

**REMARKS BY DR. JULIUS M. MUIA , EBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
– STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING – THE NATIONAL
TREASURY AND MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DURING THE LAUNCH
OF THE 2015/16 KENYA INTEGRATED HOUSEHOLD BUDGET
SURVEY BASIC REPORTS HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2018 AT THE
KICC, NAIROBI.**

**Mr. Henry Rotich, EGH – Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury
& Ministry of Planning;
Cabinet Secretary (ies);
Chief Administrative Secretary (ies);
Fellow Principal Secretary (ies);
Chairperson, Commission for Revenue Allocation (CRA);
Mr. Zachary Mwangi - Director General, KNBS;
Representatives of the World Bank;
Representatives of UNICEF;
KNBS Staff;
Representatives of Ministries, Departments and Agencies;
Representatives of other Development Partners;
Members of the media fraternity;
Distinguished Guests;**

All Protocols Observed;

Good morning,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all to this launch of the Basic Reports of 2015/16 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey (KIHBS). I am truly glad that you accepted our invitation to attend this important launch despite your busy schedules.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government of Kenya recognizes the important role statistics play in the development agenda of our country. It is in recognition of this fact that the State Department for Planning continues to support the Kenya National

Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), whose core mandate is to provide comprehensive, reliable and timely statistics.

I note with appreciation that the KNBS has been designing and undertaking various censuses and surveys aimed at fulfilling this mandate. The year-long 2015/16 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey provides new information for measuring and monitoring well-being and poverty in Kenya; rebasing the Consumer Price Index (CPI); updating national accounts benchmarks; and employment statistics, among others.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 2015/16 KIHBS collected data on a wide range of indicators to assess the progress made in improving the well-being of the population. The survey results are expected to inform the planning, monitoring and evaluation of various government programmes.

A set of survey questionnaires were designed to collect information on housing conditions, education, labour, health, nutrition, household expenditure, household income and credit, household transfers, information communication technology, domestic tourism, shocks to household welfare access to justice and agriculture. The set of questionnaires administered were at household, community and market levels that were developed through a consultative approach. Stakeholders and experts were involved through meetings, workshops and trainings. Further, a pilot survey was undertaken with the aim of testing various aspects of the survey including suitability of the questionnaires and field logistics.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Survey personnel were competitively recruited through interviews that tested for technical skills and hired from all counties. Training of the survey personnel was undertaken prior to fieldwork to equip them with survey concepts and techniques necessary for data collection.

The data was analysed and three Reports were generated that we are launching today namely: the General Basic Report presenting the socio-economic aspects of households; the Basic Report on Labour Force that provides key indicators of labour markets; and the Basic Report on Well-being in Kenya that presents information on household consumption as well as poverty measures. The Reports were produced following internationally recognised methodological procedures and guidelines and were peer reviewed by experts for technical backstopping.

Moreover, the data set from this survey is enormous and KNBS has a plan of preparing indepth analysis on some of the indicators collected in the survey. Further, I would invite researchers, academicians, students and the general public to take advantage of the availability of this new data for further analysis.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Due to the high demand of indicators collected in Household Budget Surveys, KNBS has designed a Continuous Household Survey Programme (CHSP) to generate estimates at national level on quarterly basis and county level estimates annually. To begin with, the focus will be on indicators targeting poverty and labour.

Among the other activities planned by KNBS include the Census of Industrial Production (CIP) 2018 and the survey of importers and exporters. Plans are also underway to undertake Census of commercial farms and greenhouses.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I conclude, I wish to acknowledge the contribution of the KNBS management and the technical staff who contributed in the preparation of these reports. I would also like to thank the Swedish Government for the Technical Assistance Cooperation Project between KNBS and Statistics Sweden that is primarily aimed at enhancing the capacity of the National Statistical System to produce quality statistics.

On behalf of the Government, I wish to extend sincere appreciation to the World Bank for financial assistance under the Programme for Results (PforR) facility. My sincere gratitude goes to programme leader Johan Mistiaen and the entire World Bank country office in providing technical assistance and capacity building during the entire KIHBS process.

We also acknowledge the technical support from UNICEF during the drafting of the poverty report. The Government looks forward to continued support and collaboration from our Development Partners in our endeavour to achieve greater heights of National development.

With these few remarks, **Ladies and Gentlemen**, I now invite the Cabinet Secretary for The National Treasury and Ministry of Planning, Mr. Henry Rotich to make his remarks and officially launch the Reports.

Thank You