASURY AND PLANNING DURING THE E-NIMES/E-CIMES  
ROLLOUT WORKSHOP AT THE KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT,  
LOWER KABETE, 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**Director MED,**

**UNICEF Representative,**

**Officers from State Departments,**

**Officers from the State Department for Planning,**

**Distinguished Participants,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good Morning**

- It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the first e-NIMES/e-CIMES rollout workshop. I sincerely thank you all for finding time out of your

busy schedule to attend this workshop especially during this difficult time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

- The State Department for Planning through the Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate (MED) is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the National Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation System (NIMES). NIMES was established to provide a mechanism to track implementation of policies, projects and programmes contained in the Kenya Vision 2030. However, in its initial state, NIMES lacked an

effective data management component critical in generating information for evidence-based decision making. As a result, this has over time adversely affected timely reporting on annual progress on implementation of the MTPs and subsequent mid and end-term reviews.

- To address the prevailing challenges, the State Department for Planning has developed an electronic NIMES/CIMES (e-NIMES/e-CIMES) as a Performance Management tool to support and strengthen M&E in the Public Sector. The e-NIMES/e-CIMES is a performance management initiative designed to drive both National and County development programs to improve service delivery. It allows for uploading of

MTPs/CIDPs together with the various strategic plans, tracking of their implementation and reporting of achievements through various visuals including traffic lights on a dashboard.

- The system is envisaged to significantly enhance evidence based decision making as it will provide timely data on the implementation of the MTPs and CIDPs, the Big Four Agenda, the current post COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategies (ERS), ICPD Commitments and other international obligations at both levels of government. Moreover, the system will provide the executive and ministerial dashboards with timely

and accurate information on implementation status of government programs and projects.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- The objective of this workshop is to sensitize Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on the system, roll out the system and operationalize a real time M&E system in all MDAs. This will be further extended to the Counties in due course. I believe by the end of the workshop you will all appreciate the capability of the system and be the

champions and focal persons for the e-NIMES in the various MDAs that you represent.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- I am pleased to bring to your attention that prior to the official roll-out of the system, some MDAs with support from UNFPA have already started using the system to track the ICPD25 Nairobi Summit Commitments. The MDAs include: State Department for Labour, State Department for Gender, State department for Basic Education, State Department for Vocational Training, State Department for Youth,

National Gender and Equality Commission, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics among others.

- Also worth noting is that Counties such as Tana River, Bomet, Taita Taveta, Busia, Vihiga, Isiolo, Marsabit, and Mandera have adopted the e-CIMES and have been able to upload various CIDP projects in the system.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- The system is user-friendly and we encourage you to highlight issues that you may want to be added or addressed in the system so as to



make it even more user friendly. Notably, in an effort to further enhance the system, with support from UNFPA, we have initiated the process of developing an Android Application to ease data collection. Further, the GIS component will be enabled to facilitate real time collection and uploading of project data including the GIS coordinates.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- Finally, I would like to thank our development partners for their continued support in strengthening M&E in the country. We specifically take this opportunity to appreciate UNICEF for making it possible for us

to be here today. I also wish to recognize and thank UNFPA for their support in ensuring that some MDAs have up and running system as well as UNDP and World Bank for various capacity building initiatives through the Kenya Devolution Support Programme.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- As I conclude, I wish you fruitful deliberations and trust that going forward we shall have an improved and timely submissions on Annual Progress Report of the MTPs, The “Big Four” Agenda and the Post COVID-19 ERS from the MDAs through the use of this system.

With those few remarks, it is now my pleasure to officially declare this workshop officially opened.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU**