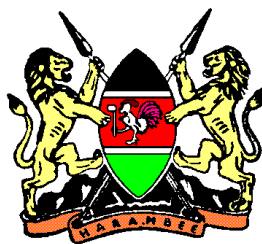


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TURKANA COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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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 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 153 participants attended the Turkana County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led with PS for the State Department for ASALs, Mr. Micah Powon started the day by making a courtesy call to Deputy County Commissioner, Mr. David Juma 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 from Deputy County Commissioner

Mr. David Juma, Deputy County Commissioner of Turkana welcomed all participants and apologized on behalf of the county commissioner, who was away on official business. He noted that since the MTPIV is the second-to-last plan for Kenya Vision 2030, contributions from participants must be included. He assured them that all of their contributions would be documented.

2.2 Remarks from Principal Secretary

He expressed his gratitude to the members for making time and assured them that the government valued their contributions highly. He encouraged them to actively participate in the group's activities.

2.3 Remarks from the County Secretary, Planning

He stated that he was representing CECM, Finance and Planning. He mentioned that citizens must be involved in planning at both the county and national levels. He encouraged them to express themselves freely, as this will help shape future projects and programs in the MTP IV.

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 |
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| ECONOMIC PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low awareness on marketing tourism industry• Persistence droughts• Underutilization of lake Turkana• Depleted grazing land• Water shortages• Livestock diseases and pests• Poor road transport network | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enhance tourism marketing systems and market tourist destinations like lake Turkana, Eliye springs, Lomidat, the Catholic shrine and other historical sites · Construct Museum• Growing drought tolerant plants such as Mbaazi• Improved health quality of the livestock• Develop community conservancies• Develop more land for Agriculture to ensure food |

| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor livestock and lake produce (fish) marketing • Less information on mineral resources for the public • Encroachment on community lands • No banks in some areas • Cheap imports from Uganda killing local industries • Inadequate credit • Inadequate modern markets • Limited access to international markets • Insufficient modern fishing tools | <p>security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of agro-farming practices • Development of Culture tourism • Awareness on existing financial institutions • Empowering of Savings and Credit Co-Operatives (SACCOs) • Construction of more airstrips • Construct dams • Rehabilitation of existing irrigation schemes such as Kaputir irrigation scheme • Kapelbok bridge should be constructed to allow movement of produce • Pest control measures should be employed • National government liaise with county government to come up with spatial plans · Construction of weighing bridge for the produce from Lake Turkana • Construct modern markets |
| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
| SOCIAL PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High turnover of the medical professionals • Inadequate health professionals • Inadequate health facilities • Inadequate teachers • Insecurity • Inadequate Special needs facilities in the institutions • Low enroll mate rate due to lack of fees • Poor transition • Inadequate infrastructure such as social amenities, libraries, electricity • Inadequate technical and sciences facilities in Turkana | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better pay for doctors • Increase health personnel • Construction of mental health facility • Gender based violence case Centre • Mobile clinics • Remunerate teachers better to motivate them to come to Turkana • Increase bursaries • Better infrastructure • Reviving Turkana Teachers training colleague to increase enrolment |

| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased drug abuse among students • Charcoal harvesting causing deforestation • Lack of pure drinking water • Inadequate sewerage system and water treatment plant • Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) • Gender based Violence (GBV) • Youth unemployment • Drug and substance abuse • Inadequate representation of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) • Lack of stadium and recreational facilities in Turkana County | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School feeding programs. • Substance abuse Counselling at schools • Water harvesting education • Establish drainage system • Afforestation program to be initiated in all government departments and utilities. • Enforcement of Environmental Management and Conservation Act (EMCA) laws • Establishment of environment management coordination committees in every sub county. • Eradication of FGM • Strict enforcement of the existing laws of the Gender Based Violence. • Establishment of Sexual and Gender Based Violence rescue centres in each sub-county • Affirmative program for the female gender • Enhancement of social protection programs. • Each ward to have youth centres and Recreational centres • Establishment of youth rehabilitation centres and drug/substance abuse awareness creation • Program on youth empowerment and decision making; • Youth affirmative action; • Modern stadium for sports and culture; • Recreational facilities. |
| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
| POLITICAL PILLAR | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corruption • Expensive and delayed Justice • Non adherence political goodwill • Nepotism in employment • Unbalanced resource distribution. Remote place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Lodwar law courts stalled project • Operationalization of sub county mobile courts • Establishment of development committees at villages • Well-structured employment policy that is based on |

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| <p>never felt the positive effects of devolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non inclusivity in key community projects • Political Interference and patronage in independent institutions • Weak compliance with labour policies i.e., irregular placement, demotion for political reasons • Delay in disbursement of funds from the national Government • Late payment of contractors | <p>merit, strengthen county public service board to counter political power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow counties to borrow from international lenders/partners • Reviewing boundaries to create more constituencies to pump more resources to remote areas |
| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
| FOUNDATIONS/ENABLERS | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor Roads Network in some parts of the county • Poor road maintenance mechanism of existing roads • Poor drainage system • No power connection in some centres • Unreliable power in some centres • Poor network coverage • High levels of ICT illiteracy • Slow uptake ICT • No network coverage in areas such as Urumu in Loime subcounty, Loyasa in Kibish subcounty, Nakalale ward in Turkana North, Nanam, Lokangai, Nasinyono, Oropoi, Longech • Lack of fibre optic in some areas • No Innovation hubs within the county • Inadequate skilled Labor • Low levels of Education • Nepotism during Job recruitment • Corruption during Job Recruitment • Lack of land registry • Un-adjudicated land | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the road networks from County HQ to sub-counties i.e., Lodwar/Lorusum · Tarmacking of untarmacked roads such as Lodwar/Kalokol, Lodwar/Kibish, Lobulonea to Nepak, Lokichar to Lokori, untarmacked Lodwar Kerio, Katilia, Lokori, Lodwar to Eliye road Kalokol/Todonyan road • Standard maintenance • Connect power in some centres Kaikor, Kalokol, Kubish, Kerio, Lokirama · Maintenance/upgrade of those centers with unreliable power connection such as Eliye, Lowarenyak • Development of water transport within Lake Turkana • Develop ICT hubs • Enhance digital learning in schools • Improve network coverage • Construct innovative hubs • Revive fish industry in Kalokal to create employment • Merit based employment policies • Upscale skills in the county |

| EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES | PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land grabbing • Land speculation • Unavailability of most of the national government services within the county • Corruption • High livestock deaths thus depriving livelihood • Nonexistence of livestock off take programmes • Inadequate Grazing fields • Low levels of water Trucking • Inter communal Conflicts • Insecurity along the borders • Inter clan conflicts • Unequal disarmament of communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create land registry • National Lands Commission should carry out boundary reviews, adjudications and survey/titling • Need to develop county spatial plan • Implement policies to curb corruption • Empower institutions that deal with corruption • Irrigation and water harvesting • Trees planting project • Farming of drought resistance crops • Modern and timely early warning systems • More support for National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) • Encourage intercommunity cooperation with security apparatus • Capacity building of peace committees • Increase funding for security operations in the county • Conduct more peace meetings between neighboring communities and clans · Equally disarming fighting communities |

4. CONCLUSION

The Deputy County Commissioner thanked everyone for coming and for their active participation in his closing remarks. He stated that the views aired during the forum would be taken into account when creating the MTP I.