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**FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023- 2027**

**MANDERA 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 (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 155 participants attended the Mandera County Consultation Forum.

## **1.5 County Consultation Process**

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Ali Noor Ismail, CBS Principal Secretary, State Department for Cooperatives.. The Consultation Teams made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner, Mr. Onesmus Kyatha 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 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 by the County Commissioner-Mr. Onesmus Kyatha**

The County Commissioner welcomed the National Government team from Nairobi to the County and the participants to the consultative forum. The CC appreciated the

efforts by the government to engage the community in development issues with the aim of improving the livelihoods of the people of Mandera and Northern Kenya in general through infrastructure development and social and economic initiatives over the past four years. The CC noted that devolution system of governance had impacted positively on the livelihoods of the Mandera people and that the residents were appreciative of the government efforts. He echoed the need for focused dialogue during the forum and proposed priorities that will solve the community's needs. The CC pointed at the prevailing drought as a major challenge to the community and their livelihoods but noted there were programs by the National government being implemented to cushion the community against the severity of its impact such as the hunger safety net programme.

## **2.2 Remarks by the Principal Secretary for Cooperatives -Mr. Ali Noor Ismail CBS.**

The PS set the stage for engagement by calling upon the participants to approach the challenges facing the region with sustainability in mind. He noted the joining of cooperative movement in the region was still low and called upon the participants to sensitize the community on the need to form and join the cooperative movement. He also noted the slow uptake of livestock insurance among the pastoral communities as a hindrance to development of the livestock subsector.

## **2.3 Remarks from the County Secretary Mr. Abdinur M. Hussein**

The County Secretary emphasized the importance of corroboration between National Government and the County Government of Mandera for posterity, he called upon the participants to discuss issues affecting the county openly and objectively so as to find a solution to the challenges of its people.

## **2.4 Remarks for County Executive Committee (CEC) Finance and Economic Planning by Dr. Muhamed Adan, CEC Health.**

Dr. Muhamed Adan welcomed the team to the County and reiterated the importance of the consultative forum as a building block for development within the county for the next five years. He called upon the participants to enumerate their priorities based on the challenges experienced and propose priority projects that are geared towards solving the challenges so identified

## **3. GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

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
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate orphanage units</li> <li>• Inadequate assistive devices for Persons With Disabilities (PWD's).</li> <li>• Crops and Livestock diseases.</li> <li>• Cattle rustling</li> <li>• Inadequate markets for crops and livestock.</li> <li>• Closure of Kenya-Somali border.</li> <li>• Substandard goods and commodities getting into Mandera County.</li> <li>• Illegal trade.</li> <li>• Hoarding of goods leading to hiking of prices.</li> <li>• Lack of immigration office.</li> <li>• Lack of start-up capital for potential entrepreneurs.</li> <li>• Lack of one stop border crossing point.</li> <li>• Corruption.</li> <li>• Lack of agro-processing industries - meat, fruits, gum and rising, quarry</li> <li>• Lack of start-up capital for potential entrepreneurs.</li> <li>• Lack of one stop border crossing point.</li> <li>• Cross-border trade restrictions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of enough water facilities (dams, boreholes, water harvesting).</li> <li>• Practices of smart agricultural production methods.</li> <li>• Revitalization of Malka Mari game reserve</li> <li>• Training pastoralist on proper livestock management methods.</li> <li>• Production and storage of fodder.</li> <li>• Livestock treatment.</li> <li>• Livestock off-take -Destocking and restocking</li> <li>• Construction of gabions along the river banks to stop flooding problem.</li> <li>• Recruitment and training of enough extension personnel</li> <li>• Establishment of functional cross border one-point boarder control systems</li> <li>• Creations of free economic zone in the Mandera triangle</li> <li>• Provision of subsidized fertilizers to farmers and improved seeds.</li> <li>• Creation of market for perishable agricultural products</li> <li>• Opening of the border - construction of bridge at Malkamari.</li> <li>• Establishment of legal/official cross border point and border control.</li> <li>• Creation of economic free zone.</li> <li>• Community awareness and sensitization on cross border movement and regulations.</li> <li>• Fully operational Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) office.</li> <li>• Formation of business association.</li> <li>• Establishment for industries for meat, fruits, gum and rising.</li> <li>• Training and equipping of the existing informal industries.</li> <li>• Enactment of policies on industrialization and manufacturing.</li> <li>• Provision of the right equipment and machines for the quarry workers.</li> </ul>

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of strategic industrial zones.</li> <li>• Value addition of milk, meat and hides across the County.</li> <li>• Improved livestock breeds.</li> <li>• Promotion of agroforestry practices within the county.</li> <li>• Establish glue resin manufacturing in the County</li> <li>• Establishment of Mandera Meat processing plant - KMC in the County</li> <li>• Establishment of Value addition on bones, horn skins and hides in Elwak town</li> <li>• Value addition for water melons within the county</li> </ul>
EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent disease outbreaks</li> <li>• Exodus of teachers, trainers and health workers.</li> <li>• Closure of colleges in Mandera county</li> <li>• Drugs and substance abuse</li> <li>• Inadequate training tools and equipment in training centres</li> <li>• Cross border disease outbreaks.</li> <li>• Inadequate mental health facilities</li> <li>• Inadequate specialists and specialised services in health sector.</li> <li>• Inadequate health facilities.</li> <li>• Inadequate modern waste management system in Mandera County.</li> <li>• Poor drainage systems in urban centres.</li> <li>• High population growth and dilapidated human settlements.</li> <li>• Forests degradation</li> <li>• Increase in Sexual Gender Based Violence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of modern waste management facility.</li> <li>• Proper solid waste management in designated areas.</li> <li>• Flood control measure i.e. construction of gabions, etc</li> <li>• Afforestation programme in all sub counties.</li> <li>• Preparedness and recovering of perennial drought through drilling of boreholes,</li> <li>• Construction on water points, servicing of existing boreholes.</li> <li>• Affirmative action on increased sanitation coverage for settlement.</li> <li>• Enhance early warning system and proper funding of National Drought Management Authority (NDMA).</li> <li>• Construction of water dam at Ntiyaya near Malkamari.</li> <li>• Establishment of rehabilitation centres. and drugs enforcement Centre.</li> <li>• Decentralization of National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA).</li> <li>• Enforcement of immigration regulations.</li> <li>• Provision of housing for low-income earners, vulnerable and the youth.</li> <li>• Relocation of security camps.</li> </ul>
EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiated democracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethics and governance empowerment to the Citizenry.</li> </ul>

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corruption and embezzlement of public funds</li> <li>• Radicalization among the youth.</li> <li>• Terrorism</li> <li>• Drugs and substance abuse</li> <li>• Negotiated democracy</li> <li>• Corruption and embezzlement of public funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of geographic information systems for National Government projects and Programmes for ease of monitoring and evaluation.</li> <li>• Civic education on public participation and guidelines.</li> <li>• Legislation on Creation of Settlement/ Administrative Units such as locations and grazing areas which brings inter-clan conflicts.</li> </ul>
EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
FOUNDATIONS/ENABLERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drought and Flooding.</li> <li>• Insecurity and Terrorism</li> <li>• Low uptake of Information Communication Technology (ICT)</li> <li>• Immigrant workers</li> <li>• High unemployment rate.</li> <li>• Inadequate Sharia Compliant loan packages.</li> <li>• Poor road network across the County and Urban areas within the County.</li> <li>• Lack of electricity connectivity across the County</li> <li>• Slow internet connectivity within the county.</li> <li>• Unemployment especially amongst the youth</li> <li>• Terrorism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve roads within sub counties to Bitumen standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rhamu - Mandera road</li> <li>○ Tabaka - Banisa - Rhamu - Mandera Road</li> <li>○ Elwak - Lafey - Mandera Road</li> <li>○ Takaba - Elwak road</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Establishment of an International Airport.</li> <li>• Completion/upgrading of the following airstrips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Takaba</li> <li>○ Banisa</li> <li>○ Rhamu</li> <li>○ Lafey</li> <li>○ Elwak</li> <li>○ Kofol</li> <li>○ Mandera East</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Increase electricity connectivity to all sub-counties.</li> <li>• Investment on harvesting of solar energy in all sub-counties.</li> <li>• Construction of bridge between Mandera and Suftu.</li> <li>• Construction of bridge between Rhamu and Salthe.</li> <li>• Fiber optic connectivity to be improved in all sub-counties.</li> <li>• Upgrading of mobile connectivity to 5G Network in all sub-counties.</li> <li>• Establishment of Science, Technology and Information Centre.</li> <li>• Establishment of Science and Technology University.</li> <li>• Implementation of spatial plan (County Manual Spatial Plan).</li> <li>• Proper registration of community lands.</li> <li>• Digitization of land registry in accordance with National Lands Management.</li> </ul>

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Huduma Centres in all sub-Counties.</li> <li>• Establishment of industrial training centres in the County.</li> <li>• National internship programme to be cascaded to County level.</li> <li>• Establishment of <i>Jua Kali</i> centres.</li> <li>• Creation of Youth Entrepreneurship Programmes.</li> <li>• Introduction of debate on Ethic and National Values at Primary and Secondary School.</li> <li>• Formulation of bills and policy on disaster management risks.</li> <li>• Creation of disaster risk centre.</li> <li>• Community sensitization and awareness on disaster risks.</li> <li>• Establishment of disaster risk management committee.</li> <li>• Investing in early warning response.</li> <li>• Strengthen border security.</li> <li>• Government to recruit locals as security personnel.</li> <li>• Operationalize <i>Nyumba Kumi</i> with funding.</li> <li>• Create National Police Reserve (NPR) welfare programmes e.g., housing, health insurance, security, modernization etc.</li> <li>• Enhance rapid security response.</li> <li>• Expansion of security severance system.</li> <li>• Investing in peace building and conflict management.</li> <li>• Investing in proper security and community engagement and co-operation.</li> <li>• Investment in community led initiatives to counter violent extremism.</li> <li>• Invest in modern equipment for detection of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).</li> <li>• Provide modern weapons and adequate ammunition.</li> <li>• Posting of security personnel to stations with no personnel.</li> </ul>

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Participants were apprehensive that they accomplished the exercise as guided and were eager to see if their priorities will be factored in the Fourth Medium term Plan 2022-2027 and eventually be implemented.



