Ward based budget analysis sessions conducted in Kisumu and Homabay

The 35 and 40 wards of Kisumu and Homabay counties respectively, were between the 16th and the 20th of July engaged in budget analysis forums by the SusWatch Kenya team. The sessions which were facilitated by members of the wards termed, sub-county representatives, took the members of their communities through the county budgets in order to analyze the allocations of funds towards different development projects within their localities. This practice was to equip the ward members with the necessary information which would enable them demand accountability from their leaders.

From some of the meetings held with community groups, it had been noted that the public did not get enough time to go through the 2018/2019 budget estimates, the Annual Development Plans and the County Integrated Development Plans through the public participation sessions organized by the County government of Homabay.

It had also been noted that the sessions were being conducted at the sub-county level instead of ward levels with limited time to go through the 3 documents.

Therefore, prior to the analysis sessions, the SusWatch Kenya team held a series of meetings with leaders of community groups from the 15 sub-counties of Homabay and Kisumu and took them through the budget estimates that had been released by the 2 counties in order for them to facilitate these sessions from an informed point of view, ultimately increasing the knowledge of local citizens on budget making and making them aware of the projects budgeted for in the current financial year.
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Photos of some of the ward analysis sessions

Kabonyo-Kanyagwal ward session
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Kobura ward session
Migosi ward session