

# **Public Finance Management**

## **A Training Manual**



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# About this Manual

## Introduction

“All sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya and shall be exercised only in accordance with this Constitution. The people may exercise their sovereign power either directly or through their democratically elected representatives” — (Kenya, Constitution of Kenya, 2010), Article 1 (1&2)

Public Finance is the fuel that drives a country. Its management is thus of great importance. The Constitution of Kenya provides a key place to PFM as a critical driver for the governance of Kenya. PFM provides a means to achieve the commitments the Kenyan people have made through the constitution and subsidiary legislation. Parliament (National Assembly and Senate) and the County Assemblies have a central role in PFM. Unlike in the past where the legislature was more involved in approving and oversight of the budget, the current framework has a central role for them in budget formulation and scrutiny. This is in line with its role of representation, legislation and oversight. It thus is critical for there to be a greater focus on ensuring that the legislators and the staff working with them have an in-depth understanding of PFM and implications thereon.

Since this manual relies heavily on laws for its content, which laws change from time to time, the facilitator should establish the status of each of the laws before embarking on the training. [www.parliament.go.ke](http://www.parliament.go.ke) and [www.kenyalaw.org](http://www.kenyalaw.org) are helpful websites for the updates.

## Purpose

The purpose of this manual is to guide facilitators/trainers in capacity building of parliamentarians and Members of County Assemblies and their respective staff in the PFM Process through training on:-

1. The role of the legislature in the PFM process
2. The public procurement process
3. Fiscal Analysis

## Outline of the manual

The Manual is divided into three modules as follows:-

Course Code	Course Title	Duration (Hours)
CPST 103	Legislature and PFM	19
CPST 119	Public Procurement	14
CPST 120	Basics of Fiscal Analysis	8