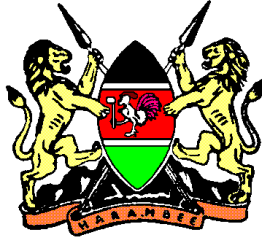


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**FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023- 2027**

**HOMABAY COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT**



**MAY, 2022**

## **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 (MTPSWGs); 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 217 participants attended the Homabay County Consultation Forum.

## **1.5 County Consultation Process**

The Consultation Team was led by the Principal Secretary for Gender, Prof. Colletta Suda. 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**

The opening session was moderated by the Director of Administration, Mr. Makori and the Deputy County Commissioner, Homabay County. The introduction of the participants was done by the Deputy County Commissioner; Mr. Makori introduced the Nairobi team while the CECM for Finance and Planning introduced the County Government officers.

### **2.1. County Commissioner**

The County Commissioner welcomed the participants and thanked them for honoring the invitations. He expressed his gratitude to the Principal Secretary for taking time out of her busy schedule to be with the people of Homabay during such an important exercise. He indicated that it was important for both levels of Government to work in collaboration to make such exercises succeed.

## **2.2. CEC, Finance and Planning**

The CEC, Finance and Planning Mr. K' Oriko joined the County Commissioner in welcoming the Principal Secretary to Homabay and he assured the PS that the County Government was well represented in the meeting. He reiterated the benefit of the forum to the participants and urged them to participate freely. He informed the PS that over the past MTP III and the First CIDP the county has seen some improvement, especially in opening up the county through construction of roads.

## **2.3. County Secretary**

The County Secretary echoed the voice of the CECM, Finance and Planning by reminding the participants of the importance of the forum and that they should articulate their issues well not unless they want to be left out at the National planning level.

## **2.4. Principal Secretary**

The Principal Secretary, Prof. Suda thanked the County Commissioner, the County Government and the technical team from the State Department for Planning for making the forum successful, indicating she appreciated the participants for attending the forum in large numbers. The PS indicated that as the daughter of the County she would feel good if the participants articulated their problems well as that's the only way they could be solved by the National Government. She noted that the presence of the County government was significant. This is because they also have an opportunity to hear for themselves the wish-list of the people of Homabay, so that when the time for CIDP comes, what doesn't get their way into the MTP IV can be captured in the CIDP.

Prof. Suda indicated that holding the Forums in all the counties shows the Government keenness in implementing the Constitution and meeting its requirements. She then read the Cabinet Secretary's Statement which made the keynote address.

# **3. PRESENTATIONS**

The presentation on Objectives of the CCF, highlights of Kenya Vision 2030, achievement for MTP III, and the preparation process of MTP IV was presented by the State Department for Planning team while that of achievement of CIDP was done by the County Government of Homabay. Highlights of the Presentations:

### ***i. Achievements of County Integrated Development Plan***

- Opened 2273 new roads across the County; 158 kms of road paved to bitumen standard; and a total of 21 bridges constructed.

- HIV prevalence reduced from 26.7% to 18.5%; Proportion of skilled deliveries improved from 60% to 75%; Infant mortality rate improved from 90/1000 to 60/1000; and under 5 mortality rate improved from 130/1000 to 30/1000.
- Enhancement of agricultural production by employing more extension officers; 730 acres of land put under rice production;
- 130,000 households connected to piped water; 50 water tanks were installed in schools, Market Centres and Health facilities; 53 boreholes equipped; 26 water springs protected; Open Defecation Free villages increased from 88 to 999.
- EDCD enrolment increased from 17,038 to 78,158; Bursary allocation increased from Kshs 60 million in to Kshs 100m
- The construction of the 12,000-seater capacity stadium is expected to be completed by June 2022;
- Constructed a total of 42 new markets; murrmed 64 new markets; constructed 10 boda boda sheds and 70 traders' racks.

#### 4. Group Discussions

The participants were split into four groups and were also advised to be free to contribute in any groups they felt they could be of interest to them. It was explained to the participants that for them to choose Programmes/projects that will serve them well, they needed to identify the challenges/problems and emerging issues that impact on their lives then propose solutions for them.

#### Emerging Issues, Challenges and proposed Priority Projects and Programmes

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor transport infrastructure and un-equitable distribution across the county;</li> <li>• Inadequate hotel accommodation and conference facilities to support tourism sector;</li> <li>• Untapped tourism potential in Ruma game park, Simbi nyaima and Tom Mboya, Nyamgondho Wuod Ombare sites coupled with insecurity of rare species e.g. The Roan Antelope;</li> <li>• Lack of Tourism policy and legal frameworks in the county;</li> <li>• Insecurity of potential investors;</li> <li>• High cost of production in agriculture,</li> <li>• Low exploitation of irrigation potentials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of road network to tourist sites and gazettement, protection, development and marketing of the sites</li> <li>• Policy development on protection of endangered animal and plant species</li> <li>• Promote collaboration on Public Private Partnership for Hotel construction and management</li> <li>• Establishment of tourism college centre</li> <li>• Comprehensive farm inputs subsidy program and Use of integrated pest and disease management systems</li> <li>• Establishment of irrigation infrastructure</li> <li>• Revamp cotton ginnery production and sunflower farming</li> </ul>

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<p>along lakeshores and cottage industries,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor industrialization framework and low level of value addition to agricultural produce;</li> <li>• High incidences of pests and diseases expounded by inadequate county extension services;</li> <li>• Underexploited horticulture,</li> <li>• Poor livestock breeds</li> <li>• Inadequate food storage and cold chain facilities;</li> <li>• Low revenue and lack of modern market potentials;</li> <li>• Low market value of county products;</li> <li>• Limited awareness on BPO and low capacity to train business owners on the same;</li> <li>• Inadequate financial providers owing to high financial interest rates;</li> <li>• Dilapidated lakeshore transport infrastructure, inadequate lake transport facilities culminating to high incidences lake transport accidents;</li> <li>• Inadequate awareness on blue economy and its potential, and Unregulated installation of fish cages in the lake, and Water hyacinth menace;and</li> <li>• Low exploitation of mineral resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Sweet potato, groundnut value addition factories and upgrading of seeds</li> <li>• Establish Business incubation centres,</li> <li>• Establishment of EPZ and support for Cottage industries</li> <li>• Extension Power connectivity</li> <li>• Establish fish and livestock feeds processing plants</li> <li>• Awareness creation on Business Process Outsourcing</li> <li>• Mapping of potential mineral sites with improved exploration and exploitation existing mineral resources within the county</li> <li>• Introduction of government ferry services in Mbita and Homabay</li> <li>• Climate Smart interventions across all sectors</li> <li>• Regulation of fish caging investment</li> <li>• Capacity building and awareness creation on blue economy</li> </ul>
<b>SOCIAL PILLAR</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate Education accessibility and sustainability (retention)</li> <li>• inadequate Infrastructure, Sponsorship, Curriculum empowerment – CBC Capacity Building, Nutrition – feeding program Poverty;</li> <li>• Inadequate Staffing in health facilities more doctors and nurses – CHWS and low medical supplies;</li> <li>• Focus on referral system – more ambulances – ICU should be improved on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mawego TTI to be upgraded to National Polytechnic</li> <li>• Tom Mboya University expansion</li> <li>• More model secondary schools</li> <li>• EYE (ECDE) GRANTS – Capitation</li> <li>• County Government funds for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Programmes</li> <li>• Upgrade HCTR hospital to level 5</li> <li>• Fast-track NHIF Enrolment – universal health cover across the county</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>with Oxygen;</li> <li>• High incidences of mental health problems emerging ;</li> <li>• Reintegration of GBVRC;</li> <li>• Poor sewer system and Sanitation infrastructures;</li> <li>• Poor housing in Homa Bay (County Headquarters), Mbita and Oyugis;</li> <li>• Un-digitized land systems; and</li> <li>• Inadequacy of land for the construction of affordable houses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHWS to be put on payroll</li> <li>• Establish Mental health surveillance and awareness creation units in all Sub-counties hospitals</li> <li>• Build and equip modern health facilities in all the eight sub-counties (at least one level 4), upgrading of hospitals within the count</li> <li>• Construction of affordable housing units in Homabay, Mbita and Oyugis</li> </ul>
<b>POLITICAL PILLAR</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate motor vehicle officers, motor boats and officers for cross border patrols;</li> <li>• Uncoordinated management of health services frequent health officers strikes;</li> <li>• Inadequate funds to the counties and poor inconsistent exchequer flow;</li> <li>• Inequitable distribution of villages within the county;</li> <li>• Weak coordination between county and national governments;</li> <li>• Inadequate and inequitable public representation during public participation forums; and</li> <li>• Inadequate access to Justice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancement of support to Beach management units and awareness creation</li> <li>• Enhance capacity building of Kenya coast guard and station at Mbita</li> <li>• Timely and consistent release of funds to the county</li> <li>• Increase fund allocations to the counties</li> <li>• Legislation to address delineation of village boundaries</li> <li>• Enhance coordination by incorporating reporting systems between the national and county government</li> <li>• Entrench participatory Monitoring and Evaluation and social accountability in Programme/project management</li> <li>• Formulate a law and policy on public participation to ensure equitable distribution of participants.</li> <li>• Creation of awareness on access to justice systems</li> <li>• Regular integrity checks on judicial officers from investigation, prosecution and determination of cases</li> <li>• Capacity strengthening of oversight institutions (EACC, IPOA, ODPP, Auditor general)</li> <li>• Adequate funding and equipment of</li> </ul>

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	security agencies
ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of libraries in Urban &amp; Rural areas to aid learning;</li> <li>• Poor infrastructure ICT and road network across the County;</li> <li>• Frequent floods in Ndhiwa along Kuja Otange area and rachuonyo north sub county;</li> <li>• Inadequate centres for research, development and innovation;</li> <li>• Process and acquisition of land is too long and proper land Compensation and distribution is lacking;</li> <li>• Inadequate residential buildings for public officers;</li> <li>• Enforcement of 30% (affirmative action) employment requirement as stated in the constitution;</li> <li>• Inadequate Dams and water canals for drainage;</li> <li>• Rampant insecurity;</li> <li>• Poor relationship between the community and law enforcement officers; and</li> <li>• Vandalism of Government property.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of libraries in Urban &amp; Rural areas</li> <li>• Establishment Gender Rescue Centers – safe place</li> <li>• A well-structured partnership in line with sports and Culture promotion, and Construct Sport Talent Academy – talent development centres for youths and young artists</li> <li>• Improvement of Infrastructure especially Road and ICT (Establishment of ICT hub and resource centre at the sub county levels)</li> <li>• Construction of dykes in Ndhiwa along Kuja Otange area and rachuonyo north sub county</li> <li>• Expansion of Kabundo Airstrip</li> <li>• Establishment of Research&amp; Development, and innovation centres, and business incubation centres</li> <li>• Digitization of land registries to hasten processing of land acquisition.</li> <li>• Construction of Public building and residential houses for public officers</li> <li>• Enforcement of 30% (affirmative action) on employment requirement as stated in the constitution</li> <li>• Construction of more Dams and Canals</li> <li>• Operationalize upgraded Police posts to police stations to enhance security</li> <li>• Mainstreaming Gender Based Violence on men</li> <li>• Sensitization of the public on importance of cordial relationship between the community and law enforcement officers in enhancing security</li> </ul>



## **5. CONCLUSION**

The forum was well attended with active participation by the participants. The participants acknowledged that the objectives of the Forum had been met and recommended that Homa Bay County priority programmes/projects to be incorporated in MTP IV and the State Department for Planning to share the Homa Bay MTP IV County Consultation report with the participants.