



## MANDERA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Governor Roba's reaction on the new proposed formula by CRA

1. "But commission chair Jane Kiringai hopes the new formula will not only lead to more prudent management of resources but also ensure prioritisation of projects. It would also motivate counties to improve revenue collection by rewarding those that collect the most." CRA will also reward counties for effective revenue collection. Should the proposal be approved by the Senate, counties will get Sh20 for every Sh100 collected. (External factors beyond the control of counties like closure of international customs borders (which is a major source of revenue for counties like mandera) & external threats on security from Alshabab have had adverse effects on revenue collection in MDR. Should mandera be punished for factors beyond its control by CRA on the factor of 2% revenue collection?)
2. "It is a formula that treats the same level of needs and allocates resources accordingly. We have redefined a number of parameters that ensure counties are clustered by their expenditure needs in health, water, health, urban services and so forth," Dr Kiringai said. (23 ASAL counties are water insecure due to over 50 years of neglect by successive governments before the advent of devolution. How has CRA considered the level of water insecurity in ASALs by allocating a flat 3%. 3% allocation for water proofs the level of ignorance of realities in these counties by CRA. "One shoes size fits all approach" is guided continuation of marginalization.)
3. How do you allocate 10% for Agriculture? Can you do agriculture without water?. 23 ASALs counties have no sufficient water for domestic use. Assuming we are playing on a level playing field as counties is to say the least "evil". Ignoring the level of water security in ASALs is planning unrealistically. How can you ignore the level of water insecurity in ASALs and say your new proposed formula puts emphasis on service provision?. Does it mean that ASAL problems does not matter?.
4. Urbanization levels is allocated 3%. Are we all at the same level of urbanization?. Does it mean that the urbanized continue urbanizing and the rest of us remain indefinitely rural?
5. Ignoring the level of infrastructure gaps in the counties e.g. Mandera has no tarmac roads since independence, allocating 3% to roads with the assumption that our roads needs are even across counties is very unrealistic. Ignoring the state of underdevelopment in infrastructure and the realistic disparities that exist and call this proposal fair is really inhumane.