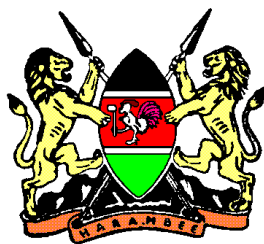


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**FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023- 2027**

**GARISSA COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT**



**MAY, 2022**

## **1.0 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 through the State Department 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 Objective County Consultation Forums**

The objectives of the County Consultation Forums were:

- i. To appraise 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 147 participants attended the Garissa County Consultation Forum.

#### **1.5 County Consultation Process**

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Robert Korir Representing PS, Defense. The Consultation Teams made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner, Mr. Boaz Cherutich and briefed him 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 on 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.

## 2.0 Highlights of Remarks made during Opening Sessions

### *County Commissioner's Remarks*

Welcomed all participants appreciated those from farthest end of the County (Borai). The Constitution requires a planning framework to guide the government in budgeting. This being the second last plan for Kenya Vision 2030, there is need for contributions from the participants to be captured in the MTP IV. He assured members that all their contributions will be captured.

### *County Secretary's Remarks*

Patrick Okello representing the County government gave apologies on behalf of the County Secretary who had travelled to Nairobi for official function.

### *PS Defence Remarks*

The representative thanked the members for creating time adding that the government attaches a lot importance of their inputs. These will definitely be considered. Encouraged them to contribute actively in the group.

### *Chief Officer Finance*

He was representing the CECM Finance and Planning. Need for the two levels of governments to engage *wananchi* in planning. He asked them to express themselves freely which will inform projects and programmes in the MTP IV and CIDP III.

## 3.0 Plenary Discussions

- i. Despite existence of livestock policy, the sector is not doing well in the county. Need to relook at integrated rural livelihood;
- ii. Implementation of CIDP should be prioritized;
- iii. County to provide information and statistics on performance of the 2018-2022 CIDP

## 4.0 Group Discussions

The participants were divided into four (4) groups namely: Economic Pillar, Social Pillar; Political Pillar and Enablers/Foundations.

### **Emerging issues, Challenges and Priority Programmes/Projects**

Garissa County emerging issues, challenges and priority programmes/projects as presented by Chairs of respective groups are as shown below:

	EMERGING ISSUES/CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROJECTS/PROGRAMS
1.0	ECONOMIC PILLAR	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depleted grazing land</li> <li>• Water shortages</li> <li>• Livestock diseases and pests</li> <li>• Inadequate agricultural extension officers</li> <li>• Poor road transport network</li> <li>• Poor livestock marketing</li> <li>• Poor marketing to tourism industry</li> <li>• Low awareness of microfinance institutions</li> <li>• High livestock deaths thus depriving livelihood</li> <li>• Nonexistence of livestock off take programmes</li> <li>• Poor Grazing plans</li> <li>• Low levels of water trucking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a Modern slaughter house at Garissa</li> <li>• Establish Camel milk processing plant at Garissa</li> <li>• Growing drought tolerant plants like sorghum, maize, banana, mangoes and lemons</li> <li>• Construct of water canals from River Tana and construction of a mega dam</li> <li>• Opening of custom offices at Liboi and Hulugho</li> <li>• Improved health quality of our livestock</li> <li>• enhance tourism marketing systems</li> <li>• Develop community conservancies</li> <li>• Develop the existing national reserves e.g. Arwale; Rahole and Boni reserves</li> <li>• Conserve the endangered species e.g. Hirola; Gravy Zebras; White giraffe etc.</li> <li>• Introduction of agro firming practices</li> <li>• Development of culture tourism</li> <li>• Awareness creation of the existing financial institutions</li> <li>• Re-seedlings of depleted grazing lands using water for irrigation from river tana</li> <li>• Fruit processing plant</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>SOCIAL PILLAR</b>	
	<b>Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate drugs</li> <li>• Few medical facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public education and awareness creation programs on deliveries in health facilities and other population and health related issues;</li> <li>• Ambulance services to be enhanced. Each ward to have one vehicle which functional and well managed;</li> <li>• Establishment of friendly Youth friendly services in each health facility;</li> <li>• Human resource establishment should be adequate. Comprehensive packages should be pronounced. Payment should be prompt;</li> <li>• Functional theaters, Laboratories, maternity wings should be in each and every sub-county hospital;</li> <li>• Establish adequate and equipped health centers at locational level;</li> <li>• Having a program to involve religious and local opinion leaders in management of the health</li> </ul>

		facilities; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each sub-county to have stores for vital medical facilities and services;</li> <li>• Quality population to have continuous public education programs on family size.</li> </ul>
	<b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate Teachers</li> <li>• Few special needs schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come up with an activity to Strengthen and establishment of more ECD teachers;</li> <li>• A program should be established for NEP teachers to be remunerated better than other teachers in the nation to motivate locals embrace the career;</li> <li>• Mindset change activities should be put in place to get a paradigm shift of NEP youth to accept doing education courses;</li> <li>• Stipend to be put for those who enroll in vocational training;</li> <li>• Functional vocational training centers to be established;</li> <li>• Boarding schools to be increased and secured;</li> <li>• Reduce the number of out of school going children;</li> <li>• Integration of religious and secular education;</li> <li>• Establishment of more CBC classes;</li> <li>• Universal provision of birth certificate in schools;</li> <li>• Employment of religious teachers to support in eradication of radicalization;</li> <li>• Establishment of set light university in Mandera and Wajir;</li> <li>• IRE and Arabic teachers should not;</li> <li>• More funds for universities;</li> <li>• Reviving Garissa Teachers training colleague to increase enrolment;</li> <li>• School feeding programs.</li> </ul>
	<b>Enviroment, Water and Sanitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate clean water</li> <li>• Floods</li> <li>• Inadequate forest cover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery centers in every wards for free provision to the public;</li> <li>• Compensation of the farmers that are affected by the floods from the Ken Gen (Dams);</li> <li>• Irrigation and water harvesting</li> <li>• Wild life protection and employment of the community to protect them. Invest in human</li> </ul>

		<p>wildlife management;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water harvesting education used for irrigation and domestic farming;</li> <li>• When exploiting and doing excavation in the hinterland to be for the benefits of the local community and then followed the required processes and procedures. Once the excavation ends, the holes should be refilled. There should be CSR afterwards;</li> <li>• Arale, Rahole and Boni natural reserves to be functional and earning revenue to the locals;</li> <li>• Waste management disposal to be well managed e.g. several vehicles to be onboard;</li> <li>• Drainage system to be enhanced and expanded;</li> <li>• Deliberate action by the government to invest on the Resilience development particularly implementing projects and programs along the river Tana;</li> <li>• Afforestation program to be initiated in all government departments and utilities and the protection of the indigenous trees. Enforcement of EMCA laws;</li> <li>• Establishment of environment management coordination committees in every sub-county</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Gender, Youth, and Vulnerable Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth radicalization</li> <li>• No incubation centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eradication of FGM and create alternative for women who involve to eradicate this vice;</li> <li>• Strict enforcement of the existing laws of the GBVs. The cases should be proved beyond reasonable doubt;</li> <li>• Establishment of SGBV rescue centres in each sub-county;</li> <li>• Special rescue cars for remanding the culprits;</li> <li>• Affirmative program for the gender;</li> <li>• Enhancement of social protection programs.</li> <li>• Program for behavior change communication towards vocational training, vocational jobs ;</li> <li>• For each ward to have youth centres and Recreational centres;</li> <li>• Establishment of youth rehabilitation centres and drug/substance abuse awareness creation;</li> <li>• Program on youth empowerment and decision making;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth affirmative action;</li> <li>• Issuance of ID in the region to be frequent and relax vetting procedures;</li> <li>• Kenya youth employment Opportunities program to be introduced in the region;</li> <li>• Guidance and counseling on matters Courses to be taken by the youth in the regions that might help the community.</li> <li>• Affirmative action for the women specially the elderly women.</li> </ul>
	<b>Sports and Culture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Few recreational facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish Modern stadium for sports and culture;</li> <li>• Establish recreational facilities</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>POLITICAL PILLAR</b>	
	<b>Devolution, Governance, Rule of Law and Justice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expensive and delayed Justice</li> <li>• Corruption</li> <li>• Nepotism in the county Government</li> <li>• Lack of accountability and Transparency</li> <li>• Delay in disbursement of funds from the national Government</li> <li>• Political Intolerance</li> <li>• Failure to respect Court Orders</li> <li>• Political Interference and patronage In independent institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of courts at the sub counties or of not possible have a mobile court sitting at least once a month in every sub county</li> </ul>
	<b>Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor cooperation between the public and security organs</li> <li>• Porous border between Kenya and Somalia</li> <li>• Presence of contraband</li> <li>• Proliferation of illegal firearms from neighboring Somali</li> <li>• Sustained attacks on communication network masts</li> <li>• Clan issues and land boundary disputes</li> <li>• Political Incitement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of more police posts</li> <li>• Encourage intercommunity cooperation with security apparatus</li> <li>• Capacity building of peace committees</li> <li>• Raising of stipend for NPR</li> <li>• Putting NPR under chiefs commands and equip them with better uniforms and weapons</li> <li>• Operationalize the new created Administrative Units</li> <li>• Urgently resolve land disputes in the sub-county</li> <li>• Capacity building of the Peace Committees</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion over scarce resources i.e. pasture and water points</li> <li>• Lost Livelihood through livestock deaths as a result of drought</li> <li>• Deficiency of police stations and police posts</li> <li>• Internal Banditry amongst the various clans</li> <li>• Free roaming of Al-shabab</li> <li>• Inaction/ slow response by security officers</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Un-adjudicated land leading to speculation and clan militias</li> <li>• Existence of unmanned cut lines from the different sub-counties to the Somali boarder</li> <li>• Use of social media for incitement, spread of hate speech and radicalization.</li> <li>• Creation of new Administrative units without accompanying infrastructure, human resource and funding.</li> <li>• Recent merger of APs and KPS has weakened the security operations at the lowest grassroots level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve on the Police civilian Ratio</li> <li>• Deal decisively with political incitement and inferences</li> <li>• Increase funding for security operations in the county</li> <li>• Conduct more peace meetings between neighboring communities and clans</li> <li>• Have Pasture and water point management committees</li> <li>• Open up customs boarder points at Liboi and Hulugho to regularize imports from Somalia</li> </ul>
	<b>Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor Roads Network in some parts of the county</li> <li>• Placement of IEDS along the roads by militia groups</li> <li>• Poor drainage system</li> <li>• Bush clearing has not been done on most of the roads</li> <li>• Substandard Road construction works</li> <li>• Duplication of tender awards in Roads construction leading to wastage of resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tarmacking of Roads from Garissa HQ to all the sub county HQS</li> <li>• Expansion of Kismayu road to Dual Carriage to Modika</li> <li>• Clear bushes, Construct bridges and culverts at Laggas</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<b>ICT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop ICT hubs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor network coverage</li> <li>• Unmanned communication networks masts</li> <li>• High levels of ICT illiteracy</li> <li>• Lack of ICT literacy teachers</li> <li>• Risk of cyber attacks</li> <li>• Lack of ICT literacy equipment in learning institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance digital learning in schools</li> <li>• Improve network coverage and reconstruct masts destroyed by Al-Shabaab</li> </ul>
	<b>Energy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low connectivity to the national Grid( 80% not connected)</li> <li>• Frequent power outages</li> <li>• High electricity cost</li> <li>• Brokers/ Cartels in the power connection process</li> <li>• Expensive alternative power sources e.g. Solar</li> <li>• Poorly resourced KPLC Response teams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect more areas to the national grid</li> <li>• Lower cost of alternative energy sources</li> <li>• Lower cost of electricity connection</li> </ul>
	<b>Science and Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Innovation hubs within the county</li> <li>• Environmental degradation has led the death of traditional technology e.g. beehive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliberate move to construct Innovation hubs</li> </ul>
	<b>Labor and Employment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unskilled labor</li> <li>• Low levels of Education</li> <li>• Islamic vs. the Modern Banking System that Prohibit Interest Loans to start Industries</li> <li>• Nepotism during job recruitment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish more industries to create employment</li> </ul>
	<b>Land Reforms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Un-adjudicated land</li> <li>• Land speculation e.g. along the LAPPSET corridor</li> <li>• Un-reviewed boundaries since Independence</li> <li>• Frequent shifting of boundaries to suit political whims</li> <li>• Nomadism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NLC to immediately carry out boundary reviews, adjudications and survey/Titling</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effects of climate leading to valueless land</li> </ul>	
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## **5.0 Conclusion**

### **Closing Remarks**

#### **Boaz Cherutich, County Commissioner**

In his closing remarks the County commissioner thanked the participants for attending and active participation. He made the following announcements: Land demarcation in the County had stopped; Lifting of curfew in some parts of the County being considered; Cartels especially in lands and administration are being handled; Security being enhanced in the County; Opening of Liboi border being considered; Funding of peace committee will be revised upwards; three (3) police posts will be opened by the government in the County; Need to establish Camel milk processing in the County; Parents, schools administration and the government to collaborate in handling drugs and substance abuse; Livestock marketing program to continue through KMC. He concluded his remarks by acknowledging the National Treasury and Planning team for organizing and facilitating the exercise.