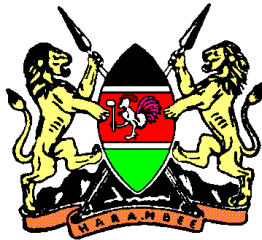


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**FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023- 2027**

**BOMET COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT**



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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Overview**

Kenya Vision 2030 is the country's long term development blue-print that aims to transform Kenya into a newly-industrializing, middle income country providing high quality of life to its citizens. The Vision is being implemented through five-year successive Medium Term Plans.

The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning is preparing the Fourth MTP 2023-2027 of Kenya Vision 2030. The Fourth MTP will succeed the Third MTP 2018-2022 and outlines policies, programmes and projects for implementation over the Plan period. The Fourth MTP will implement the fourth and second-last phase of Kenya Vision 2030 and will set the momentum for transition to the next long-term development agenda for the country. It will be guided by Kenya Vision 2030 and lessons learnt in implementation of previous MTPs (MTPI, MTPII and MTPIII). It will also be guided by the Constitution and will incorporate the priorities outlined in the Manifesto of the Political Party forming the Government after the next general election scheduled for August, 2022.

The Fourth MTP is being prepared through wide consultations in line with several Articles of the Constitution that calls for the involvement of the public in the formulation of public policies and plans. In line with the Constitution Article 10 2 (a), 2 (c), Article 174 (c) and the Fourth Schedule, the Fourth MTP consultations and consensus building will be undertaken through National Stakeholders Forum (NSF); MTP Sector Working Groups (MTPSWG); County Consultation Forums; and National Stakeholders Validation Forum.

### **1.2 Fourth MTP County Consultation Forums**

The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning held MTP County Consultation Forums in all counties between 28<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The Consultation Forums provided opportunity for stakeholders and the public to provide views that will form basis for the design of sector policies, programmes and projects in the Fourth MTP.

### **1.3 Objectives of the County Consultation Forums**

The objectives of the County Consultation Forums were:

- i. To apprise stakeholders and the public on progress made in implementation of MTP 2018-2022, and preparatory process of Fourth MTP;
- ii. To provide a forum for consultation with stakeholders and the public to propose priority programmes and projects for incorporation in the Fourth MTP; and
- iii. To provide a platform for consultation between the national government and county government on development and implementation of MTP and CIDPs.

## **1.4 Participants/Target Group**

The County Consultation Forums targeted representatives from the National Government in the counties, County Governments, Non-Government Institutions and the public. The Participants from non-government institutions included representatives from Religious organizations, Private Sector, Development Partners, Civil society, Media, Academia, Persons with Disabilities, Youth and Women. A total of 150 participants were invited in each County Forum with strict adherence to gender balance and sub-county representations. A total of 173 participants attended the Bomet County Consultation Forum.

## **1.5 County Consultation Process**

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Julius Korir, Principal Secretary, State Department for Devolution, the team made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner and Office of County Governor and briefed them on the Fourth MTP preparatory process and the programme of activities and logistics for the forums. The Consultation Forums programme was as follows:

- i. Welcoming remarks by County Commissioners and County Executive Committee (CEC) in charge of Finance and Planning;
- ii. Remarks by the County Governor;
- iii. Statement by Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Planning read on his behalf by Principal Secretaries (Team Leader);
- iv. Presentations on:
  - a) Objective of the Consultation forums;
  - b) County Integrated Development Plans (CIDP) Guidelines;
  - c) Achievements of Third MTP and preparatory process of Fourth MTP;
  - d) Key achievements on implementation of County Integrated Development Plans 2018-2022; and
- v. Group Discussions based on the three pillars & Enablers. Participants were divided into four groups to discuss Emerging Issues & Challenges, and proposed County sector priority programmes and projects.

## **1.6 County Consultation Forums Output**

The Consultation Team prepared county specific Consultation Forum reports. The report contains highlights of the remarks made during the opening sessions, emerging issues and challenges, and proposed priority programmes and projects for Fourth MTP.

## **2. HIGHLIGHTS OF REMARKS MADE DURING OPENING SESSION**

### **2.1 Deputy County Commissioner, Mr. Victor Kamonde**

The DCC of Bomet central represented the CC Bomet in the forum. The DCC urged the participants to engage exhaustively the technical officers and propose programmes and projects which will uplift the welfare of everybody in the county.

### **2.2 CEC Medical Services**

The CEC medical services welcomed the participants to the venue and noted that the views of the participants will be incorporated in the third generation of planning, CIDP 2023-2027.

### **2.3 Principal Secretary, State Department for Devolution**

The PS after reading the speech on behalf of CS National Treasury and planning implored upon the residents to think critically about the resources within the county and propose programmes and projects which enable the resident to add value to their resources and put money in their pockets. The PS noted that Bomet is located in a strategic place where it can market across the neighboring counties like Kisii and Kericho County.

He further informed the participants of the main objective of the forum which was to engage the public to get their view and opinions on the next planning of implementations of projects in the county. He encouraged the participants to focus on the unique factors about Bomet County and come up with programmes and projects that will improve their economic state.

The PS went on to inform the members of the importance of their participation in the exercise and that the report will act as a score card to measure the performance and achievement for the county. The PS assured the members that the Government is listening to their needs and encouraged them to be involved

## **3. PLENARY DISCUSSION**

After the two Presentations, the following issues were raised by the participants.

- Factors that attract road infrastructure in the county is lacking.
- National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) and Silos need to be highlighted in the plan.
- The participants queried whether the county benefited from the trade agreement with UK. There is need to come up with new ideas on how to benefit from such agreements.
- There is skewedness in distribution of projects and programmes across the sub counties and sited an example of Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) which was constructed in Kapkatet instead of Bomet) and a bamboo project being taken to Kaptagat instead of Bomet.

- The food Security and fluctuation of prices of food are due to lack of SILOS in the Sub counties.
- No action has been taken on the Itembe airstrip in terms of renovating hence there is need to be given priority in MTPIV.
- There is need to consider emerging Technology related development issues during the implementation of the plans.
- Need to develop Information Communication Technology (ICT) potential in a region so other sectors can leverage
- ICT should be mainstreamed in all the projects
- There is need to provide more information on the dairy sector in future plans and reporting.
- There is need for a research center in the county to address the challenges facing the Agriculture sector
- There is delay of disbursement of funds to the counties
- There is imbalance in projects distribution and inequality in terms of resource allocation in the county

#### 4. GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Participants were divided into four different groups to tackle the Economic, Social & Political Pillars and Foundations/Enablers. Each group appointed a chair and a secretary to capture the emerging issues and challenges faced by the county during implementation of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for the period. The groups during their discussions identified projects and programmes the county should prioritize during implementation of their next CIDP.

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
<b>ECONOMIC PILLAR</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technological advancement and leveraging on tourist sites</li> <li>• Unexploited tourism</li> <li>• Low awareness of tourist sites</li> <li>• Cultural diversity (Unexploited opportunities)</li> <li>• Effects of Climate change</li> <li>• Reduction of arable land</li> <li>• High cost of farm inputs</li> <li>• Reduction of land sizes</li> <li>• Inadequate extension services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media campaign- Creating media campaign to encourage people to visit</li> <li>• Encourage local tourism</li> <li>• Partnering with tour/travel companies and hotels</li> <li>• Establishment of Tea tourism products/plantation</li> <li>• Establishment of Cultural sites</li> <li>• Conservation of Masese and Chepalungu f forest</li> <li>• Conservation of <i>Kipsegon</i> and <i>Kipsegon</i> cultural site</li> <li>• Training and adoption of new farming –AI</li> <li>• Enhance diseases and pest surveillance control and</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerging and reemerging of plant and animal diseases</li> <li>• Low market for farm produce</li> <li>• Limited training inadequate financing,</li> <li>• Limited space for markets</li> <li>• Bureaucracy of institutions during registration</li> <li>• Environmental pollution</li> </ul>	<p>management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase extension services</li> <li>• Promotion of Priority production areas-Potatoes, mangos, millet, sorghum; Dairy beef, poultry, Apiculture, fish and piggery, Avocado farming and Bee-keeping</li> <li>• Establishment of modern abattoir at <i>Chebunyo</i> market</li> <li>• Development of poultry sales yard and slaughter house at <i>Longisa</i></li> <li>• Development of fresh produce store at <i>Mulot</i></li> <li>• Establishment of animal feeds processing plant at Boito</li> <li>• Small and Medium Enterprises training</li> <li>• Development of agricultural and livestock produce market in all Sub counties</li> <li>• Customer protection programme e.g. weight and measures</li> <li>• Enhancement of ecommerce, Business financing, regional trading blocs</li> <li>• Development of economic zones,</li> <li>• Capacity building to equip <i>jua kali</i> sheds</li> <li>• Support to cooperative societies programme</li> <li>• Establishment of county enterprise fund</li> </ul>
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in teenage pregnancies</li> <li>• Increase in Drugs and Substance Abuse</li> <li>• High cost of health care</li> <li>• Insufficient drugs in facilities</li> <li>• Inadequate safe and clean water</li> <li>• Inadequate water storage facility</li> <li>• Plastic bags still in use</li> <li>• Inadequate protection of the water catchment areas in the county</li> <li>• No proper drainage and sewerage system in place</li> <li>• Rural to urban migration – especially youth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building of Teachers Programme. There is a need to have an education programme within the county that offers training and capacity for teachers.</li> <li>• Support for needy students programme: The County Government should have a sponsorship programme to support students with their education.</li> <li>• There is need to come up with an Education Resource Center for instance Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), to advance professional skills and development. The Resource Center will also be used for digital literacy as well as a library to store books.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate affordable housing</li> <li>• Land grabbing</li> <li>• Increase in Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases</li> <li>• Neglect of the boy child</li> <li>• Inadequate sporting facilities</li> <li>• Athlete doping</li> <li>• Inadequate qualified sports trainers and coaches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health facilities improvement project: There is need to put up a fully-fledged and well-equipped health facility in each sub county</li> <li>• There is need to recruit more doctors in the county</li> <li>• There is need to have dental units as health centers in every sub county</li> <li>• The county should construct a cancer treatment center since it's an emerging issue</li> <li>• KMTC ;There is need for constructing a training school for nurses and medical practitioners e.g. KMTC</li> <li>• There is need to encourage use of recycled bottles</li> <li>• Establish a proper sewerage network across town</li> <li>• The county should enforce laws and policies to protect implementation of the projects in the sector.</li> <li>• Affordable housing programme ,there is need for an affordable housing programme in the county</li> <li>• Children rescue centers; there is need for the county to establish rescue centers to protect children from early marriages and GBV.</li> <li>• There is need for the county to establish child protection centers/ at police stations and safe houses for teenage girls. The county should benchmark from Mombasa County.</li> <li>• Public Awareness creation on the child protection: There is need for the county to sensitize the public on the child protection policies in order to understand the importance of safeguarding the rights and welfare of children</li> <li>• There is need to enhance child participation in schools by ensuring all children participate during children's events and forums e.g. Day of African Child and Children Assembly.</li> <li>• There is need to incorporate culture in curriculums</li> </ul>
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project transition- change of regime leads to stalled projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal framework to be laid down to support the continuity of the projects/ programmes of the county.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delayed disbursement of funds</li> <li>• Inadequate public participation from the grass root levels.</li> <li>• Human resource management has been influenced by politics</li> <li>• Imbalance in allocation of funds in the devolve functions.</li> <li>• Uncoordinated transfer of assets and liabilities between national and county governments</li> <li>• Weak linkage in integrated development planning between the two levels of government</li> <li>• Limited knowledge of the functions of both national and county government</li> <li>• Inadequate number of technical persons to draft laws</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intergovernmental technical integration committee to be established to oversee county government assets.</li> <li>• Functions which were transferred to the county government should be followed by allocation of resources and funds in order to achieve the projects</li> <li>• Establish a policy which can sustain the county for more than 10years.</li> <li>• Public participation engagement program</li> </ul>
ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unemployment among the youth</li> <li>• Erosion of National Values and Ethics</li> <li>• Increased insecurity incidences</li> <li>• Inadequate land for infrastructure facilities</li> <li>• High land rates</li> <li>• Increased alcohol and drugs abuse</li> <li>• Inadequate drainage facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support youth with self-employment skills</li> <li>• Development of disaster risk management policy;</li> <li>• Establishment of talent centres: Exposure and tapping of local knowledge e.g. establishing a storage facility and also giving the public opportunity to exhibit their talent or innovation.</li> <li>• Reduce the land rates</li> <li>• Extension of fiber optic to health facilities, administrative services; construction of modern data center;</li> <li>• <i>Longisa</i> Youth Empowerment Centre: to link fibre optic; Personnel re- training to cope up with changes in technologies.</li> <li>• Improving National cohesion and values</li> </ul>

## 5. CONCLUSION

Mr. Maiyo on behalf of the Deputy County Commissioner appreciated the participants for their active involvement in the exercise and encouraged them to continue with the same spirit in the upcoming activities. Director Wambua acknowledged and thanked the PS for chairing the meeting.



He also thanked the participants for achieving the workshop objectives. He further informed the team that the State Department will develop a Bomet County Report capturing every issue deliberated by the groups to be shared with the different Sector Working Groups to be included in their sector plans. Mr. Wambua requested members to cooperate when called upon to validate the reports for dissemination. He officially closed the workshop on behalf of the PS, Mr. Julius Korir.