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TALKING NOTES FOR MRS. KATHERINE MUOKI, ECONOMIC PLANNING SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING, DURING E-CIMES TRAINING FOR COUNTY OFFICERS IN MOMBASA 1ST TO 5TH NOVEMBER, 2021.

Director Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate

Officers from the State Department for Planning

Colleagues from County Governments Present

Colleague from UNFPA Kenya Country Office

Colleague from Council of Governors

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I. It is with gratitude that I take this opportunity to address you during this session on e-CIMES training.
- II. From the onset let me point out that, Monitoring and Evaluation is an essential component of the Kenya Vision 2030 and its Medium Term Plans (MTPs) and CIDPs, 2030 Agenda (SDGs), and the Big "Four" Agenda. There is therefore need to continuously track progress towards realization the goals of these Blueprints. With globalization, tracking and reporting should be **real-time** for it to be useful in decision making.

- III. To enhance M&E Reporting in the Public Sector, the National Treasury and Planning through Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate (MED) has adopted the use of technology through development of an electronic system (e-NIMES/e-CIMES) to capture, process, store and share data on implementation progress and achievements of various projects and programmes.
- IV. e-NIMES seeks to facilitate real time reporting and has a dashboard that presents at a glance an overall picture on implementation performance of various projects for each implementing agency.
- V. Considering that this is a government system, training on the use of e-CIMES has now become a government priority at both the National and County levels. We have already trained technical officers from the National Government Ministries and Departments, this is second and final training targeting the all the 47 counties.
- VI. This particular training has been conceived to allow you to master the use of the system. It will also enable you support the rollout of the same to other Departments and Agencies within your counties.
- VII. This training will enable you to move from the current manual method of storing data to an electronic system which is reliable and can be accessed by users at the touch of button in any office anywhere in the Country. The system is web-based therefore you do not need a server.
- VIII. Last week we trained officers from 15 counties who uploaded more than 5,000 projects. I am therefore challenging you to even double this number. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that all projects in your jurisdiction are uploaded in the system. After this training you will appreciate the e-CIMES as tool for data processing and you will be amazed on what the system can do.
- IX. The Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate will continue offering technical support to counties, especially in setting up of M&E systems to track the development initiatives in the Counties. My office will also be keen in following closely on updates in the system to ensure that the Country at any given time has real-time and updated project information.

- X. As I conclude let me inform you that the State Department for Planning in collaboration with County Governments and Development Partners will continue to build County M&E capacities as outlined in the National Capacity Building Framework (NCBF) and Fourth Schedule of the Constitution.
- XI. I have also been informed that amongst you we have a consultant who has been contracted to incorporate a mobile data collection application and enable GIS component in the system. We are grateful to UNFPA for this support. Take advantage of his presence to bring out issues you will like to see in the system.
- XII. I wish you all the best in the training and encourage you to be interactive and ask questions for clarifications whenever necessary. At the end of the training we expect you to be the champions and train others officers on the system.
- XIII. Finally, I would like to thank the County government leadership for releasing you to this training, the Director Monitoring and Evaluation and his team for organizing this training. I am looking forward to strengthening this partnership.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.