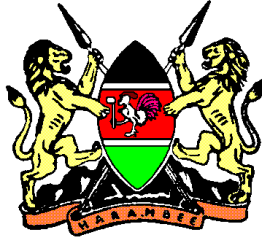


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**FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023- 2027**

**SIAYA 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 (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 Objectives of the County Consultation Forums**

The objectives of the County Consultation Forums were:

- i. To apprise 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 197 participants attended the Siaya County Consultation Forum.

#### **1.5 County Consultation Process**

The County Consultation Team was led by the Principal Secretary for ICT and Youth Affairs, Mr. Jeromy Ochieng. 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 DURING OPENING SESSION**

The Director of Administration, Mr. Makori moderated the opening session assisted by the Deputy County Commissioner Siaya County. The DCC did the introduction of the participants; the State Department for Planning team was introduced by Mr. Makori, while the County Secretary introduced the County Government officers.

### **2.1. County Commissioner**

The County Commissioner thanked participants for honoring the invitations welcomed them. He thanked the Principal Secretary for taking off his busy schedules to be with the people of Siaya in such an important exercise. He indicated that the gesture shows the Government commitment to serving the citizens at all levels and that the presence of the PS should be appreciated through effective participation in the Forum.

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

The CEC, Finance and Planning joined the County Commissioner in welcoming the Principal Secretary to Siaya and he assured the PS that the Presence of the Deputy Governor illustrates the commitment of County Government to the exercise. He reiterated that the MTP preparation process is within the law that demands for public participation. The CEC noted that the process allows the locals to air their views and be part of the Government processes especially in planning and budgeting. He called for clarity in the roles for National Government and County Government, linking the planning of the National Government and that of CIDP, exploring the possibility of peer learning across the counties, addressing climate change, high cost of living and unemployment.

### **2.3. County Secretary**

The County Secretary thanked the PS for gracing the forum and echoed the voice of the CEC, 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. Deputy Governors Remarks**

The Governor welcomed the team and appreciated the efforts of the National Government in giving opportunities for the citizens especially from Siaya County to participate in the development of the Fourth MTP. He indicated that it is an important exercise as it makes the planners get the problems from the people themselves noting that public participation embraces ownership of Government documents. In support of the exercise he directed all heads of departments and CECs to ensure they participate and also ensure they give it an inclusive participatory approach in all the groups to guide the participants. He noted that none or weak participation would mean the Siaya will miss in the National development platform and getting national projects.

### **2.5. Principal Secretary**

The Principal Secretary, Mr. Jeromy Ochieng thanked the County Commissioner, the County Government through the Deputy Governor and the State Department for Planning technical team for making the forum successful. This was a collaborative effort seeing number of participants present. The PS indicated that the exercise was very important as it gives the people an opportunity to identify Programmes/projects they wish to be implemented within the county by the National and the County Government.

The PS reiterated that the participants should freely articulate their problems well and that's the only way they could be solved by the National Government. He noted that the presence of the County government was significant because they also have an opportunity to hear and verify the wish-list of the people of, so that when the time for CIDP comes, what doesn't get their way into the MTP IV will still be Captured in the CIDP.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

The presentation on Objectives of the County Consultation Forum, highlights of Vision 2030, achievement for MTP III, and the Process preparation of MTP IV was presented by the Nairobi Team while that of achievement of CIDP was done by the County Government of Homabay. Highlights of the Presentations:

- i. Achievements of Siaya County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP)*
  - Development of CIDP to guide development of the County
  - Constructed new health facilities to improve Health services and improved existing Health facilities, and employed more nurse;
  - Opened roads across the County;
  - Enhancement of agricultural production by employing more extension officers;

### 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, 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>● Inadequate resources for human capacity skills development</li> <li>● Poor infrastructure from road, to power</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revitalization of cotton industry and rehabilitation of cotton Ginneries in Ndere and Uyoma</li> </ul>

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<p>supply, Tourism information center and internet connectivity etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destructions of tourism sites and unsustainable use of tourism resource e.g Lake Nyakaboli in Yala Swamp which is the only ox-bow lake in the region,</li> <li>• Lack of proper policy to promote tourism within the County e.g no framework to promote community-based tourism</li> <li>• Few and uncoordinated extension officers within the county</li> <li>• Impact of Climate change that has resulted in erratic weather e.g., drought and flooding affecting food security and nutrition.</li> <li>• High cost of firm and farm inputs</li> <li>• Inadequate access to affordable finance by Youth and women;</li> <li>• Poor livestock breeding system and lack of cold storage facilities.</li> <li>• There is frequent out-break of pests and diseases that applies to the pre-harvest crop production.</li> <li>• Land subdivision that cannot support economic activities</li> <li>• Poor attitude towards agriculture especially by the youth.</li> <li>• Lack of framework to support innovators and entrepreneurs</li> <li>• Absence of investment in industrial knowledge base, innovation, research and development uptake in Manufacturing. This is coupled with lack of awareness on intellectual property rights for development, registration and protection of new innovations in the manufacturing sector.</li> <li>• Limited technical and managerial skills; there is generally poor linkage between the industry and the training institutions.</li> <li>• lack of Public Private partnership laws</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review finance laws and make them more friendly to local SMEs and business community</li> <li>• Development of a Kenyan Artisanal Mining Strategy.</li> <li>• Rehabilitation and establishment of Cold storage facilities at every fish landing site;</li> <li>• Development of a fish policy that regulates the high number of cage fish farming and improve security along the beaches and lake fronts.</li> <li>• Eliminate middlemen from the chain of supply;</li> <li>• Entrench awareness raising, support and related HIV/AIDS services</li> <li>• Carry out an analysis of county planning policies (CIDP, ADP, Budget estimates) to influence for programming and budgeting on climate change</li> </ul>

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<p>within the county to support development initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergence of unregulated cage fishing in the lake</li> <li>• Lack of understanding on the Blue Economy Sector</li> <li>• Low enrollment of youth to TVET</li> <li>• Unregulated mining</li> </ul>	
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate Forest cover degradation, safe water supply and lack of enforcement of laws and policies governing water transport for lake Victoria</li> <li>• Poor quality of ECDE not able to fully implement CBC</li> <li>• Poor quality of health care/services</li> <li>• Inadequate affordable housing</li> <li>• Poor urban planning</li> <li>• Increased teenage pregnancy</li> <li>• Increased cases of Gender based violence</li> <li>• High youth unemployment</li> <li>• Rampant drugs and substance abuse</li> <li>• Discrimination of PWDs</li> <li>• Climate change risks (drying of water pans-drought)</li> <li>• Poor sanitation (poor sewerage and drainage system)</li> <li>• Inadequate recreational Centres</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate mechanism for absorption of ECDE teachers by TSC and construct classrooms for ECDE</li> <li>• Internet connectivity (provision of digital learning equipment, capacity building for teachers, standardized infrastructure)</li> <li>• Sensitization on TIVET (full implementation of return to school policy)</li> <li>• Improve drug supply</li> <li>• Establishment of National Health commission to manage the rampant strikes of medical personnel;</li> <li>• Mainstreaming mental health Programme/health care in Health services</li> <li>• Revert back health functions to the National government</li> <li>• Initiate county based afforestation Programmes/projects and promote the conservation of water catchment areas</li> <li>• Last mile coverage to entire county to increase access to electricity coverage</li> <li>• Enhance climate change adoption and financing to counties</li> <li>• Increased investment in drainage and sewerage systems</li> <li>• Investment in Construction of affordable housing</li> <li>• Awareness and sensitization</li> </ul>

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	<p>programmes to reduce pregnancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of one stop centers for GBV/drug substance (provision of probonal lawyers government, establish safe spaces</li> <li>• Enhance internship programme, equipment of youth empowerment centers</li> <li>• PWD mainstreaming</li> <li>• Establishment of recreation centers for talents, talent academy and stadiums</li> <li>• Initiate environmental conversation and awareness programmes</li> <li>• Construction of dams to help in harvesting rain water</li> <li>• Provision of clean drinking water (drilling of boreholes and water pans);</li> </ul>
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate resources as result of late disbursement by the exchequer and failure of county to raise its own resources</li> <li>• Disjointed coordination between various state and non-state actors leading to duplication of programs/projects</li> <li>• Inadequate technical staff</li> <li>• Inadequate distribution of courts in the county causing delayed Justice</li> <li>• High cost of justice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ways of curbing corruption include; Digitalize services, devolving EACC to the county, creating awareness on corruption, taking multi-agency approach to tackle corruption.</li> <li>• Intergovernmental coordination committees should be strengthened to prevent disjointed coordination</li> <li>• Increase resource allocation and timely disbursement of resources in the county; county to increase its own revenue base, and public private partnership for resource mobilization</li> <li>• Capacity building of the current staff, employment of new staff, applying professionalism in the recruitment of new staff, and rationalize, task shifting and redeployment of staff</li> <li>• Establishment of legislation to define public participation and strengthening and operationalization of the Siaya county public participation act</li> <li>• Establishment of courts in all sub-</li> </ul>



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	<p>counties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of structured alternative Dispute Resolution</li> <li>• Employment of more Judges and Magistrates for deployment to counties</li> <li>• Increase of vehicles and motorbikes to access crime scenes</li> <li>• Reduce the legal fees required to access justice</li> </ul>
ENABLERS/FOUNDATIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of secure land tenure especially for the orphans and widow is really a big problem in Siaya, and many people are still holding lands in the bloc. Majority of the residents of Siaya don't have titles deeds</li> <li>• Inadequate resource allocation on Roads infrastructure</li> <li>• Poor ICT infrastructure in health facilities and also government offices including poor network connectivity</li> <li>• Low research and development allocation</li> <li>• Unregulated land use and succession process challenges especially for widows and orphans;</li> <li>• very high crime rates due to unemployment</li> <li>• High level of insecurity within and outside the borders e.g., in Usenge area fishermen are always arrested and transported to Uganda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public private partnership resource mobilization</li> <li>• Enhance project management and monitoring frameworks (use of Committees at all level</li> <li>• Establish innovation and incubation hubs at technical institutions</li> <li>• Extension of NOFBI to all government institutions</li> <li>• Improve the existing village polytechnics/VTC/TIVETs</li> <li>• Mainstreaming gender, youth and PWDs in employment</li> <li>• Review existing policies and regulations on land compensation</li> <li>• Improve resolutions and arbitration of land disputes</li> <li>• Civil societies to build citizen capacity on projects and programs participation and management</li> <li>• Improve infrastructure e.g. road network, ICT</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 Siaya County prioritize programmes/projects to be incorporated in MTP IV.