

## Homa Bay County Transforms Its Revenue Collection by Achieving KES 1.2 Billion in Own Source Revenue

In recent years, Homa Bay County grappled with significant challenges in revenue collection. Fluctuating figures and a notable decline from KES 107 million in 2017-2018 to KES 93 million in 2018-2019 hindered the County's ability to fund essential services and development projects.

Recognizing the need for robust reforms, Governor Gladys Wanga implemented strategic measures to revitalize the County's revenue collection system.



The introduction of a cashless revenue collection system in October 2022, coupled with the establishment of a Revenue Board, and a taskforce on Revenue Administration, streamlined processes and eliminated inefficiencies.

*H.E Gladys Wanga, EGH engages in the revenue collection process alongside a revenue officer and a local market trader*

In the financial year 2023-2024, the County collected an unprecedented **KES 1.2 billion** in Own Source Revenue (OSR) - a **235%** increase, from KES 491.5 million in 2022-2023. This improvement is attributed to effective fiscal policies, the dedication of County staff, and the trust and cooperation of citizens.

The increased revenue has enabled significant improvements across various sectors. In healthcare, services have been enhanced and healthcare workers now receive better support. The education sector has also benefited, with increased bursaries and scholarships, as well as the regularization of Early Years Education (EYE) teachers.

The support of traders, taxpayers, and the wider community has been instrumental in reaching this milestone, directly fueling the transformative changes seen across the County. The implementation of the Cashless Revenue Collection System has proven particularly successful. According to the National Treasury's Budget Review and Outlook Paper, Homa Bay County experienced the highest growth rate compared to other Counties.

With the recent introduction of the Revenue Collection App, the County is poised to achieve even higher revenue targets. This new tool aims to eliminate loopholes and enhance the collection process, generating additional funds for the County.