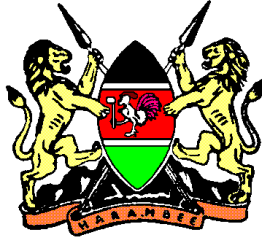


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TRANS NZOIA COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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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 & 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 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 151 participants attended the Trans Nzoia County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Principal Secretary for the State Department for Livestock, Hon Harry Kimtai. The Team made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner and Office of 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 MADE DURING OPENING SESSION

2.1 Remarks by the Governor

- The Counties Contribute towards the realization of the Vision through the implementation of the County Integrated development Plans (CIDPs);

- At the onset of Devolution, Trans Nzoia County was faced with major development challenges key among them declining agricultural productivity, high rates of unemployment, inadequate physical and social infrastructure among other challenges;
- In a bid to respond to these challenges, the newly inaugurated Government formulated the maiden County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2013-2017) which laid the foundation for implementation of the County development agenda in order to respond to the people's felt needs;
- Over the 10 year period of my tenure, the County Government initiated major flagship projects and interventions aimed at transforming the County and improving the livelihoods of the County residents;

2.2 Remarks by the County Secretary

- Undertake value addition by encouraging home-based industries
- Ensure each County has a level six hospital that is well equipped with qualified personnel and equipment's;
- Undertake the last mile water distribution and connectivity
- Formulate a master plan for Kitale town complete with the sewerage action plan;
- Improve road and railway infrastructure;
- Establish innovation centers

2.3 Remarks by Principal Secretary

- The price increase of fertilizers has affected maize production which has led famers to resort to use of manure which will not be effective this year.
- Increased inputs prices have led famers to reduce the production under maize farming. This was attributed by the war between Russia and Ukraine.
- The forum gives participants a lead role in choosing priorities for the next five years

2.4 Remarks by the County Commissioner

- The security arm of the government has put up adequate measures to enable sustainable development in the County;
- Trans Nzoia county has a Peaceful environment that has led to economic development of the area;
- The County consultation forum was important as it will help assess the achievement of the set targets of the last 5 years and also plan for the next 5 years;
- The National Government is there to support Counties to deliver services and proposed projects.
- It was observed that in the past consultations were done but no feedback was given to the public. Implementations of projects are done slowly due to change of government.
- It was also highlighted that the identification of County Government assets has been slow; hence there is a need to evaluate.

3. PLENARY DISCUSSION

The participants unanimously agreed to present their issues during group work discussions

4. GROUP DISCUSSION

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">• Poor Road Network Saboti, Endebess And Kwanza Constituencies (e.g. Turbo-Barbaton to Endebes, Kipsongo to Kisawai, Kambi Miwa to Saboti to Kaptama, Chepchoina to Kolongolo, Maili Tatu to Ndal, Kiminini to Ndal. This has affected transportation of farm inputs and farm products to the markets. (Ease connectivity and networking).• Neglected schools (e.g. Cyprus in Kwanza, Ndalala primary, Kongoli in Cherangany, Kabuyefwe primary Kiminini) leading to congestion in classes, risk of conducting diseases due to poor sanitation;• Inadequate electricity networks in most areas e.g. Endebess constituency, Cherengany, Saboti and kwanza;• There is a poor network system and interference of networks from neighboring country in some areas e.g. Endebess, Kapkarwa;• There has been rampant corruption in government tendering processes and employment;• Frequent flooding in some areas e.g. Namanjalala, Kapkoi. Zea, Sabwani and Maliki;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved road networks in the county;• National government to increase electricity installation;• Building of dams and water reservoirs;• Upgrading the network system in the affected areas i.e. upgrading from the 2 and 3G to 4G Network;• Ethics and anti- corruption commission to have office in each county to help in reporting, following and prosecuting of the corrupt personnel;• To control flooding, government should: construct dykes and adopt terrafarming to curb the disaster; desilt check dams e.g. Asega dam, Sabwani; and Planting of trees along riverbanks

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs are expensive. • High taxes leading to low profitability. • Low soil fertility due to soil acidity. • Unstructured markets. • High post-harvest losses. • Inadequate storage facilities • Pest and diseases in crops and livestock. • Low uptake of technology. • Land fragmentation into uneconomic units. • Low value addition to some produce. • Lack of wholesale and retail hubs in the county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation and preservation of the forests; • Show casing country opportunities to attract tourists; • Subsidies. • Soil sampling, testing and national liming programme. • Government to control prices • Invest in drying facilities • Establish research centers and training institutes • Establish wholesale and retail hubs in the county
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large number of school drop outs • Poor school infrastructure • Inadequate Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers across the County • Inadequate medicine in government hospitals • Low budgetary allocation to the County health sector • Unskilled medical personnel • Lack of hospice facilities • Inadequate access to clean and safe water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need to establish a university in the County • Establish an Agricultural Training Institute • Provide more Scholarships and increase bursary funding • Establishment of model vocational centers • Equip Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions with modern machinery • Construct enough ECDE classrooms. • Employ more ECDE and TVET instructors • Upgrade the school feeding program to cover more schools • Ensure technology training at the ward level • More funding for specialized learning for the Special Needs Education (SNE) • Ensure full rollout of the Universal Health Care (UHC) • Proper awareness and sensitization on UHC • Fast track the finalization of the Kitale Referral Hospital Equip • Ensure hospitals are well equipped with machines such as dialysis Equipment • Subsidize medication for Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) • Implement the Health Care financing Act • Establish Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) branches in all counties to curb corruption • Establishment of Child abuse and Gender Based Violence (GBV) rescue centers

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish youth empowerment centers at the ward levels • Enforce and ensure implementation of the 30% Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) • Establish modern recreational and sports facilities. • Build a state of the art stadium in Trans Nzoia • Establish centers to nurture talents • Provide sponsorship for various sports teams and clubs including Paralympics • Establish Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) for prosperity of sporting activities • Undertake refresher courses for sports administrators • Improvement of Kiptogot – Kolongolo distribution, Kitale Water supply phase II (Kapolet water supply), Mosongo – Tenden water supply, Sendera – Endebes water project, Mt. Elgon Khaweye water project • Shallow well development and equipping • Spring protection • Expansion of Kitale sewerage • Establish sewerage in upcoming urban centers • Construction of exhaustible toilets and provision of exhausters • Decluster Nzoia water sewerage company • Operationalize trans nzoia water service provider • Formulate and enact trans Nzoia water bill • Undertake programmes for water storage and flood control • Establish waste recycling plants/Integrated solid waste management • Establish adaption programs including irrigation, crop diversification • Undertake tree planting • Adopt and mainstream green energy in all sectors • Open storm water drainage • Ensure accessibility of the climate fund • Enforce and implement sector specific policies and bills, act on blue gum, sand harvesting and quarrying
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor dispute solving and management; • Unsettled cases in our courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender based violence centers to be established; • Rescue and rehabilitation centers to be instituted; • Dispute management mechanisms to be handled by the church leaders and well educated professional leaders

5. CONCLUSION

The leadership from Trans Nzoia County thanked members for attending the forum and giving their views. They stated that the views given are important and would be essential to the development of the county. The meeting was then concluded with a word of prayer from one of the religious leaders.