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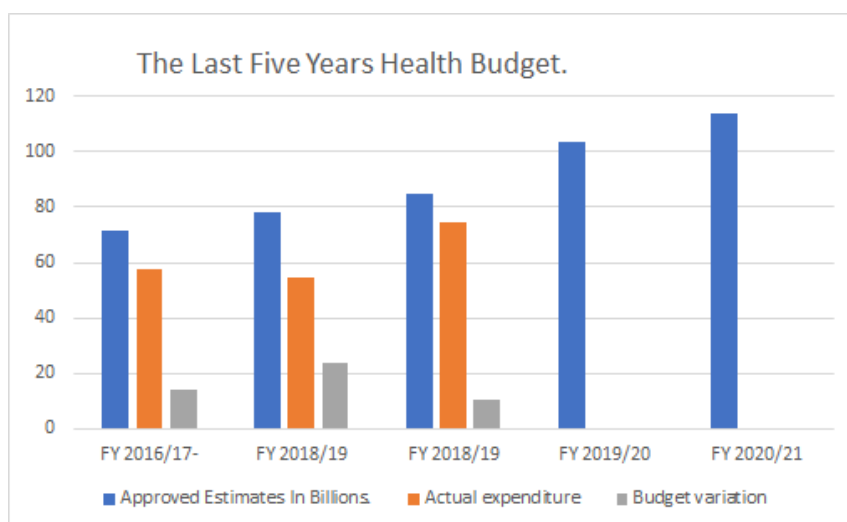


**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN
THE TIMES OF COVID; WHERE
ARE OUR FUNDS?**

INTRODUCTION

Kenya has since devolution been increasing the National Health budget, despite most of the health roles being devolved. A sneak review of the last 5 years indicates a steady increment on the budget figures. The budget process now has reached the National Assembly as required by the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and its now the role of the National Assembly committees to conduct public participation on the estimates to get the citizens final view before the assembly can approve the appropriation bill and with a presidential assent, the budget will become final in the month of June 2020.

THE LAST FIVE YEARS HEALTH BUDGET



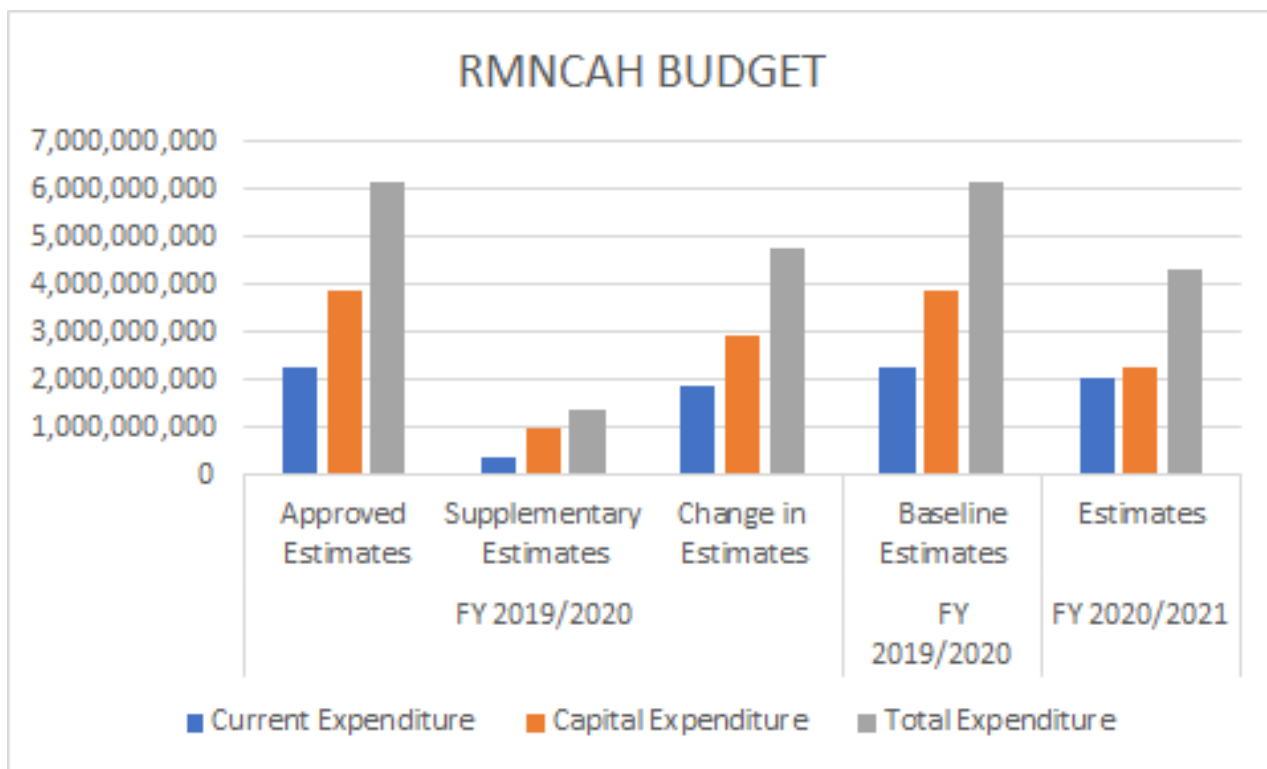
In the period highlighted above, (2016/17-2018/19), the approved estimates increased from Kshs.71.43 billion to Kshs. 114.0 billion in the FY 2020/21. This represents a 33% increase with FY 2016/17 as the base year. The actual expenditures for the same period were Kshs.57.47 billion, Kshs.54.62 billion and Kshs.74.5 billion respectively. From the above, it is noted that the budget absorption has been the biggest challenge and this has led to the return of Health funds to the National Treasury. Under the RMNCAH budgets, the following is an analysis of the 2019/20 Approved estimates, the 2019/20 supplementary estimates and the final figures for FY 2019/20, combined with the FY 2020/21 estimates as presented to the National Assembly on 30th April 2020.

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**2019/20 FY SUPPLEMENTARY
ESTIMATES SHOWS A BIG DROP IN
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**2020/21 FY ESTIMATES SHOWS A
DROP IN RMNCAH BUDGETS**



BUDGET ANALYSIS

- A review of the Approved/base estimates for 2019/20 verse 2020/21 estimates show the 2020/21 FY budget estimates for RMNCAH dropped with Kes. -1,817,016,709. This is a worrying trend and actors will need to be active in demanding a steady increase in the budgets.
- An analysis of the 2019/20 final figures and the 2020/21 budget estimates however shows a positive increase of 2,964,704,791. However, this is still a drop from the initial approved figures for 2019/20.
- With these trends; There is need for carrying out an absorption analysis of the RMNCAH budget in Kenya to see if the same trend of the National Health government reflects here.





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