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NANDI 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 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 Objectives of the 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 148 participants attended the Nandi County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Dr. Belio Kipsang, Principal Secretary (PS) State Department for Regional and Northern Corridor Development. The Team made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner 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

The session was chaired by the Deputy County Secretary, Ms. Priscilla Rono, who started by conducting an introduction of all participants present. She then invited the various speakers to give their remarks during the session.

2.1 Remarks from Deputy County Commissioner

The Deputy County Commissioner Mr. Obed Mose welcomed the Principal Secretary for Regional Development Dr. Belio Kipsang and the team from the State Department for Planning to Nandi County and relayed the apologies of the County Commissioner. He noted the importance of public participation in planning and encouraged all the stakeholders present to present their views adequately to the team from the State Department for Planning to ensure that their needs are adequately captured in the next MTP of the Vision 2030.

2.2 Remarks from CEC Finance and Planning

The Nandi County Executive Committee Member in Charge of Finance and Planning, Mr. Alfred Lagat welcomed the P.S. and the team from the State Department for Planning to the county which he termed the “source of champions” due to the many middle- and long-distance athletes that originate from there. This includes Mr. Eliud Kipchoge who he became the first human in history to run a sub-two-hour marathon in the city of Vienna, Austria.

The CEC Member informed the participants that he had attended the MTP III consultations that were held at Kapsabet Boys High School in 2017/18 and he was grateful that the team from the State Department for Planning was back for consultations for the Fourth MTP. He noted the diverse group in the room and appreciated that the team from the State Department would be able to gather the different views that would greatly enrich the document. He also emphasized the linkage between the CIDPs and the MTPs thus noting the importance of intergovernmental consultations. He acknowledged the presence of the other members of the County Government as well as members of the County Budget and Economic Forum.

2.3 Remarks from the Deputy Governor

Nandi County Deputy Governor, HE Dr. Yulita Cheruiyot welcomed the PS and all other participants to the forum. She conveyed the apologies of the Governor who had other official engagements. She urged all the participants to freely air their views on priority programmes for inclusion in the MTP IV as well as the challenges facing the county so that they be properly addressed.

2.4 Remarks from Principal Secretary

Dr. Belio Kipsang, Principal Secretary (PS) State Department for Regional and Northern Corridor Development thanked the Nandi County Government led by the Deputy County Governor for the warm welcome that they had accorded the National Government team. He also thanked the participants for the big turnout. He reiterated the importance of public participation which is key in ensuring that all the priorities of the people at the grassroots are included in the national development agenda. He asked the participants to also mention the challenges facing the county so that the National Government and the County Government can find ways of addressing them. He assured all the participants that their views were highly valued and would be taken into consideration during the preparation of the Fourth

MTP. The PS then read the Statement by the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Planning.

3. PLENARY SESSION

- The national youth unemployment figure of 8.3 per cent as at 1st quarter of 2020 was disputed and considered too low compared to the current situation. It was the view of the Nandi County participants that the current unemployment rate was about 40 percent.
- There was concern on the increase in the costs of farm inputs especially fertilizer (from an average cost of Kshs.2,500 to Kshs.6,500)
- The participants felt that the current tax regime is very punitive (over taxed) to a few tax payers instead of broadening the tax base
- County residents expressed concern due to lack of an athletics stadium in Nandi County despite it being the “source of champions”
- The county residents opined that the cost of electricity was too expensive
- The participants were concerned on the increasing national debt burden which mainly goes towards financing the mega projects.

4. 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 | PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
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| ECONOMIC PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low of awareness on the local tourism sites • High cost of farm inputs (fertilizer, seeds) • Low farm gate prices for milk (Kshs.30 per litre) compared to the processed milk prices • The county produces sugarcane but lacks a sugar milling factory to process it • Licenses for business startups and mining are too expensive • Low training and awareness on the sanitary and phytosanitary requirements for the export market • Inadequate extension services for farmers • Sovereign Fund Bill not enacted to enable counties mobile resources from outside the country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertilizer subsidy programme (e-voucher) • A sugar milling factory • Revolving fund for farmers • Recruitment of extension officers |

| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
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| SOCIAL PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrest in schools leading to destruction of property • Teenage pregnancies • Shortage of teachers • Special units lack basic amenities (toilets) and instructional materials • Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) textbooks are not fully established • Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETs) are not fully equipped to adequately offer certain technical courses • Drugs and substance abuse by the youth • Drugs and medical commodities are not supplied on time by Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) to health facilities • Health docket accounts for the largest recurrent expenditure for the county hence limiting the funds allocated to other departments and development • Many county residents are not covered by National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) • Inadequate decent and affordable housing • High population growth and unemployment rate • Encroachment and deforestation of water catchment areas • Inadequate water supply (especially Tinderet area) and sewerage services • Increased number of street families and street children • Increased cases of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and child abuses • Stigmatization of the vulnerable people • Inadequate financial literacy for the professional athletes • Inadequate public athletics training facilities • Increased cases of doping among professional athletes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Keben dam • Construction of athletics sports stadium • Development of Affordable housing programme • Improving of infrastructure and equipping of Special Units • Recruitment of more teachers • National government to support Nandi County in procurement of drugs/commodities and employment of health workers • Establishment of safe houses for GBV and child abuse victims • Establishment of rehabilitation centers for drug addicts • Establishment of gender desks in police stations to handle cases of GBV • Establishment of Youth Resource Centers in all sub-counties |

| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
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| ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stalled projects (especially roads) • Poor road maintenance • Inadequate electricity supply (power outage) and poor last mile connectivity • Poor land use (subdivisions of into very small parcels of land) • Land boundary disputes • Lengthy process for issuance of title deeds • Historical land injustices have not been addressed • Lack of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) centers • Rampant landslides in Tinderet area • Few industries operational in Nandi County apart from tea factories | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase network connectivity • Fast track issuance of title deeds • Establishment of STI centers |
| POLITICAL PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplication of functions • Delayed disbursement of funds from the National Treasury • Little civic education on CIDP, PFM laws and budgeting • Little access to information framework • Delay of court rulings and access to justice • Non adherence to court rulings • Inadequate citizen participation in implementation of projects • Political interference in public service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of courts in all sub-counties • Enhance the civic education programme • Disseminate popular versions of MTPs, CIDPs, laws and other policy documents in Kiswahili and braille and at the sub-county level • Ensure prompt disbursement of the Equitable Shareable Revenue funds to the counties |

5. CONCLUSION

The closing session was addressed by the Deputy County Commissioner and the Chief Officer for Economic Planning, Nandi County Mr. Felix Sambu. The Deputy County Commissioner said that the National Government was using a multi-sectoral approach in addressing development issues across the country. In Nandi, the National Government Departments were working closely with the County Government in order to enhance implementation of development programmes and projects in the county. The Chief Officer

said that the County Government was looking forward to further engagements with the National Government Departments and other stakeholders in order to ensure that issues facing the residents are comprehensively addressed.