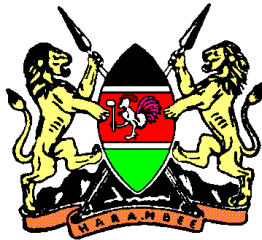


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ISIOLO COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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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 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 28th March and 5th 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 166 participants attended the Isiolo County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Torome Saitoti, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Planning. The Consultation Teams made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner 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 Remarks from Administrative Officer, Mr. Gichohi

On behalf of the County Commissioner who was away on official assignment, who is the Personal Assistant to County Commissioner and Administrative Officer welcomed all

participants to Isiolo County. He urged participants to take full use of the platform as it allows them to express their development demands and goals. He observed that Isiolo County was a cosmopolitan County.

2.2 Remarks from Principal Secretary, State Department for Planning- Mr. Saitoti Torome, CBS

The PS appreciated all participants for answering the request to represent other members of the public in the County. He stated that he had been in the County in the past during dissemination of MTP III which largely informed the development of the County's CIDP. He singled out a number of projects implemented under the current MTP-the Isiolo International Airport, Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia-Transport (LAPPSET) and the main roads. He emphasized that Isiolo County will benefit even more from implementation of the Kenya Vision 2030 and he encouraged participants to air their priorities, as they will be documented and implemented as previously. Further, he encouraged the County to include the governor's (who will be elected in the upcoming elections) manifesto in their CIDP.

2.3 Remarks from Chief Officer, Public Service Board, Mr Mohammed Abdi

The CO, County Public Service welcomed all on behalf of County Secretary. He indicated that the County had reviewed her CIDP a week earlier in preparation of CIDP III. He noted that the exercise was a fulfilment of the Constitution on Public Participation and requested participants to be interactive and raise their expected development projects for County.

3 PROPOSED PRIORITY POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS FOR FOURTH MTP

The participants were split into four groups and they were advised to be free to contribute in any groups they felt 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 AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insecurity within the county • Inter-tribal conflicts/ cattle rustling • Incomplete projects e.g. Abattoir, Shambani health centre, Mwangaza dispensary, Bulesjima and Merti level 4 hospital • Poor roads and communication network • Inadequate knowledge in Information Communication Technology (ICT) equipment • Flooding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the following roads: Isiolo - Merti road through Gotu bridge (220Km); Gabatula - Sericho - Modogashe road (150Km); Isiolo - Leparua Road (20Km); Isiolo - Oldonyiro road (120km); and Isiolo - Alama - Mlango road (40km) • Expansion of the sewerage system in the municipality • Caving of Isiolo Municipality (30km) • Extending network coverage and fiber optic connections to Oldonyiro, Merti, Sericho, and

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
	<p>Gabartula sub-counties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct innovation centres in Isiolo, Gabartula , Merti and Oldonyiro • Develop physical development plans for Isiolo , Gabartula, Oldonyiro, Kina, Merti, and Modogashe • Reclaiming of grabbed public land in Isiolo • Implement youth internship and mentorship programmes; • Employment and access to services should be inclusive • Sink boreholes in every ward; and • Establishment of police posts in conflict areas i.e. Kom, Eldera, Loruko and Basa. • Introduce preventive security measures
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate opportunities for market linkages • High cost of farm inputs • Knowledge/capacity gap on value addition and trade and business opportunities • Inadequate extension service at trade and cooperatives • Low access to finance in rural areas • Inefficiencies in provision of mining licenses • Frequent out breaks of pests and diseases (Yellow Fever outbreak, prosopis, pests and locust invasion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of land (Titles to individuals and community land) to address boundary issues • Diversification of economic opportunities to offer alternative source of life - beekeeping, Poultry farming, Fish Production • Implement livestock insurance scheme; • Establish the feedlots systems-promote private sector investment, empower local investors to sub-county level • Vaccinate animals to control animal diseases • Establish a one-stop shop for showcasing products-Business to Business Trade fairs; • Complete and operationalize projects e.g. airport, abattoir • Empowerment of producers through grants and loans (Producer organization, cooperatives) • Sensitization of rural wards on government opportunities such as Uwezo fund, youth enterprise fund; • Implementation of the Ward Development Fund which is a major boost to the wards • Establishment of Geospatial Information Center-mapping out analysis, resources • Promote tapping of green energy; and • Establish and institutionalize grazing system.

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES		PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS	
SOCIAL PILLAR			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate change• High rate of school dropouts• Inadequate urban sanitation, low hygiene standards and poor disposal of asbestos• Increased population growth in urban areas• Policy within the municipal Act not operational• Poor spatial planning in urban centers• Drug and substance abuse• Gender disparities in institutions and community and gender unfriendly institutions• Gender based violence• Discrimination of (Persons with Disabilities) PWD's and youth in the County• Inadequate drugs in the hospitals• Poor mortuary services• Human-wildlife conflict		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve school infrastructure;• Establish rehabilitation centers and awareness creation• Establish proper drainage and water management systems• Strengthen compensation mechanism for the victims of human-wildlife conflicts;• Establish schools in the Yamicha and Narasha areas• Sensitize youth to enroll in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETS)• Complete the TVET institution in Gabartula and Merti;• Improve on water harvesting• Employ more teachers in the TVET institutions• Sink more boreholes in the county	
POLITICAL PILLAR			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inadequate reach of devolved resources to the grassroots;• Inadequate representation of other communities in the County;• Graft in public institutions.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Devolve more resources down to the grassroots;• Strengthen linkages/ collaboration between the National and County Government;• Improve on mode of presentation during public participation sessions i.e. Use Kiswahili in public participation sessions and also cascade public participation to the villages;• Fast-track registration of lands and curb corruption at the Ministry or county department; and	

4 CONCLUSION

The PS, State Department for Planning, praised the county government for completing a number of projects, including the Isiolo market, which he visited. He stated that the issue of stalled projects was not unique to Isiolo County, but that it was due to resource constraints. He explained that the process of public participation is carried out in accordance with the constitution, and that the national assembly is currently debating the public participation bill, which will guide how public participation will be carried out in the future.

As a next step, he stated that MTP IV will include some of the "big projects," while the others will be included in CIDP and implemented by County government.

