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TANA RIVER COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT**

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1.0 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 (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 152 participants attended the Tana River County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Robert Korir Representing PS, Ministry of Defense. The Consultation Teams made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner Mr. Thomas Sankei 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 on the 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.

2.0 Highlights of Remarks made during Opening Sessions

County Commissioner's remarks

In his opening remarks, Mr. Evans Wendot who was representing the County Commissioner welcomed the invited participants and team from Nairobi to the forum. He encouraged them to participate actively in the discussions.

County Secretary's remarks

He stressed the importance of aligning national government planning with county planning and re-engineering Covid19 recovery strategy in the MTP IV and CIDP III. Public participation is a constitutional requirement hence needs to involve the citizens in all stages and both levels of governments. He promised to work closely with the State Department for Planning especially in economic planning matters.

PS Defense Remarks

After delivering the CS statement, Mr. Korir emphasized on the importance of public participation in the development of MTP IV and encouraged the participants to feel free and provide inputs. These inputs will be considered in the MTPIV sector plans.

3.0 Plenary Discussions

- i. Gender gap in the County is still widening. Which plans does the County have to address this including employment of more women;
- ii. Issues of concern which need urgent attention include provision of water, health services, food security and girl child education;
- iii. Need for construction of more dams to address drought in the county including human wildlife conflicts and food security;
- iv. Reporting should be specific bringing out achievements for the County within the period;
- v. Most markets in the County have no sanitary facilities including shed;
- vi. Youth in the County are left out of major decision making processes including planning. Proposed formation of youth desk in each government department;
- vii. Road networks in the County affected during floods. Need to fix some bridges in the County;
- viii. Health facilities in the County especially Hola not well equipped;
- ix. No sheds for *bodaboda* riders in the County yet they are paying cess. Need for waiver on some taxes/fees;
- x. PLWDs in the County are either losing jobs or discriminated during employment and not adequately covered in other government funds like NGCDF;
- xi. Government fertilizer which is not for sale is being sold by unscrupulous agents;
- xii. Promote peace and security;
- xiii. Rising cases of drug abuse and youth radicalization due to unemployment;
- xiv. Insufficient bursary allocation especially to college students;
- xv. Local farmers neglected on the settlement schemes in terms of farm inputs, agricultural machinery allocation and lack of government subsidies leading local farmers into debts from private investors;
- xvi. Lack of a gypsum factory within the county yet it comes from Tana River;
- xvii. Projects taking long to be completed

4.0 Group Discussions

The participants were divided into four (4) groups namely: Economic Pillar, Social Pillar; Political Pillar and Enablers/Foundations.

Emerging issues, Challenges and Priority Programmes/Projects

Tana River County emerging issues, challenges and priority programmes/projects as presented by Chairs of respective groups are as shown below:

	EMERGING ISSUES/CHALLENGES	PRIORITY PROJECTS/PROGRAMS
1.0	ECONOMIC PILLAR	
	1. Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate financial institutions • Inadequate material and amenities • Insufficient local markets hence relying on markets from outside • Low value additions of the produces such as Mangoes • No capacity building to the business men, Livestock keepers and farmers • Few <i>Bodaboda</i> sheds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of standard highway/ roads to enhance swift transportation of goods and services • Construction of new and modern markets in the five sub counties • County to invite Private investors to invest in revenue generating projects • Construct milk processing, mango processing and e.t.c activities • Construction of <i>Bodaboda</i> sheds
	2. Manufacturing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No manufacturing industries • Inadequate chain of supply • Unsteady and unsustainable security and hence deter private investor from investing • Inadequate raw materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up new industries for gypsum, cement and fruits processing • Harmonization of Public Private Partnership
	3. Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Untapped potential and opportunities • Lack of sustainable culture promotion • Human world life conflicts that prevent tourists from entering county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Historical archives, Cultural exhibition centres • Construction of a site where local community could exhibit their cultural ornaments • Construction of cutting edge research centres
	4. Livestock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought and famine • Floods and disease outbreak • Ignorance/ illiteracy • Lack of capacity building on drought mitigations/ Livestock Production issues • Inadequate personnel (Livestock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of officers • Constructions of silos and hay bans • Production of fodder and pastures including supplements • Capacity building on off take program • Construction of fully equipped animal labs • Vaccination programs

	production/ vets) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate animal laboratories • Poor breeds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve breeds
	5. Blue Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Untapped ocean resources • Lack of capacity building on marine issues • Lack of rescue facilities and personnel • Lack of storage amenities such as refrigerator and cold rooms • Bad fishing methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity buildings on marine program • Introduce rescue facilities and personnel • Training on good and modern fishing methods • Construction of cold rooms and purchase of refrigerators
2.0	SOCIAL PILLAR	
	1. Gender, Youth & Persons with Disability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment • Discrimination in employment • Talent Development/Illiteracy • Gender Based Violence • Radicalization • Drugs and abuse • Corruption • Early pregnancies and marriages • Poverty • No proper facilities for addressing issues e.g. Rescue centres • Political leadership discrimination • Lack of policy and legislation to address the existing challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth be included in decision making • Form youth committees at county and sub-county • Follow on the enforcement of 30% allocation for youths, women and people with disability • Hasten on the Inuka fund project be disbanded and include youth • Complete on all the youth projects e.g field, social hall • Tap on youth talents and develop them • Improve on • cultural centers & sites • Give start-up kits to those skilled youths to jump-start business • Civic education • Establish a budget and improve the budget for youth and women • Involve youth and women in planning
	2. Education and Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absenteeism on students • No houses for the teachers • Inadequate facilities in the schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Rehabilitation centers for skills • Put in plan the TVC issues in the CIDP • County dedicate money for fees at county scholarship bill and kit • Increase boarding schools • Have affirmative action for students in TVC • Bursaries be improved on the colleges &

		<p>universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a county scholarship bill and kit • Increase boarding schools in the county • Build teacher's quarters in the boarding schools • Establish a county library • Establish labs & libraries in the schools to facilitate smooth learning' • Establish adult education classes, village to village' • Employ qualified teachers in ECDE schools • The National government establish some disturbance allowance for delocalization • Improve on the hardship allowance for teachers in ASAL areas • The county to establish feeding programme for the ECDE pupils • Improve on teaching & Learning materials & facilities for the ECDE pupils • Schools to have disability friendly facilities <p>Establish schools for the disabled people</p>
	3. Health Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate delivery unit • Inadequate medical personnel • Inadequate drugs in the hospitals • In availability modern mortuary • Inadequate water in the facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a county mortuary in Hola • Increase doctors in the Hospital • Increase on the number of delivery Units • Pump up medicine in the facilities • Ensure & service back-up generators • Improve on the ambulance services • Have youth friendly services in the Hospital • Build rescue centres for GBV cases
	4. Housing & Urbanization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Proper Drainage • There is no Modern Market • Realization of cluster program • No toilets in the market • There is no established market day in Hola HQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish proper Drainage in town • Relocate the prison ground so that we can create a modern market • Construct toilets in the market • Establish market day in Hola Town
	5. Water & Sanitization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No enough supply of water in Hola CBD • There is dirty water being supplied 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the water supply plant to accommodate the growing population • Improve on the cleaning process of water for clean water supply

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create boreholes in outskirts and villages • Do a total overhaul of water supply systems
3.0	POLITICAL PILLAR	
	Devolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of political will to commit to the actualization of devolution; • County funding delay from the national treasury. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a structure to oversight the county projects at the county level
	Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate public participation in most of the county projects • Poor leadership, corruption and abuse of office. • Negative ethnicity • Unequal resource allocation and lack of inclusivity in development project 	
	ENABLERS/FOUNDATION	
	Infrastructure- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads with poor conditions: Boji to Majengo (Galole); Bura town to Bura east road (Tana North); Hola to Madogo road; Hola to Mtomo; Bura to Bangal road; Mnazini to Kotile road; Garsen to Assa Kone; Madogo to Korakora; Gamba Kitere/Sailoni. • Hola airstrip not operational • A bridge to be constructed at Hola town to join Garasweno town in Fafi sub county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarasaa and Ngao road, Bura East and Boji Majengo roads to be tarmacked and the remaining roads to be murramed • The airstrip to be operationalized and upgraded
	Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No electricity connections in most part of rural areas in the county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural areas electrification and solar panels to be installed • NuPEA (Nuclear Power Energy Authority) be reinstated
	ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet boosters to be installed in places that

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate network and internet in some areas in the county • No ICT innovation hubs in the county 	<p>lack the network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of ICT hubs in the county
	<p>Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kenya reservists still use the outdated rifles • No fencing in most of the government institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reservists to be provided with new modern rifles • Fencing of government institutions
	<p>Science and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate colleges in the county <p>Labour and Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate employment in the county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More institutions to be built • Encouraging investors and industries • Kazi kwa vijana • County to create employment opportunities to youth.

5.0 Conclusion

Closing Remarks

Aloyce Ratemo, Team Leader

Closing remarks were given by head of Planning who thanked the participants for attending and participating both in plenary and groups discussion. He assured the participants that the issues raised will be captured in either MTP IV or CIDPIII.

Twahaa Maro, Chief of Staff, County Government of Tana River

Public participation is enshrined in the Constitution. He thanked the Planning team for organizing the event and the participants for attending. As the County embarks on developing CIDPIII, county specific issues will be considered.