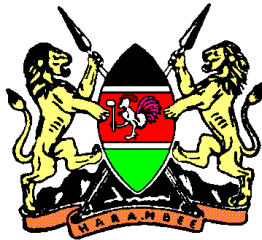


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NYAMIRA COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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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 of the County Consultation Forums

The objectives of the County Consultation Forums were:

- To appraise stakeholders and the public on progress made in implementation of MTP 2018-2022, and preparatory process of Fourth MTP;
- To provide a forum for consultation with stakeholders and the public to propose priority programmes and projects for incorporation in the Fourth MTP; and
- 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 165 participants attended the Nyamira County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by the Solicitor General, Mr. Ken Ogeto. The team paid a courtesy call to the County Commissioner and the county government leadership 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. OPENING REMARKS AND HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 Remarks from the Governor

The Nyamira County Governor was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr. James Gesami. He welcomed the members to Nyamira County for the important exercise. He extended his special gratitude to the National Treasury & Planning for ensuring that the consultative forum takes place in order to incorporate the County stakeholders' input as part of the constitutional requirement. He assured the team that the stakeholders present were a true representation of the county's citizens and that they were prepared for the noble purpose of having their views and that of people of Nyamira articulated. The Deputy Governor read the speech of HE the Governor, Nyamira County.

2.2 Remarks from County Secretary

The County Secretary, Mr. James Okemwa Ntabo, welcomed all the invited stakeholders and guest to the forum and made brief remarks. In his remarks, he pointed out that the county government was very interested in ensuring success of the forum and called for all the representatives from the county government present to employ all their efforts to ensure that the exercise is successful.

2.3 Remarks from County Commissioner

The County Commissioner, Mr. Michael Lesmam made brief remarks. In his remarks, he thanked participants present for honoring the invitation to the forum; he also thanked the Solicitor General for being present to lead the consultation forum. He also appreciated the presence of technical teams present both from the county and the national government. He urged them to ensure that they provide technical guidance in the forum so as to ensure that the output thereof is correctly captured.

2.4 Remarks from CEC Finance and Planning

The CEC Finance and Economic Planning, Madam Emily Ongaga, welcomed members to the forum. In her brief remarks, she emphasized the importance of the activity in terms of the opportunity it offers for stakeholders of the county to make their contributions regarding the projects/programmes and policies to be done by government in the next the planning period.

2.5 Remarks from the Solicitor General

Before reading the official statement by CS The National Treasury & Planning, the Solicitor General, Mr. Ken Ogeto made his brief remarks. In his remarks, he pointed out that he had a mission and interest of ensuring that the forum was successful and implored stakeholders to cooperate with him in this mission. He also pointed out that the exercise was in compliance with the constitutional requirement of public participation in planning processes.

3. PLENARY DISCUSSION

A plenary session was held after group discussions. Some of the issues raised were as follows:

- Members commended the efforts of including them in the vision 2030 and the inclusion in the preparation of the MTP IV;
- The members were worried for the food security which is a big four project since the National Cereals Board (NCB) stores were empty and the services of the extension officers were not being felt;
- From the county presentations, the status of the construction of Nyamaiya stadium was misreported since the members indicated that the stadium was not there;
- The *Inua Jamii* program registration to be done at the sub location or village level so that all deserving persons can access the benefits;
- It was emphasized that buildings constructed in the county to be Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) friendly, especially schools

4. GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The members were divided into four groups to deal with the Economic pillar, Social pillar, Political pillar and the enablers/ foundations. The group discussed emerging issues and challenges faced and proposed County Priority Programmes and Projects for inclusion in the Fourth MTP 2023-2027. The outputs from the discussions are outlined as follows :-

| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PRIORITY PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES |
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| ECONOMIC PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of publicity and sensitization of the public towards tourism • Limited funds channeled to Keera falls • Encroachment into public recreation lands • Inadequate facilitation for the agricultural extension officers • Low support of Coffee farmers • Inadequate proper legislation of Tea and Coffee • Inadequate extension officers • Effects of Climate change • High pressure on the available agricultural land • Lack of county political good will • Rates of licenses are so high • High rates of taxation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness creation on tourism to the residents • Increase funds allocation • Provide facilitation to the extension officers • The government to provide support to all cash crops • Formulation of proper legislation for cash crops • Subsidize farm inputs • Conduct training on farmers on land management strategies • Reduce the rates of licenses • Reduce taxation rates • More training of small-scale farmers on how to do primary manufacturing • Create major market to our agricultural produce • Proper legal framework for the governance |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate technical staff • Limited market of agricultural produce • Limited information on manufacturing on small scale farming processing • Inadequate supply of inputs • Inadequate fishing equipment • Mismanagement of funds by the sacco officials • Presence of unlicensed financial institutions • Lack of proper equipment for "kokoto" manufacturing • Unregulated mining • High cost of mineral transportation • Limited internet accessibility/connectivity; • Multiple taxation of goods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trainings on other forms of investments • Increase internet connectivity • Diversification of economic programs to reduce overdependence on farming |
| SOCIAL PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate health workers & specialists • Inadequate education infrastructure • Teenage pregnancies and early marriages • Child labor & child neglect • High rates of school drop outs • High numbers of unemployed trained teachers • High poverty levels • Low awareness/perception on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETs) • Inadequate maternity blocks • Delayed enumeration of health workers • Inadequate medical equipment and essential drugs • Increasing burden of non-communicable diseases i.e., cancers • High cases of mental health • Increased cases of drug and substance abuse • Poor administration of water schemes • Improper use of sanitation facilities by public members i.e. public not utilizing litter bins • Deforestation -forest cover at 2% and tree cover at 17.4% • Water pollution • Soil erosion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and equipping of more maternity blocks • Hiring more health workers and specialists • More allocation of funds to drugs and equipment • Construct and equip a cancer center in the county • Construct and equip casualty, emergency & emergency at Nyamira County Referral Hospital • Re afforestation • Utilization of storage tanks • Enforcement of waste management policies • Involvement of men in reproductive health • Stringent adherence to building regulations • Raise awareness on alternative/low-cost housing techniques • Create more awareness on skills uptake among the youth • Construction of a sewerage system in the county • Have a synchronized system of license issuance and management • Creation of rehabilitation and rescue centers • Strengthen enforcement of child protection policy • Mainstreaming of budgetary allocations • Creation of youth empowerment centers & youth-friendly centers • Develop of talent centres |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of water treatment and sewerage facilities • Inadequate solid waste disposal facility • Climate change • Environmental degradation • Low involvement of men on reproductive and family planning health • Lack of affordable and decent housing • Poor state of existing government houses i.e. the police houses • Limited knowledge on available low-cost building materials • High cost of building materials • Low technical skilled personnel • Inadequate clean and safe water for human consumption • Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) • High Gender Based Violence(GBV) cases • Inadequate youth empowerment centers • High Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV) prevalence • Inadequate youth-friendly facilities; • Lack of museum • Lack of cultural space for cultural artists • Uncoordinated marketing of creative art • Lack of integration of traditional and modern medicine like in the case of India (alternative medicine) • Poor commercialization of cultural artifacts • Inadequate library • Inadequate rehabilitation centers • Lack of a customized gaming policy • Neglect of the elderly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance support and diversification of other sports • Documentation of cultural knowledge • Creation of a localized/county-centered gaming and betting policy • Strengthening of Kazi Mtaani program and increase frequency of the program (quarterly) • Upscaling of pesa kwa wazee budgetary allocation |
| <p align="center">POLITICAL PILLAR</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non adherence of land succession laws • Lack of witness protection • Following death (murder), gender violence members (including family members) unwilling to give evidence on cause of death | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage application of the law of succession to deter capital offenses and encourage advocacy • Strengthen witness protection program • Sensitizing the community on benefits of giving evidence (and benefits of following rule of law) |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No deterrent measures after crime to ensure the offence doesn't reoccur • Political interference in application of the rule of law leading to adequate administration of the rule of law and deterrent of offences e.g. alcohol and drug abuse and boda-boda menace • Lack of operational prison/correctional facility.. Offenders are taken to other counties adding logistical challenges • Members of local security and conflict resolution committees (<i>Nyumba Kumi</i> and peace committee Elders) have served longer and feel they need to be remunerated and given security for their special functions • Lack of security, political incitement and political bribing • Few civic education forums and public participation forums for wananchi on public service delivery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts to expedite cases to encourage members not to lose interest on case • Currently the government is working towards reducing the boda-boda menace through various interventions e.g. fresh registration, formation of sacco and engaging the boda-boda members through their leaders • Put extra rules to govern to control alcohol and drug abuse and thus deter political interference to application of the rule of law. • Funds need to be allocated to complete stalled correctional facility within the county • Establishment of well-organized reporting and conflict resolution structure (<i>Nyumba Kumi</i>); peace committee elders • Formation of Political process committee at the local level. • Conduct civic education and public participation forums for wananchi to be sensitized on government functions and public service delivery. |
| ENABLERS/FOUNDATION | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor maintenance of roads • Disconnection of internet connectivity due to fiber optic cuts • Vandalism of Information Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructure • Inadequate ICT infrastructure • ICT Innovation hubs • Inadequate number of police officers. • No facilitation to people in-charge of <i>Nyumba kumi</i>. • Inadequate technical personnel to carry out land survey • Lack of land policies • Poor leadership Transition. • Weak governance and administration in the municipality. • Conflict on Land management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct road maintenance Programs to guarantee sustainability. • Strengthen collaboration between Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KERRA) and the County government to ensure accessible and well-maintained roads • Development of a spatial plan. • Proper marking and identification of the fiber cable lines to avoid destruction • Adoption of integrated infrastructural development. • Digitization of services • Update the valuation roll and recruit more valuers. • Carry out sensitization on land tenure systems |

5. CONCLUSION

The participants appreciated the efforts taken by government in involving them in development planning. The forum was officially closed by the County Commissioner.