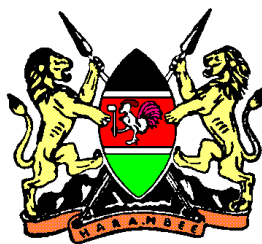


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FOURTH MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2023- 2027

WAJIR 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 158 participants attended the Wajir County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Ali Noor Ismail, CBS Principal Secretary, State Department for Cooperatives... The Consultation Teams made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner, Mr. Jacob Namleen 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 by the County Commissioner-Mr. Mr. Jacob Namleen

The County Commissioner welcomed the National Government team from Nairobi to the County and the participants to the consultative forum. The CC appreciated the deliberate effort by the government to engage the community in development issues with the aim of improving the livelihoods of the people of Wajir and Northern Kenya in general through infrastructure development and social and economic initiatives over the past four years. The CC noted that development experienced especially under the devolved system of governance had drastically reduced the cases of insecurity experienced before and that the residents were appreciative of the government efforts. He reiterated the need for open and focused dialogue during the forum that will illuminate on the challenges and the probable solutions to the community's needs. The CC pointed at the prevailing drought as a major challenge to the community and their livelihoods and called upon the participants to ingeniously propose lasting solution to the issue.

2.2 Remarks by the Principal Secretary for Cooperatives, Mr. Ali Noor Ismail CBS.

The PS set the stage for engagement by calling upon the participants to approach the challenges facing the region with sustainability in mind. He noted the joining of cooperative movement in the region was still low and called upon the participants to sensitize the community on the need to form and join the cooperative movement. He also noted the slow uptake of livestock insurance among the pastoral communities as a hindrance to development of the livestock subsector.

2.3 Remarks by Director Economic Planning, Mr. Donald Matumaini

The Director Economic Planning Mr. Donald Matumaini welcomed the team to the County and reiterated the importance of the consultative forum as a building block for development within the county for the next five years. He called upon the participants to enumerate their priorities based on the challenges experienced.

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
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-border trade restrictions. • Poor productivity in agro-processing, manufacturing and Small Medium Enterprises. • Crops and Livestock diseases. • Cattle rustling • Inadequate markets for livestock. • Substandard goods and commodities • Lack of start-up capital for potential entrepreneurs. • Lack of agro-processing industries - meat, fruits, gum and rising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalization of Olarey Grounds through fencing and construction of traders kiosks, garages, parking slots and water supply to enhance trading activities. • Fencing and revitalization of Lake Yahud (man-made) ecosystem and giraffe sanctuary to promote Tourism and prevent its pollution. • Revitalization of the Wagalla massacre site through fencing and erection of a monument as a cultural site and tourism attraction. • Creation of community conservancy in the Wajir North i.e. JIMA Wildlife Conservancy. • Operationalization through equipping and water supply for Wajir Abattoir. • Equipping and Operationalization of Buna Hides and skin tannery. • Value addition of milk, meat and hides across the County. • Improved livestock breeds. • Promotion of agroforestry practices within the county. • Establish resin manufacturing in the County. • Establishment of Wajir Meat processing plant • Establishment of Value addition on bones, horn skins and hides in Wajir, Bute, Habaswen and Tarba towns. • Prospect for Cement Manufacturing factory to be undertaken. • Prospect for gas in Hadado/Arbayahan, Tarby • Value addition for water melon within the county.
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low enrolment in pre-primary and low transition to tertiary institutions. • Inadequate teachers (professionals) in public institutions. • Inadequate tertiary Government institutions for the youth to nature their talents. • Institutions not offering relevant skills in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalization of the Wagalla massacre site through fencing and erection of a monument as a cultural site and tourism attraction. • Government to support Wagben (Wajir vocational and training centre) through equipping, building of Workshops and Hostels, and Staffing. • Reviving of Wajir Teachers Training College through

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<p>technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Mental Health and Cancer Cases. • Inadequate health facilities with the County. • Air pollution in Wajir town due to proximity of the dumpsite to the town. • Radicalization especially among the Youth. • Drugs and substance abuse 	<p>Construction of Classrooms, Hostels and Administration Block as well as staffing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of school feeding programme in all public Primary and Day secondary schools in the County. • Promoting Training of locals as teachers through affirmative action. • Provision of Security personnel to Wajir Teachers Training College. • Construction and equipping of a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution in Tabraj Town. • Construction of Laboratories, Libraries and staff houses and hostels in Habaswein Mixed Day Secondary, Waberi Mixed Day Secondary School, Griftu Secondary School and Kutulu Girls Secondary School among others. • Establishment of a psychiatric Centre and Cancer Monitoring Centre in Wajir referral hospital. • Relocation of Wajir dump sites away from town or outside municipality • Improving water supply through gravity fed water project from Habaswein or River Tana. • Developing spatial plans for Wajir, Habaswen, Bute and Tabraj towns.
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated democracy • Corruption and embezzlement of public funds • Radicalization among the youth. • Terrorism • Drugs and substance abuse • Negotiated democracy • Corruption and embezzlement of public funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and governance empowerment to the Citizenry. • Establishment of geographic information systems for National Government projects and Programmes for ease of monitoring and evaluation. • Civic education on public participation and guidelines. • Legislation on Creation of Settlement/ Administrative Units such as locations and grazing areas which brings inter-clan conflicts.
FOUNDATIONS/ENABLERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor road network across the County and Urban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading of the following roads into bitumen

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<p>areas within the county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate safe piped drinking water in the County • Poor sanitation and sewerage system within Wajir, Bute, Habaswen and Tarba towns. • Inadequate Electricity connectivity across the County • Slow internet connectivity within the county. • Unemployment especially amongst the Youths. • Insecurity • Inadequate technical skills and wide skills gaps among the population especially the Youths. • Drought and Flooding 	<p>standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modogashe - Wajir - Mandera Road ○ Wajir - Moyale road ○ Wajir - Giryatin -Marsabit road ○ Wajir - Khorof road ○ Wajir – Diff Road ○ Wajir Hadado - Merti Road • Separation of Wajir Airport from Wajir Air Base. • Renovation of Sub-County airstrips namely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wagalla airstrip ○ Giriftu airstrip ○ Khorof Harar airstrip ○ Buna airstrip ○ Bute airstrip ○ Diff airstrip ○ Habaswein airstrip • Dams/Mega Dams e.g. completion of Bute and Tarbaj Mega Dams • Piped water for Wajir and Habaswein towns • Completion of Wajir town of Sewer system • Fast-track Connecting Wajir Town to the national grid • Setting up solar power plant in Wajir • Provision of a separate line to Giriftu from Wajir power station • Provision of a separate line to Diff from Leheley power station • Setting up of constituency innovation hubs in Eldas, Tarbaj, Wajir North, Wajir • West, Wajir East, and Wajir South constituencies. • Connection of Hadado, Diff, Khorof Harar, Koridile, Sabulu, Kofol, Buna sub-counties to National Optic Fibre Backbone (NOFBI). • Equipping staffing and construction of workshops and Hostels for Wajir polytechnic, Habaswein polytechnic, Grista polytechnic, Biyamathiew polytechnic, Tarbaj polytechnic • Opening of border points like Diff and setting up of

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	<p>Immigration office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and scaling up of SMEs with interest free loans.

4. CONCLUSION

Participants were apprehensive that they had done justice to the exercise as guided and were eager to see if their priorities will be factored in the Fourth Medium term Plan 2022-2027 and eventually be implemented.