

MASENO UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024



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Vision

Providing excellent retirement benefits to members

Mission

To provide outstanding reputable benefits to members through maximization of returns, prudent management of risks and enhanced member communication

Core values

Accountability & Transparency

Integrity

Performance

Teamwork

Excellence

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Scheme Information

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

TRUSTEES Dr. Beverlyne A. Ambuyo : Member-elected - Chairperson

Dr. Matilda C. Sang : Sponsor nominated Mr. Ponyochi Kunyobo : Sponsor nominated Prof. Julius O. Nyabundi : Sponsor nominated Prof. Mary J. Kipsat : Sponsor nominated Dr. Joshua Were : Member-elected Mrs. Dorcas R. Nyawade : Member-elected Mr. Stephen Lenyangume : Member-elected

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Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Chairperson's Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Introduction

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all attendees of the 2024 Annual General Meeting. It is my honor to present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2024.

Economic Outlook

Overall inflation rate averaged 4.6% at the end of June 2024. This was a significant improvement from 7.88% recorded during the same period in 2023. The market witnessed the floatation of treasury bonds of high interest rates with some attaining 18%. This presented great opportunities for the Scheme whose major investment holding is treasury bonds.

The equity market recorded a slight improvement in the financial year to earn the Scheme valuation gains, although Trustees remain cautious due to the volatile nature of this investment.

Scheme Financial Performance

The Scheme fund value grew by an impressive 13% in the financial year ended 30th June 2024 to close at Kshs. 5,268,062,805 (2023: Kshs. 4,659,161,288). This is testament to the Board's solid strategy and commitment in delivering positive returns to members.

The Scheme's gross earnings for the financial year ended 30th June 2024 increased by 86% to Kshs. 600,215,350 (2023: Kshs. 322,967,768). This represents a return of 13.4% (2023: 6.9%).

Scheme earnings after tax increased by 119% to Kshs. 461,969,136 (2023: Kshs. 210,888,407), representing a return of 10.1% (2023: 5.2 %).

The growth in fund value is attributable to high returns from fixed income investments i.e. treasury bonds and fixed deposits. The equity market also contributed to this performance with the Scheme recording positive valuations at the end of June 2024. Another significant factor in this growth is contributions received from the two sponsors, Maseno and Tom Mboya Universities. It is my pleasure to report that Maseno University paid all outstanding contribution arrears, from the 2017 – 2021 CBA as well as all outstanding member remittances. Both Sponsors are currently up-to-date on remittances and we commend them for prioritizing member interest. It will be noted that performance is a core value of the Scheme.

In the financial ended 30th June 2024 the Scheme faced challenges in property investments with some of tenants exiting leading to low returns against the backdrop of a tough economic environment. The Scheme is yet to dispose-off the MURBS Hostel property. The Board is making all efforts to ensure member investments are not further eroded. In light of a dip in earnings, there was a corresponding decrease in property valuations by Kshs. 46,000,000.

With the overall Scheme performance, Trustees in the financial year ended 30th June 2024 resolved to distribute 9% (2023: 5%) to members as interest and maintain reserves at 2% (2023: 2.1%).

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Chairperson's Reportcont'd For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Administration Report

As earlier reported, remittances from both Maseno and Tom Mboya Universities were up-to-date as at 30th June, 2024. During the financial year, we received contributions amounting to Kshs. 351,843,817 from the two Sponsors.

The Scheme noted a marked improvement in participation by members in both Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC) and Post-Retirement Medical Scheme (PRMS). There was an increase of 9% in Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC). On the other hand, Post-Retirement Medical Scheme (PRMS) Contributions went up by 118%. This is evidence of the commitment members have placed to save for their retirement and concerted efforts Trustees have made in sensitization.

The Scheme continues to receive NSSF Tier II contributions as a registered contracted-out scheme under the NSSF Act, 2013. A total of Kshs. 24,364,200 was received in the financial year ended 30th June 2024.

Benefits paid out of the Scheme to leavers in the year had a marginal increase of 5% as more members exited the Scheme in 2024; 61 (2023: 48). Investment management expenses increased by 8% in 2024 compared to 2023. This increment is attributed to costs of managing a growing fund. Administrative expenses increased by 21% which costs are associated with implementation of the current Strategic Plan.

Scheme membership as at 30th June 2024 stood at 1,324 (2023: 1,327) representing active and deferred members from both Maseno and Tom Mboya Universities. Maseno University had 960 active members while Tom Mboya University 78. Deferred members were 286 cumulatively as at 30th June 2024.

We continue to urge members to utilize the Scheme's online platforms to keep abreast of Scheme matters. Members can view their updated statements of account online by visiting the 'member portal' on the Scheme's website www.masenorbs.or.ke. Members can also access their records through the MURBS Member Portal app downloadable from the Play Store.

Pension's Regulatory Environment

In the financial year, the industry has undergone significant changes with the introduction of new regulations. The Cabinet Secretary of the National Treasury and Economic Planning on 21st December 2023 made amendments to the RBA Act through legal notices no. 18-22. As a result, the net return declared and credited to members' accounts will now exclude unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in the value of debt instruments (bonds) held by schemes at the end of each financial year.

The regulator, Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA), launched the National Retirement Benefits Policy (NRBP) as well as RBA 2024 – 2029 Strategic Plan to consolidate and grow pension coverage as they target to raise saving levels among Kenyans and in effect enhance social security.

Scheme Governance Direction

The Scheme continues to experience great strides in areas of governance and investments. Following an evaluation exercise, the Board of trustees was rated 4.85 out of 5, representing a 97% performance rating. This is indicative of dedication to excellence and sound governance in management of the Scheme.

The Board of trustees has aligned its vision to the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, ensuring its successful implementation. Plans are underway for a mid-term review of the plan, scheduled for next year. Trustees continue re-aligning the investment portfolio to take advantage of new opportunities in the market.

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Chairperson's Reportcont'd For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Scheme Governance Direction Cont'd

The Board of trustees has embarked on the journey of attaining ISO certification for the Scheme. ISO certification is a third-party verification that an organization's systems meet International Standards in quality management. The Scheme would then proudly be synonymous with service delivery of marked quality standards.

Trustees have also installed solar power in MURBS Building in an effort to reduce electricity expenses and adopt use of green energy.

Members are notified that the term of the current member-elected trustees is drawing to a close. Member-elected trustee election is slated for June 2025. Official notification will be done in due course.

I am particularly proud of the work we have accomplished for our members and the effort therein. I urge aspiring members to maintain the spirit of unity and vision as they seek re-election or election as trustees.

Appreciation

Having served members for the past six (6) years, I am grateful to the almighty God for guidance thus far.

I wish to appreciate the Councils and Managements of both Maseno and Tom Mboya Universities. Many public sector pension schemes are reeling under the weight of unremitted pension deductions. The two institutions remain a beacon of hope by walking a different path.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to the Scheme Management, Secretariat, Service Providers and the industry regulator, RBA whose dedication and service remain commendable. Their advice and support to the Board has been invaluable.

I take this opportunity to thank the entire Scheme membership. You have entrusted us with taking care of your retirement nest egg and this we do not take for granted.

As I wind up, allow me to relay my gratitude and appreciation to the Board of trustees, who have granted me great honor to serve as Chair of the Board for the past three (3) years. Your support has been exemplary.

DR. BEVERLYNE ASIKO AMBUYO CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dated: 23-5t?-

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Trustees present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 which disclose the state of affairs of the Scheme.

1 Establishment, nature and purpose of the Scheme

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme was established under irrevocable trust as a defined benefit Scheme. The Scheme commenced on 1 September 1990 and is governed by an Original Trust Deed and Rules dated 1 September 1990 as subsequently amended.

The Scheme was later converted to a defined contribution Scheme with effect from 1 July 2004 with the defined benefits section being closed except for the existing pensioners and beneficiaries. The defined contribution section had a defined benefit (DB) underpin until 27 May 2015 when the Scheme converted to a pure defined contribution Scheme.

The main purpose of the Scheme is the provision of pension and other retirement benefits for Members upon retirement from the founder's service and relief for the dependants of deceased Members in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed and rules.

The Scheme is an exempt approved plan with Income Tax Reference No. 92291B/2102 and Tax Exemption Serial No. 00939 under the Income Tax Act and is also registered with the Retirement Benefits Authority under Scheme Reference No. 097 and Certificate No. 0730.

2 Contributions

Members contribute to the Scheme at the rate of 10% of their basic salaries while the Sponsor contributes at the rate of 20% of the Members' basic salaries. In addition, Members are allowed to make additional voluntary contributions. Contributions are remitted monthly.

The Scheme is registered under Contraction Out Certificate No.RBA/COC/0735 (Maseno University Effective 14th October 2023) and Certificate No. RBA/COC/0803 (Tom Mboya University effective 2nd January 2024) to receive Tier II contributions subject to the provisions of the NSSF Act No. 45 of 2013 and subsequent NSSF (Contracting Out by Employers) Regulations, 2014.

3 Sponsors

The Scheme has two Sponsors, namely:

- · Maseno University and
- Tom Mboya University

4 Membership

Full time permanent employees of the Sponsor are eligible to join the Scheme.

The movement in Membership of the Scheme during the year was as follows:

	2024 Members	2023 Members
Contributing Members	Mellibers	Mellibers
Active members		
At start of year	1,068	1,061
Joiners	31	55
Leavers - see (a) below	(61)	(48)
At end of year	1,038	1,068
Deferred members		
At start of year	259	255
Cases in the year	27	4
At end of year	286	259
Total Scheme Members	1,324	1,327
a) Leavers		
Resigned	34	19
Retired with pension	24	26
Death	3	3
	61	48

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Report of the Trustees...cont'd For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

4 Financial review

The statement of changes in net assets available for benefits on page 16 shows an increase for the year of Kshs.608,368,515 (2023:Kshs. 362,187,610) and the statement of net assets available for benefits on page 17 shows net assets of Kshs.5,268,062,805 (2023: Kshs.4,659,161,288). The significant increase is attributable to better interest rates in fixed income assets and positive fair value of financial assets. The Scheme earned a total net rate of return of 10.11% for the year.

However, the net rate of return credited to the members' accounts for the year was 9% (2023: 5%). The net rate of return credited to the members' accounts excludes unrealised gains and losses (changes in fair value) arising from the valuation of financial assets (specifically debt instruments/bonds) at fair value as provided in The Retirement Benefits (Occupational Retirement Benefits Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.

5 Investment of funds

Standard Chartered Kenya Limited are the appointed Scheme custodian while GenAfrica Asset Managers Limited and Sanlam Investments East Africa Limited are the appointed Investment Managers.

Under the terms of their appointment, GenAfrica Asset Managers Limited and Sanlam Investments East Africa Limited are responsible for investment of the funds under segregated arrangement. However, the overall responsibility for investment and performance lies with the Trustees.

We confirm that the Scheme's assets have not been used as security or collateral on behalf of the employer or any connected business or individual.

The full investment allocation as at year end was as follows:

	FY 2024		FY 2023		RBA
		Percentage (%) of		Percentage (%) of	Percentage (%) RBA
Investment Portfolio	Amount (Kshs)	Portfolio	Amount (Kshs)	Portfolio	Limits
Cash at bank	2,624,694	0.05%	21,696,484	0.48%	5%
Fixed and call deposits	254,182,688	4.84%	306,699,972	6.75%	30%
Corporate bonds	11,927,180	0.23%	11,925,194	0.26%	20%
Kenya government securities (Treasury bonds and bills)	4,265,903,658	81.29%	3,454,308,870	76.07%	90%
Listed local and regional equities	282,698,803	5.39%	270,574,855	5.96%	70%
Unlisted equities	1,872,000	0.04%	1,872,000	0.04%	5%
Offshore investments	3,621,022	0.07%	3,174,499	0.07%	15%
Investment property	425,000,000	8.10%	471,000,000	10.37%	30%
	5,247,830,044	100%	4,541,251,874	100%	

6 Interest on Member balances

The Trustees recommend crediting of 9% (2023: 5%) interest on Members' balance.

7 Independent Auditor

VC Karani & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

For the Trustees:

Chairperson Dated: 23-StP-2024

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Scheme Governance Disclosure Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1. Trustees in office

Name of Trustee		Category (Member elected/Sponsor nominated /Professional)		Certified (Yes/No)	qualification	Membership of other Boards
Dr. Beverlyne A. Ambuyo	Above 35	Member-elected	4	Yes	Doctor of Philosophy	None
Prof. Julius O. Nyabundi	Above 35	Sponsor nominated	8	Yes	Doctor of Philosophy	KNEC
Prof. Mary J. Kipsat	Above 35	Sponsor nominated	9	Yes	Doctor of Philosophy	None
Dr. Matilda C. Sang	Above 35	Sponsor nominated	9	Yes	Doctor of Philosophy	None
Mr. Ponyochi Kunyobo	Above 35	Sponsor nominated	11	Yes	Masters	None
Dr. Joshua Were	Above 35	Member-elected	16	Yes	Doctor of Philosophy	None
Mr. Stephen Lenyangume	Above 35	Member-elected	16	Yes	CPA Part 1	None
Mrs. Dorcas R. Nyawade	Above 35	Member-elected	14	Yes	O-Level	None

- 2. The Board of Trustees held four (4) meetings during the year ending 30 June 2024. The meetings were held on the dates set hereunder:
- a) Friday 22 September 2023
- b) Friday 24 November 2023
- c) Friday 1 March 2024
- d) Thursday 23 May 2024
- 3. The composition of the Board of Trustees is as hereunder:
- a) Gender balance: Female ...50%... Male ...50%...
- b) Skills mix: No. of Trustees with financial skills ...8...
- c) Age mix: No. of Trustees younger than 35 years ...Nil... No. of Trustees older than 35 years...8...

4. Committees of the Board

Committee name	No. of meetings held	Any external advisors, invitees to meetings (Yes/No) (if yes, mention purpose)	Allowances paid (Kshs.)
Finance, Investment and Custody	7	Yes (Presenting Property, Custody, Fund Management Reports)	1,486,284
Audit and Risk Management	5	No	1,298,416
Governance and Administration	5	Yes (Preparation of Performance Contract, unpaid benefits consultancy, ISO)	1,389,457

5. Fiduciary Responsibility Statement

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme and is responsible for corporate governance of the Scheme. Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the administration of the Scheme is conducted in the best interest of the Scheme's Members and the Sponsor. To achieve this, Trustees embraced their fiduciary responsibility by:

- a) Acting honestly and not improperly use insider information or abuse their position;
- b) Exercising the highest degree of care and diligence in the performance of their duties that a reasonable person in a like position would exercise in the circumstances; and
- c) Performing their duties with the requisite degree of skill.

The Scheme has complied with laws, regulations and guidelines that govern retirement benefit schemes and the Scheme's operations.

The Trustees have ensured that the Fund managers have carried out all Scheme investments and that all Scheme assets and funds are held by the Custodian.

The Board Charter for the Scheme has been developed.

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Scheme Governance Disclosure Statement... cont'd For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

6. Responsible Corporate Citizenship

The Scheme has participated in socially responsible investments and operations and has not been involved in any activity that may undermine the well-being of the Sponsor, Members or the community in which it operates.

7. Key Outcomes

The Board of Trustees seeks to achieve the following:

- a) Building trust with Members and Sponsor of the Scheme so that they are satisfied with the administration of the Scheme;
- b) Supporting innovation and developing solutions that meet Members' and Sponsor's needs; and
- c) Ensuring that Scheme's administrative processes remain transparent and accessible to Members and the Sponsor.

The Board of Trustees will measure the progress towards these outcomes through:

- a) Triennial Members' Survey Score.
- b) Regular reports and Feedback from the Sponsor.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Board of Trustees held the annual general meeting on Friday 1 December 2023 in which 950 Members, making up 71% of the Scheme Members attended. The Board adequately addressed the Members' concerns.

9. The Board conducted the following sensitization activities:

Name of sensitization forum	Date held	No. of Members who attended
Pre-Retirement Training Seminar (Above 50 Years)	Friday 25th August, 2023	56
MURBS Open Day 2023 -Maseno University City campus	Thursday 5th October 2023	62
MURBS Open Day 2023 - College Campus University grounds	Friday 6th October 2023	130
Member Education Seminar (Tom Mboya University)	Friday 13th October, 2023	48
Member Education Seminar (Women Forum)	Friday 8th March, 2024	101
Pensioners' Forum 2024	Friday 5th April, 2024	100
Member education seminar (Men Forum)	Friday 19th April, 2024	186

During the sensitization activity, Members were reminded of the Retirement Benefits Authority Whistle Blower portal to report any unusual occurrences in the management of Scheme affairs.

10. Trustees Remuneration Policy

During the year under review, the Trustees remuneration was a gross sum of Kshs.5,091,766. This amount complied with the Trustees Remuneration Policy of the Scheme which was approved by Members at the Annual General Meeting held on the 2 December 2022.

11. Board of Trustees Evaluation

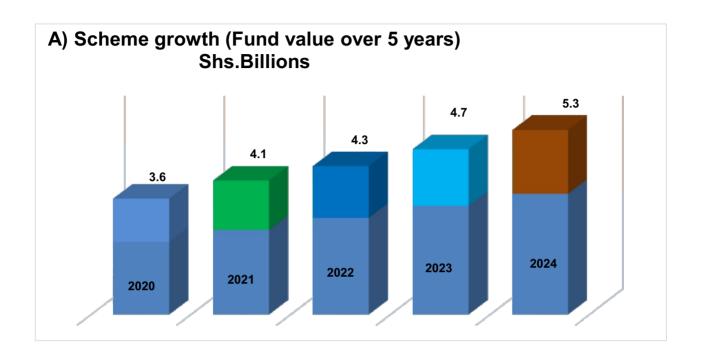
The Board undertook evaluation in the year under review. The review process was facilitated externally by Finnet Trust Services and the process took the form of a questionnaire. The questionnaire was self - administered and contained the following 4 categories;

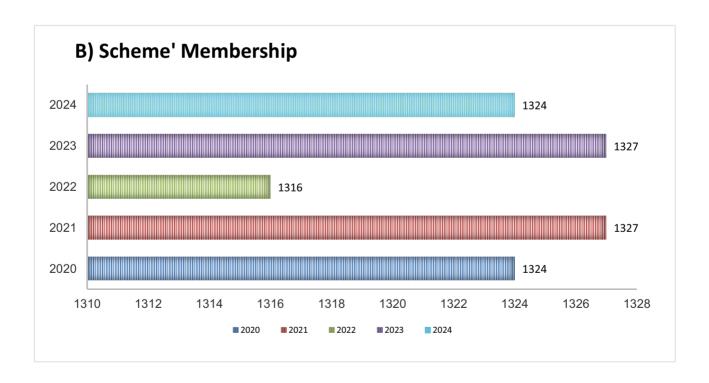
- a) Evaluation of the Board of Trustees;
- b) Evaluation of the Chairperson by Board Members;
- c) Evaluation of the Trust Secretary by the Board Members and;
- d) Evaluation of the three Board committees by other Board Members.

The Board was rated outstanding with a score of 4.85 out of 5 representing a 97% performance rating.

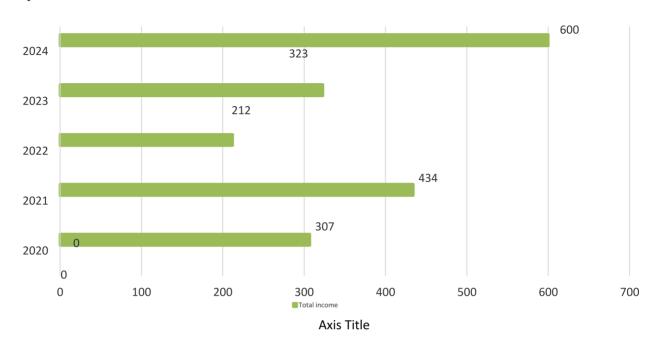
For the Trustees:

Dated: 23-SEP- 2024

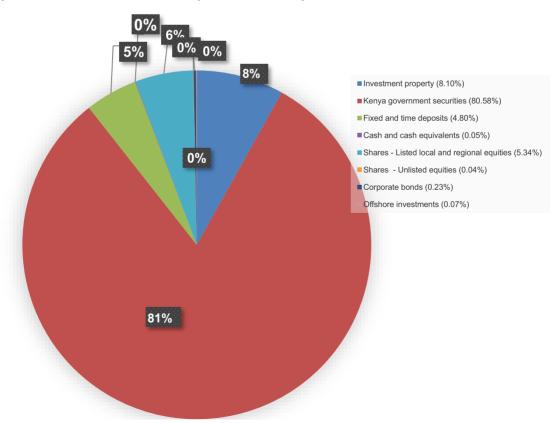




C) Scheme' Financial Performance"Millions"



D) Scheme' Asset (Portfolio) Allocation 2024



Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Retirement Benefits Act requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements in respect of the Scheme, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Scheme at the end of the financial year and the operating results of the Scheme for that year. The Trustees are also required to: a) ensure that the Scheme keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Scheme b) safeguard the assets of the Scheme.

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Scheme's financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Scheme for and as at the end of the financial year ended 30 June 2024. This responsibility includes: (i) maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period;(ii) maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Scheme; (iii) designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud; (iv) safeguarding the assets of the Scheme; (v) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and (vi) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Trustees accept responsibility for the Scheme's financial statements, which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in the manner required by the Retirement Benefits Act.

The Trustees are of the opinion that the Scheme's financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Scheme's transactions during the financial year ended 30 June 2024, and of the Scheme's financial position as at that date. The Trustees further confirm the completeness of the accounting records maintained for the Scheme, which have been relied upon in the preparation of the Scheme's financial statements as well as the adequacy of the systems of internal financial control.

Nothing has come to the attention of the Trustees to indicate that the Scheme will not remain a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date of this statement.

The Trustees acknowledge that the independent audit of the financial statements does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

For the Trustees:

Chairperson

Trustee

Dated: 23-569 - 2024

Partners

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF MASENO UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

VCK/ARP/MURBS/2024

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme, set out on pages 16 to 34 together with appendices I and II, which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as at 30 June 2024, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Scheme as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and the Retirement Benefits Act.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Scheme in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Kenya, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. The Key Audit Matters identified were:

	Key Audit Matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
1.	Contributions receivable The Scheme has recognised contributions income for the year and contribution due at year end.	Our audit procedures in this area included among others: — Reviewing monthly contribution schedules and confirming that correct classification/split of employee and employer portions as provided by the Trust Deed and Rules have been used; and that the disclosure of additional
	We considered this to be a key audit matter because contributions make up the main capital inflows into the	voluntary contributions has been made. Confirming contribution remittances to the custodian; and
	Scheme which dictate the Scheme's ability to continue operating as a going concern and therefore the need to obtain assurance on the amounts thus reported.	Verifying contributions outstanding by reconciling contributions receivable in the monthly contributions schedules with contributions remitted.
2.	Benefits payable The Scheme has recognised benefits payable for the year and unpaid benefits at year end.	Our audit procedures in this area included among others: - Reviewing schedule of benefits payable and confirming that they relate to Members of the Scheme who accessed their benefits having exited through any one of the allowed mode of exit i.e. resignation, dismissal, retirement, ill-health, immigration, death etc.
	We considered this to be a key audit matter because benefit payments make up the main capital outflows from the Scheme and therefore provides an area of high exposure to loss of Schemes' assets if not properly managed.	— Reviewing benefit computation worksheets on sample basis and confirming that benefits paid and/or unpaid were correctly determined as per the Trust Deed and Rules and the Retirement Benefits Act and withholding tax on benefits payable was correctly determined and remitted as per the Income Tax Act.

Partners

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MASENO UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

	Key Audit Matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
3.	Financial assets	Our audit procedures in this area included among others:
	The Scheme has invested in various financial assets.	Verifying ownership by obtaining confirmation of the financial assets held from the Scheme's custodian.
	We considered this to be a key audit matter because financial assets make up the Scheme's major assets and therefore the need to obtain assurance on the financial assets' ownership and value reported, together with generated investment income.	 Reviewing classification and valuation of the financial assets and confirming that it is consistent with IFRS 9: Financial Instruments and the requirements of the Retirement Benefits Act 1997 as amended and the Retirement Benefits (Occupational Retirement Benefit Schemes) Regulations, 2000 that require Scheme assets to be recognised at market value. Verifying investment income generated by each class of financial assets.
4.	Investment property	Our audit procedures in this area included among others:
	The Scheme has invested in investment property.	Verifying ownership by obtaining confirmation of the title ownership.
	We considered the valuation and ownership of investment property as a key audit matter because it constitutes a major asset of the scheme and also due to estimation uncertainty in the determination of its value and therefore the need to obtain assurance on the investment property's ownership and value reported, together with rental income generated.	based on a valuation performed by an independent appraiser. • Verifying rental income generated by the property.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the Retirement Benefits Act, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Partners

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF MASENO UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
 error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is
 sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
 misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion,
 forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
 the Scheme's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Scheme to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The engagement partner responsible for the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report was CPA Evans Ogari Onwonga, Practising Certificate No. 1971.

For and on behalf of: VC Karani & Associates Certified Public Accountants Nairobi

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Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		Kshs	Kshs
Income from dealings with Members			
Contributions	2	351,843,817	344,054,795
Transfers in	3	1,492,820	3,192,277
Outgoings from dealings with Members			
Benefits payable	4	(202,011,215)	(192,899,908)
Transfers out	5	(4,926,043)	(3,047,961)
Net additions from dealings with Members		146,399,379	151,299,203
Returns on investment			
Investment income	6	623,014,187	529,294,159
Change in fair value of investments	7	(22,798,837)	(206,326,391)
Less:			Ì
Investment management expenses	8a	(17,561,709)	(16,265,605)
Investment property expenses	8b	(9,804,040)	(8,357,626)
Gross return on investments		572,849,601	298,344,537
Expenses			
Administrative expenses	8d	(66,239,078)	(54,856,500)
Tax expense	18	(44,641,387)	(32,599,630)
Total administrative and tax expenses		(110,880,465)	(87,456,130)
Net return on investments		461,969,136	210,888,407
Increase in net assets for the year		608,368,515	362,187,610
Members' Fund at start of year		4,498,833,036	4,142,212,592
Add/ (Less):		(0.004.000)	(5.505.400)
Net transfer from/ (to) General reserve	20a	(6,964,869)	(5,567,166)
Adjustment for changes in fair value of financial investments (debt instruments)	7b	(13,334,151)	_
Members' Fund at end of year	19	5,086,902,531	4,498,833,036
Reserve fund	20	181,160,274	160,328,252
Members' Fund and Reserve Fund		5,268,062,805	4,659,161,288

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
Non-current assets Property and equipment	9	11,599,115	12,718,260
Investments Investment property Financial investments Current assets Land inventories	10 12a 11	425,000,000 4,820,205,350 5,245,205,350	471,000,000 4,048,555,390 4,519,555,390
Financial investments: Trust Fund	11 12b	818,332 66,003,041	2,045,831 51,664,443
Contributions due and other receivables Cash at bank Cash at bank: Trust Fund	13 14a 14b	62,600,695 2,624,694 1,656,153	135,880,452 21,696,484 3,202,388 214,489,598
Total assets		5,390,507,380	4,746,763,248
Total assets Less: Current liabilities Benefits payable Benefits payable: Trust Fund Payables and accrued expenses Payables and accrued expenses: Trust Fund Total liabilities	15a 15b 16a 16b		
Less: Current liabilities Benefits payable Benefits payable: Trust Fund Payables and accrued expenses Payables and accrued expenses: Trust Fund	15b 16a	5,390,507,380 21,168,342 67,479,652 33,617,039 179,542	4,746,763,248 10,712,973 54,772,873 22,022,156 93,958
Less: Current liabilities Benefits payable Benefits payable: Trust Fund Payables and accrued expenses Payables and accrued expenses: Trust Fund Total liabilities	15b 16a	5,390,507,380 21,168,342 67,479,652 33,617,039 179,542 122,444,575	4,746,763,248 10,712,973 54,772,873 22,022,156 93,958 87,601,960

The financial statements on pages 16 to 34 together with appendices I and II were approved for issue by the Trustees on 23-169-......... 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Chairperson Trustee

N	Notes	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
Cash flow from operating activities			
Contributions received Transfers in Benefits paid to retirees and seceding members Transfers out Administrative expenses paid Tax paid		454,129,159 1,492,820 (191,555,846) (4,926,043) (54,221,970) (39,138,170)	322,051,919 3,192,277 (209,705,783) (3,047,961) (62,376,141) (36,276,275)
GLA premium and other administrative reserve payments Decrease in amount due from Trust Fund Net cash flow from operating activities		(22,492,270) (91,411) 143,196,268	(19,966,039) (179,268) (6,307,271)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Investment income received Investment expenses paid Purchase of financial assets Proceeds from disposal of financial assets Proceeds from sale of land inventories Purchase of property and equipment Net cash flow from investing activities		557,519,855 (27,394,648) (927,414,606) 183,065,161 1,913,400 (2,474,505) (214,785,343)	516,268,809 (24,424,805) (830,031,093) 578,338,410 12,361,500 (4,895,011) 247,617,810
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents		(71,589,074)	241,310,539
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		328,396,456	87,085,917
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		256,807,382	328,396,456
Represented by:			
Cash at bank Fixed and call deposits	17 17	2,624,694 254,182,688 256,807,382	21,696,484 306,699,972 328,396,456

1 Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards, the Retirement Benefits Act 1997 as amended, and the Retirement Benefits (Occupational Retirement Benefit Schemes) Regulations, 2000.

The financial statements summarize the transactions of the Scheme and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustees. They do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits that fall due after end of the Scheme period.

The financial statements are presented in the functional currency, Kenya Shillings (Kshs) and are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the carrying of certain investments at fair value.

b) Adoption of new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

i New and revised standards effective

At the date of authorization of these financial statements, various new and revised standards and interpretations were issued and effective. Those that relate and have an impact on the Scheme's operations have been adopted where applicable.

ii New and revised standards issued but not yet effective

At the date of authorization of these financial statements, various new and revised standards and interpretations were issued but not yet effective. Those that relate and have an impact on the Scheme's operations will be adopted where applicable once they become effective.

iii Early adoption of standards

The Trustees do not have any plans to adopt any new and revised standards until they become effective. Based on their assessment of the potential impact of application of these standards, they do not expect that there will be a significant impact on the Scheme's financial statements.

c) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make the judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other relevant factors. Such estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

Except for the valuation of investment property for which Trustees have relied on valuation by an independent valuer and provision for anticipated liabilities, the Trustees have made no other sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial period.

d) Significant judgements made by Trustees in applying the Scheme's accounting policies

Trustees have made the following judgements that are considered to have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

i) Impairment of contributions due and other receivables

Contributions due

The Scheme recognises contributions receivable on an annual basis. Contributions outstanding for more than 30 days are considered overdue. In determining whether overdue contributions are impaired, the Trustees have made significant judgement as to whether there is any evidence indicating that the Sponsor will not remit the overdue amount, if any, as stated.

Other receivables

At each reporting date, the Scheme reviews the carrying amounts of its other receivables to determine whether there is any indication that these receivables have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the receivable is estimated and an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits whenever the carrying amount of the receivable exceeds its recoverable amount.

ii) Impairment of financial assets

The Trustees have adopted the expected credit loss (ECL) model provided under the revised IFRS 9 in determining provision for impairment of financial assets. This model requires considerable judgement about how economic factors affect ECLs, which should be determined on a probability-weighted basis.

Based on the expected credit loss (ECL) model, the Trustees are of the opinion that, except for the Real People corporate note investment whose recoverability is uncertain, no provision for impairment of the rest of the financial assets is necessary since the assets have been stated at their market values or fair values as at the end of the period. For financial assets stated at amortised cost, fair value has been determined as the nominal value plus accrued interest thereon.

iii) Fair value measurement and valuation process

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at measurement date under current market conditions regardless of whether the price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. The Trustees determine the fair value of the Scheme's assets and liabilities, where required, as follows:

- For assets and liabilities traded in the open market, fair value is the market value.
- For assets and liabilities not traded in the open market, fair value is determined using market observable data to the extent it is available.

e) Contributions

Current service and other contributions are accounted for in the period in which they fall due.

f) Benefit transfers

Benefit transfers are recognized in the period in which Members join from or leave for other Schemes.

g) Benefits payable

Pensions and other benefits payable are taken into account in the period in which they fall due.

h) Income from investments

Income comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable in the ordinary course of business.

The Scheme's income mainly comprising of investment income is recognized when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Scheme and when the specific criteria of the income class has been met as described below:

h) Income from investments

- i) Interest income is recognized for all interest bearing instruments on an accrual basis. Interest income includes coupons earned on fixed income investments and other discounted instruments.
- ii) Discount on government and corporate securities is recognized for securities purchased at prices lower than their respective nominal values and stated at amortised cost.
- iii) Dividends are recognized as income in the period in which the right to receive payment is established.
- iv) Rental income is recognized in the period in which it is earned.
- v) Miscellaneous income is recognized in the period in which it is earned.

i) Investment property

Investment property comprises land and buildings held to earn rent income, for resale or for capital appreciation. They are initially recognized at cost (including incidental and transaction costs) and are subsequently carried at market value based on valuations by external independent valuers or at the lower of cost and net realisable value for property due for resale whose sale price has been determined. Repairs and maintenance expenses and other property associated costs are charged to the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits during the financial period in which they are incurred. Investment property is not subject to depreciation.

Changes in carrying amounts of the investment property between net asset statement dates are recognized through the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

j) Financial instruments

The Scheme recognizes financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9: Financial Instruments. The standard sets out requirements for recognising and measuring financial assets, financial liabilities and some contracts to buy or sell non-financial items.

Recognition and measurement

Financial assets and liabilities are initially recognized in the Scheme's statement of net assets at cost (including transaction costs) when the Scheme becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

IFRS 9 requires subsequent classification and measurement of financial instruments to reflect the business model in which the financial instruments are managed and their cash flow characteristics.

The standard contains three principal classification categories for financial instruments namely:

- i) At amortised cost;
- ii) At fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)
- iii) At fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

A financial instrument that meets the following two conditions must be measured at amortised cost unless the asset is designated at FVTPL under the fair value option:

- Business model test: The financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets to collect their contractual cash flows (rather than to sell the assets prior to their contractual maturity to realise changes in fair value).
- Cash flow characteristics test: The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A financial instrument that meets the cash flow characteristics test and is not designated at FVTPL under the fair value option must be measured at FVTOCI if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and sell financial assets.

j) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets are initially recognised at cost using settlement date accounting, when the Scheme has become party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Scheme classifies its financial assets into the following categories: Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, financial assets at amortised cost and receivables. Trustees determine the appropriate classification of its investment at initial recognition.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading, and those designated at fair value option. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so classifying eliminates or significantly reduces measurement inconsistency. Financial instruments cannot be transferred out of this category after inception. These category includes the following financial instruments:

- Government securities: Treasury bonds stated at market value
- Corporate bonds stated at market value.
- Quoted equities stated at market value.
- Offshore investments stated at market value.

(ii) Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets at amortised cost are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that Trustees have the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. These category includes the following financial instruments:

- Government securities: Treasury bills stated at amortised cost.
- Corporate bonds and commercial paper stated at amortised cost.
- Short term deposits stated at amortised cost

(iii) Receivables

Receivables are non derivative assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when Trustees provide money or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivables. Receivables are carried at their original amount less an estimate made for bad and doubtful receivables based on the review of all outstanding amounts on an account by account basis, at the year end. Bad debts are written off in the year in which they are identified.

Impairment

IFRS 9 requires use of the 'expected credit loss' (ECL) model in determining impairment of financial assets. This model requires considerable judgement about how economic factors affect ECLs, which should be determined on a probability-weighted basis.

The impairment model is applicable to financial assets measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI except for investments in equity instruments and to contract assets.

The standard requires loss allowances to be measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are ECLs that result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and
- Lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

Lifetime ECL measurement applies if the credit risk of a financial asset at the reporting date has increased significantly since initial recognition and 12-month ECL measurement applies if it has not. An entity may determine that a financial asset's credit risk has not increased significantly if the asset has low credit risk at the reporting date.

j) Financial instruments...cont'd

Impairment...cont'd

The Scheme recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on debt instruments that are measured at amortised cost. The loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses for trade receivables and for financial instruments for which: (a) the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition; or (b) there is observable evidence of impairment. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk on a financial asset other than a trade receivable has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the loss allowance is measured for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. All changes in the loss allowances are recognised in profit or loss as impairment gains or losses.

Expected credit losses are measured in a way that reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes, the time value of money, and reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value of the consideration given plus the transaction cost with the exception of financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially recognised at fair value and the transaction costs are expensed in the profit and loss account.

Subsequently, all financial liabilities are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method except for financial liabilities through profit or loss which are carried at fair value.

Presentation

All financial assets are classified as non-current except financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, those with maturities of less than 12 months from the reporting date, those which the Trustees have the express intention of holding for less than 12 months from the reporting date or those that are required to be sold to raise operating capital, in which case they are classified as current assets.

All financial liabilities are classified as non-current except financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, those expected to be settled in the Scheme's normal operating cycle, those payable or expected to be paid within 12 months of the reporting date and those which the Scheme does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset have expired or the Scheme has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership, or when the Scheme has no reasonable expectations of recovering the asset.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

k) Equipment and depreciation

All categories of equipment are initially recorded at cost and subsequently at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Scheme and the cost can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight line method to write down the cost or the revalued amount of each asset to its residual value over its estimated useful life using the following annual rates:

	<u>Rate (%)</u>
Motor Vehicle	25.00%
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	10.00%
Office partitions	20.00%
ERP system and equipment	25.00%
Computer equipment	25.00%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Gains and losses on disposal of property and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit.

I) Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Scheme has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

m) Reserves

i) General reserve

This is a reserve maintained by Trustees at their discretion. The reserve is debited or credited at the end of each financial period with such sum as Trustees may decide. The credit in the reserve may be used by Trustees each period to make good any loss incurred on depreciation or sale of any securities or investments during the period or in the costs of administration of the Scheme, provided that a Member shall receive a share of the reserve upon being awarded benefits in respect of retirement, disability or death in proportion to the value of the funds allocated to the accounts of all Members of the Scheme at the time.

ii) Administrative reserve

This is a reserve that is used to fund Members' group life insurance and other unexpected cost. The Sponsor contributes 2.5% of the Members basic salary towards this reserve.

n) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current period.

		2024	2023
2	Contributions	Kshs	Kshs
	Employer - Normal	215,266,333	223,502,951
	Employee - Normal	100,457,996	109,951,475
	Employee - Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC)	11,422,888	10,447,769
	Employee - Post Retirement Medical Scheme (PRMS)	332,400	152,600
	Employer - NSSF	12,182,100	-
	Employee - NSSF	12,182,100	
		351,843,817	344,054,795
3	Transfers in	1,492,820	3,192,277
	This is in respect of benefits of employees who joined from other Sche	mes.	
4	Benefits payable		
	Annuity purchase for pensioners	93,551,620	102,169,017
	Commutation and lump sum retirement benefits	66,425,320	72,591,580
	Lumpsum death benefits	21,163,311	6,560,007
	Lumpsum withdrawal benefits to leavers	20,870,964	11,579,304
		202,011,215	192,899,908
5	Transfers out	4,926,043	3,047,961
	This is in respect of benefits of employees who transferred their benefi	ts to other Scheme	es.
6	Investment income		
	Rent income	20,826,213	24,209,002
	Dividends receivable from equities	20,273,964	24,039,012
	Interest and discounts receivable:		
	- Treasury bonds	537,027,237	442,056,400
	- Treasury bills	4,560,709	10,166,092
	Corporate bondsFixed and call deposits	1,436,913 44,385,857	1,435,689 16,248,361
	Gain (Loss) on disposal or maturity of investments	44,000,007	10,240,001
	- Listed local and regional equities	_	4,129,354
	- Treasury bonds	(2,112,077)	4,817,192
	Realised Forex exchange loss on USD Fixed and call deposits	(4,196,658)	-
	Land inventory (land parcels) sales	685,901	2,132,329
	Other income (Miscellaneous)	126,128	60,728
		623,014,187	529,294,159
7	Change in fair value of investments (Note 12(a))		
a)	Financial investments (non-debt instruments)		
	Local and regional equities	12,123,948	(47,760,671)
	Offshore investments	446,523	1,049,911
	USD Fixed and call deposits	(2,703,459)	-
		9,867,012	(46,710,760)
b)	Financial investments (debt instruments)		
~,	Treasury bonds	13,334,151	(160,615,631)
c)	Non- financial investments		
	Non- financial investments - Investment property	(46,000,000)	1,000,000
		(22,798,837)	(206,326,391)
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8 The Scheme expenses have been classified into 3 categories:

- **a** Investment management expenses expenses attributable to the management of financial investments and custody of the Scheme's assets.
- **b** Investment property expenses expenses attributable to the management and operations of investment properties.
- **c** Administrative expenses expenses attributable to the secretariat and general Scheme operations.

	2024	2023
8.a Investment management expenses	Kshs	Kshs
Management fees	9,882,820	9,179,258
Custody fees	6,192,605	5,760,119
Investment committee expenses	1,486,284	1,326,228
	17,561,709	16,265,605
8.b Investment property expenses		
Land rent and rates	91,375	113,167
Property valuation fees	1,656,400	507,600
Property repair, maintenance and other expenses	8,056,265	6,856,744
Consultancy costs	-	880,115
	9,804,040	8,357,626
Q a Administrative average		
8.c Administrative expenses		
RBA levy	5,000,000	5,000,000
Trustee meeting expenses	5,091,766	6,802,480
Trustee training expenses	5,086,038	5,404,906
Trustee induction expenses	1,487,181	-
Board evaluation expenses	1,722,191	1,744,535
E- board expenses & software license	1,724,500	820,584
Administration and processing expenses	33,523,698	26,986,359
Seminar and training expenses	2,151,315	1,356,394
Insurance expenses	1,637,220	1,536,677
Audit fees and disbursements	627,782	618,300
Depreciation on property and equipment (Note 9)	3,593,649	834,432
Members/Pensioners Sensitization Fora & Members Day expenses	2,175,195	1,308,939
Annual general meeting expenses	2,418,543	2,442,894
	66,239,078	54,856,500

9 Property and equipment

	Computer equipment Kshs 25.00%	Office partitions Kshs 20.00%	Motor Vehicle Kshs 25.00%	Furniture, fittings and office equipment Kshs 10.00%	ERP system and equipment Kshs 25.00%	Total Kshs
<u>Cost</u>						
At start of year	3,377,513	3,280,783	5,969,900	5,497,218	9,305,886	27,431,300
Additions	197,620				2,276,885	2,474,505
At end of year	3,575,133	3,280,783	5,969,900	5,497,218	11,582,771	29,905,805
<u>Depreciation</u>						
At start of year	3,007,789	3,280,783	4,290,866	4,133,603	-	14,713,041
Charge for the year	141,836		419,759	136,362	2,895,693	3,593,649
At end of year	3,149,625	3,280,783	4,710,625	4,269,965	2,895,693	18,306,690
Net book value						
At 30 June 2024	425,508	-	1,259,276	1,227,254	8,687,078	11,599,115
At 30 June 2023	369,724		1,679,034	1,363,615	9,305,886	12,718,260

Note: The ERP system was commissioned during the financial year marking its first year of operationalization and thus depreciated accordingly during the year (IAS 16).

10 Investment property

	2024	2023
Developed properties	Kshs	Kshs
At start of the year	471,000,000	470,000,000
Net revaluation (loss)/ gain	(46,000,000)	1,000,000
At end of the year	425,000,000	471,000,000

Investment property relates to land and building acquired by the Scheme.

The developed properties are stated at the most recent market values determined using the comparable sales method in valuing land and cost approach in valuing permanent improvements on the land. The valuation took into account the market prices of similar properties of the type and in the area in which the properties are situated. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 03 September 2024 by Accurate Valuers Limited, independent valuers, and the values have been adopted as the fair values as at 30th June 2024 due to insignificant time difference and changes in economic factors affecting the properties.

MURBS Building (LR Block 7/67 & 70) MURBS NBK Building (LR Block 7/330) was revalued downwards by Kshs.20 million from Kshs.270 million reported in the previous valuation report to Kshs.250 million. While MURBS NBK Building (LR Block 7/330) was revalued downwards by Kshs.2.5 million from Kshs.122.5 million reported in the previous valuation report to Kshs.120 million. The other property, MURBS Hostels (LR Block 7/286 & 289) was also revalued downwards by Kshs.23.5 million from Kshs. 78.5 million reported in the previous valuation report to Kshs.55 million. The Scheme has thus reported a total revaluation loss on the 3 properties of Kshs. 46 million in the current financial period.

11 Land inventories	2024	2023
	Kshs	Kshs
At start of year	2,045,831	12,275,002
Disposal	(1,227,499)	(10,229,171)
At end of the year	818,332	2,045,831

Land inventories relates to undeveloped Eldoret land parcels held by the Scheme. They have been sub-divided and are being sold. They are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value upon sale.

During the year 3 plot were fully sold leaving 2 plots partially sold as at the financial year end.

12 Financial investments

a Financial investments: Scheme

At fair value

<u>At fair value</u>							
	Value at 01/07/2023	Less: Accrued interest b/fwd.	Add: Purchases I	Add: Purchases Less: Disposals at at cost	Change in fair value	Add: Accrued interest c/fwd.	Value at 30/06/2024
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
Treasury bonds	3,454,308,870	(111,664,175)	819,187,706	(137,592,370)	13,334,151	165,541,868	4,203,116,049
Listed local and regional equities Unlisted equities	1.872.000				12,123,948		282,698,803
Offshore investment	3,174,499	•	•	ı	446,523	ı	3,621,022
Sub-total	3,729,930,224	(111,664,175)	819,187,706	(137,592,370)	25,904,622	165,541,868	4,491,307,874
At amortised cost							
	Value at	Less: Accrued	Add: Purchases	Add: Purchases Less: Disposals at		Add: Accrued	Value at
	01/07/2023	interest b/fwd.	at cost	average cost	Impairment	interest c/fwd.	30/06/2024
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
Treasury bills			108,226,900	(48,176,250)	ı	2,736,958	62,787,608
Corporate bonds	11,925,194	(245,194)	•		•	247,180	11,927,180
Fixed and call deposits	306,699,972	(1,999,972)	3,319,330,135	(3,370,459,984)	(2,703,459)	3,315,996	254,182,688
Sub-total	318,625,166	(2,245,166)	3,427,557,035	(3,418,636,234)	(2,703,459)	6,300,134	328,897,476
Total	4,048,555,390	(113,909,341)	4,246,744,741	(3,556,228,604)	23,201,162	171,842,002	4,820,205,350
: :							

b Financial investments: Trust Fund

At fair value

At amortised cost Fixed and call deposits Treasury bonds Sub-total Sub-total

Total

(1,728,719)	8,742,151	(3,008,658)	4,007,779	Kshs 2,275,578	30/06/2024 Kshs 61,952,575
	31,500,000	(27,500,000)		50,466	4,050,466
•	31,500,000	(27,500,000)		50,466	4,050,466
(1,728,719)	40,242,151	(30,508,658)	4,007,779	2,326,044	66,003,041

12 Financial investments...cont'd

The following table analyses investments other than shares (which have no fixed maturity) into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at 30 June 2024 to the contractual maturity date.

c <u>Financial investments: Scheme</u>	Up to 3 months	3 -12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
Treasury bonds	•	34,550,291	788,192,080	3,380,373,678	4,203,116,049
Treasury bills	4,918,857	57,868,752	•	•	62,787,608
Corporate bonds	•	•	11,927,180	•	11,927,180
Fixed and call deposits	233,433,099	20,749,589		•	254,182,688
Total	238,351,955	113,168,632	800,119,260	3,380,373,678	4,532,013,525
d Financial investments: Trust Fund					
Treasury bonds	ı		2,997,430	58,955,144	61,952,575
Fixed and call deposits	4,050,466		-	•	4,050,466
Total	4,050,466	•	2,997,430	58,955,144	66,003,040

The following table summarises the average coupon rates at the year end of the main interest bearing investments of the Scheme:

2023

	%	%	
Treasury bonds	13.44%	12.90%	
Corporate bonds	12.25%	12.25%	
Fixed and call deposits	17.59%	12.27%	
The following investment classes exceed 5% of financial investments of the Scheme:			
Kenya Government securities (Treasury bills and bonds)	88.50%	89.71%	
Listed local and regional equities	5.86%	8.17%	
Fixed and call deposits	5.27%	•	

The Scheme does not hold more than 10% of the equity of any quoted company.

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Contributions due and other receivables	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
Contributions receivable	Kana	113113
- Past due up to 30 days	31,841,990	30,832,613
- Past due more than 30 days	-	56,687,493
CBA arrears for 2017 - 2021	-	17,933,506
	31,841,990	105,453,612
Investment income (dividends) receivable	6,687,618	6,357,382
Title deed and property costs receivable	15,072,337	16,694,056
Death benefits receivable	523,040	392,499
Tax recoverable (Note 18b)	-	2,276,483
Due from Trust Fund (Appendix II)	170,983	79,572
Deposits for utilities	35,000	35,000
Prepaid motor vehicle repair costs	-	26,409
Rent receivable	8,269,727	4,565,439
	62,600,695	135,880,452

Contributions due up to 30 days relate to contributions for the month of June 2024. The contributions due are held by the Sponsor and are fully recoverable hence no provision for impairment has been made.

Title deed and property costs receivable relate to title processing, land rates and other expenses incurred by the Scheme in respect of the parcels of land already sold. The costs are recoverable from the respective buyers before issuance of title deeds to the buyers.

14	Cash at bank	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
а	Cash at bank: Scheme	riono	110110
	Standard Chartered bank custody a/c- Current account	1,290,952	18,642,278
	Standard Chartered bank custody a/c- GenAfrica Asset Managers Ltd.	623,845	1,718,773
	Standard Chartered bank custody a/c- Sanlam Investment Managers Ltd.	612,407	379,362
	National bank savings a/c	97,490	956,071
		2,624,694	21,696,484
b	Cash at bank: Trust Fund		
	Standard Chartered bank custody a/c- Current account	1,228,901	3,069,794
	Standard Chartered bank custody a/c- GenAfrica Asset Managers Ltd.	427,252	132,594
		1,656,153	3,202,388
15	Benefits payable	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
а	Benefits payable: Scheme		
	Lumpsum benefits payable	7,902,285	799,232
	Lumpsum for annuity purchase payable	13,266,057	9,913,741
		21,168,342	10,712,973
b	Benefits payable: Trust Fund (Appendix I & II)		
	Benefits held in Trust for beneficiaries of deceased Members	67,479,652	54,772,873

16	Payables and accrued expenses	2024	2023
а	Payables and accrued expenses - Scheme	Kshs	Kshs
	RBA Levy	5,000,000	5,000,000
	Management fees	2,716,966	2,345,469
	Custody fees	564,009	964,405
	Audit fees and disbursements	492,420	568,800
	Client rent deposits	5,366,969	5,372,956
	Client prepaid rent	2,385,506	559,565
	Client land deposits	677,078	2,133,082
	Other payables	13,093,521	5,077,879
	Tax payable (Note 18b)	3,320,570	-
		33,617,039	22,022,156

Note: Other payables relates to administrative expenses incurred during the year but which had not been settled as at the year end.

b Payables and accrued expenses: Trust Fund

Due to Scheme	170,983	79,572
Payables and accrued expenses - Custody fees	8,559	14,386
	179,542	93,958

Amount due to Scheme relates to amount refundable by the Trust Fund for net settlement of the Trust Fund's transactions with the Scheme.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the stated carrying amounts of payables and accrued expenses approximate to their fair value.

The maturity analysis of payables and accrued expenses is as follows:

	0 - 1 month	2 - 3 months	4 - 12 months	Total
	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs	Kshs
RBA Levy	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
Management fees	2,716,966	-	-	2,716,966
Custody fees	564,009	-	-	564,009
Audit fees and disbursements	-	-	492,420	492,420
Client rent deposits	-	-	5,366,969	5,366,969
Client prepaid rent	2,385,506	-	-	2,385,506
Client land deposits	-	-	677,078	677,078
Other payables	5,716,169	2,540,073	4,837,279	13,093,521
	11,382,650	2,540,073	16,373,746	30,296,469

17 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank, fixed and call deposits.

	2024	2023
	Kshs	Kshs
Cash at bank (Note 14a)	2,624,694	21,696,484
Fixed and call deposits (Note 12a)	254,182,688	306,699,972
	256,807,382	328,396,456

18 Taxation

Maseno University Retirement Benefits Scheme has been approved by the Kenya Revenue Authority and is exempt from income tax on its investment income. Taxation reflected in the financial statements relates to tax payable on net investment income of the unregistered segment of the Scheme and is as follows:

	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
Taxable investment income	133,313,885	108,665,434
Tax at 30% Adjustment for assessed tax arrears for prior years	39,994,165 4,647,222	32,599,630
a Tax charge for the year	44,641,387	32,599,630
Movement in tax account		
Balance of tax payable b/fwd.	(2,276,483)	1,400,162
Add: Tax charge for the Scheme - current year	39,994,165	32,599,630
Tax charge for the Scheme - assessed tax arrears for prior years	4,647,222	-
Tax charge for the Trust Fund - current year (Appendix I)	93,836	-
Less: Tax paid for current year	(34,490,948)	(34,876,113)
Tax paid for prior years	(4,647,222)	(1,400,162)
b Balance of tax payable/ (recoverable)	3,320,570	(2,276,483)

Taxable investment income is determined as the proportion of taxable income earned net of tax allowable expenses in respect of unregistered funds of Members. Income and expenses are apportioned proportionately based on Members' cumulative balances in the unregistered segment of the Scheme as at 30 June 2024.

	2024	2023
19 Members' Fund	Kshs	Kshs
Balance at start of year	4,498,833,036	4,142,212,592
Add/ (Less):		
Contributions receivable and transfers in	353,336,637	347,247,072
Benefits payable and transfers out	(206,937,258)	(195,947,869)
Net return on investments	461,969,136	210,888,407
Increase in net assets for the year	608,368,515	362,187,610
Adjustment for changes in fair value of financial investments (debt instruments) - Note 7b	(13,334,151)	-
Net transfer from/ (to) General reserve - Note 20a	(6,964,869)	(5,567,166)
Balance at end of year	5,086,902,531	4,498,833,036
20 Reserve Fund		
a General reserve fund		
Balance at start of year	98,776,605	93,209,439
Add/ (Less):		
Unpaid benefits transfers (back to membership)	(10,095,984)	-
Net transfer of Interest for the year	17,060,853	5,567,166
Net transfer (to) from Member's Fund	6,964,869	5,567,166
Balance at end of year	105,741,474	98,776,605
b Revaluation reserve fund		
Balance at start of period	-	-
Changes in fair value of financial investments (debt instruments) - Note 7b	13,334,151	-
Balance at end of year	13,334,151	-

The Retirement Benefit (Occupational Retirement Benefit Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 which were gazetted by the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning on 21st December 2023 provide that unrealised gains and losses arising from valuation of financial assets (specifically debt instruments/bonds) using the fair value approach shall not form part of the distributable income hence the creation of the revaluation reserve fund. The revaluation reserve fund is not distributable.

c Administrative reserve fund		
Balance at start of year	61,551,647	53,299,238
Add: Contributions @ 2.5% from the Sponsor	28,673,720	28,387,870
Less:		
- Group life premiums paid for the year	(22,361,729)	(19,966,039)
- Death Benefits written back	(69,459)	-
- Net land related costs payments	(5,709,530)	(169,422)
Net change for the year	533,002	8,252,409
Balance at end of year	62,084,649	61,551,647
·	181,160,274	160,328,252

Total Reserves

Note: The Sponsor contributes 2.5% of the Members' basic salaries monthly to the administrative reserve fund to cater for the payment of group life premiums and other expenses at the discretion of the Sponsor.

21 Contingent liabilities

The Scheme's contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024 mainly comprised of the liability to pay future pensions and other benefits. Other than the liability to pay future pensions and other benefits, there were no contingent liabilities of the Scheme as at the year end.

22 Related party transactions

Related parties comprise of the Trustees and the Sponsor. Except for the contributions receivable (notes 2 & 13) and the payment of Trustees expenses (note 8c), there were no other transactions carried out with related parties during the year.

23 Financial risk management disclosures

The Scheme's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including credit risk and the effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Scheme's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on its financial performance, but the Scheme does not hedge any risks.

Risk management is carried out by the investment managers of the Scheme in accordance with policies approved by the board of Trustees as documented in the approved Investment Policy Statement.

a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Scheme has investments in offshore markets and is therefore exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the US dollar and the Euro.

(ii) Cashflow and fair value interest rate risk

The Scheme does not hold any interest bearing financial liability or asset at a variable rate which would expose the Scheme to cash flow interest rate risk.

(iii) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of an investment will decrease. The Scheme holds financial instruments that are subject to market prices and therefore exposed to price risk. These investments include treasury bonds and equity investments.

24 Financial risk management disclosures (continued)

b) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its obligations resulting in financial loss to the Scheme and arises principally from the Scheme's investments, contributions receivable and other receivables. Exposure and concentration of this risk has been quantified in each financial asset note.

The Scheme's Investment managers manage credit risk by assessing the credit quality of each investment, taking into account its credit rating prior to taking up the investment. Individual risk limits are set based on internal or external ratings in accordance with limits set by the Trustees in the Investment Policy Statement.

In the financial year ended 30 June 2016, the Scheme invested in Real People Corporate Bond with nominal value of Kshs. 10,000,000. During the current financial year, based on available information, the Trustees assessed recoverability of the bond as being uncertain. Consequently, the Trustees resolved to fully impair the bond and in the event of future recovery, the amount shall be credited back to the Scheme income.

Also, in the financial period ended 30 June 2016, Chase Bank Limited was placed under statutory receivership by the Central Bank of Kenya. At the time of placement of the bank into statutory receivership, the Scheme held the bank's 7 period Corporate Bond with face value of Kshs. 10,000,000 and maturity date of 02/06/2022. The Trustees resolved to fully impair the bond in the financial period 2017/2018 due to uncertainty on its recoverability. The impaired amount will be credited back to the Scheme in the event of future recovery.

The impaired amounts invested in Chase Bank bond and Real People Bond represent significant credit risk exposure to the Scheme as at year end.

Note: The decision to impair the assets held by Chase Bank Limited and Real People Kenya Limited was informed by prudence and the requirements to comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS 9) and does not in any way dilute the efforts that the board of Trustees continue to pursue towards recovery.

No collateral is held for any of the Scheme's investments.

c) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash balances to cover anticipated benefit and expense payments. The Trustees advise the Investment managers on regular basis on the liquidity needs of the Scheme in order for the investment managers to carry out investment decisions taking into account the Scheme's liquidity needs.

23 Capital management

The Scheme capital structure consists of accumulated Members' funds. The primary objective of the Scheme's capital management is to ensure that its funds are invested in assets that provide optimal returns while complying with the approved investment policy and the set statutory investment guidelines in order to support its business and maximise Members value.

The Scheme maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The total accumulated fund as at 30 June 2024 was Kshs.5,268,062,805 (2023: Kshs.4,659,161,288).

	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
Dealings with Members and beneficiaries		
Benefit transfers in	11,492,766	14,538,643
Benefit payments	(10,261,139)	(20,882,227)
Net additions/ (deficit) from dealings with Members and beneficiaries	1,231,627	(6,343,584)
Returns on investment		
Investment income		
- Interest from Treasury bonds	7,257,504	5,806,424
- Discount from Treasury bills	-	23,309
- Interest from Fixed and Call deposits	392,603	84,216
- Gain/ Loss on disposal of Treasury bonds	(9,081) 7,641,026	1,992,527 7,906,476
Change in fair value of investments	7,041,020	7,900,470
- Treasury bonds	4,007,779	(1,780,255)
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Gross return on investments	11,648,805	6,126,221
Less: Expenses		
- Custody fees	(79,817)	(90,849)
- Consultancy - Investment Policy Statement review	<u> </u>	(81,200)
	(79,817)	(172,049)
Tax expense	(93,836)	- (4=0.040)
	(173,653)	(172,049)
Net return on investments	11,475,152	5,954,172
Increase/ (Decrease) in net assets for the year	12,706,779	(389,412)
Net assets available for benefits at start of year	54,772,873	55,162,285
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	67,479,652	54,772,873

Note: Benefit transfers in are death claims and last expense recovered from insurers for onward payment to beneficiaries.

	2024 Kshs	2023 Kshs
Investments		
Financial investments		
- Treasury bonds	61,952,575	51,664,443
- Fixed deposit	4,050,466	-
	66,003,041	51,664,443
Current assets		
Cash at bank	1,656,153	3,202,388
Total assets	67,659,194	54,866,831
Less: Current liabilities		
Due to Scheme	(170,983)	(79,572)
Payables & accrued expenses	(8,559)	(14,386)
Total current liabilities	(179,542)	(93,958)
Net assets available for benefits	67,479,652	54,772,873
Financed by:		
Benefits held in Trust	67,479,652	54,772,873

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