

HOW COULD THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET MAKE SUCH AN ERROR ON HOMA BAY

It is a big surprise that a well funded and technically competent office like the Office of the Controller of Budget could make an error of commission, and mislead the whole nation that Homa Bay County operates unauthorized bank accounts. Not one or 2, but over 500 bank accounts!

Before I explain that such an error cannot happen without a hidden super hand, let me get the facts right.

We all do not expect the Homa Bay County government to maintain a single account for all the institutions that are owned by the county, and there is no law that demands a single county account.

We all know that health and vocational education are devolved functions. All public health facilities and TVCs are within the control of the County Government. Do we expect Got Oyaró Health Centre to use the same bank account as Mbita Sub - County hospital? Each of the 207 level 2 and 3 health facilities in the county have a bank account, while the 24 level 4 and 5 facilities also run their own bank accounts.

The 35 Technical Colleges managed by the county also have their own accounts for collecting fees and other purposes.

The County Government only manages 5 accounts for specialised funds i.e Mortgage and Emergency, County Bursary Fund, Liquor Licenses Fund and Facility Improvement Funds. Additionally, the county government maintains a special purpose fund for Own Source Revenue collection , and two salary accounts.

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schools have their accounts, count the universities, national polytechnics etc, you'd even arrive at 200,000 bank accounts. Would the Controller of Budget wake up and tell us that Education CS operates over 200,000 unauthorised bank accounts?

The error of commission by the Controller of Budget to to inflate the number of accounts managed by the County Government of Homa Bay would be ready as a sinister move to puncture the moving wheels of the Genowa bus.

Could there be a super hand behind the wheels with intentions to besmirch the image of Governor Gladys Wanga?

If not, how do you explain such an exaggeration and sensationalism from a state agency that is known to be reputable and accurate?

Governor Wanga has got Homa Bay from the list of shame, flying the county high in the national map, and this does not sit well with some wannabe kingpins. They are tactful in their quest to use every means possible to make our great county look bad. I can assure, as a man who has vastly travelled to over 40 counties, Homa Bay is on the right path and is among the top performing counties, whichever indicator you use.

Check the auditor general's report, we are performing well in terms of budget absorption and utilisation of development expenditure. We have flown the Homa Bay County flag high and rebranded the county as the best destination for tourism and MICE.

What a shame that some men would want to bring down a woman who is on her way shattering every glass ceiling ahead.

The admission of error by the Controller of Budget should be an eye opener to all right thinking citizens of Homa Bay.

Till we finally unlock the endless potential of Homa Bay.

<https://www.citizen.digital/news/controller-of-budget-admits-misreporting-on-homa-bay-county-bank-accounts-n369934>

