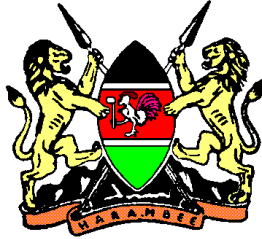


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WEST POKOT COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



MAY, 2022

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 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 Objectives 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 West Pokot County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Mr. Micah Powon, Principal Secretary State Department for ASALs. 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 MADE DURING OPENING SESSION

2.1 Remarks by the County Commissioner

The CC welcomed participants and underscored the collaboration between the National and the County Governments in pushing the development agenda forward. He emphasized the importance of public participation as enshrined in the constitution. The CC observed that Public participation is also done by the County Government as per the constitution. He

encouraged all participants to ensure that they participate fully in the process as it will determine what will be implemented in the next five years.

2.2 Remarks by the Principal Secretary

The PS thanked the participants for taking time off their busy schedules to participate in the MTP IV consultation forum for West Pokot County. He reiterated the importance of the exercise and noted that this was a form of bottom up approach in which the public themselves give views on what priorities they want implemented in the next five years.

2.3 Remarks by the CEC Finance and Economic Planning

The CEC highlighted some of the Key Milestones achieved in the CIDP period from 2018-2022

3. PLENARY ISSUES

- Siyoi Muruny Water Project is yet to benefit the County residents
- Insufficient County Government agriculture subsidy inputs
- Under employment of Teachers Service Commission (TSC) teachers
- State corporation's underperformance and what the government is doing about it.
- Sub-standard bitumen roads within the County
- Delay in operationalization of Equalization fund by the National Government
- Presence of extreme Poverty in some households in the county and Arid and Semi Arid Lands (ASALs)
- Delay in commissioning of Ortum cement factory as well as mining in the county
- insufficient funding to anti – Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) activities by the county
- Health facilities built with inadequate medicine
- High illiteracy rate in the county

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
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor road network • Bad terrain • Security issues • Inadequate of marketing • Delay in completion of Hotel Pkopoch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open road network • Take bad terrain as an opportunity for tourism-Gliding • Peace building • Look for an investor to finish the building and the

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict of Ministry of Education with County Government on Chewoyet Kenyatta court • Mapping of Tourism sites in the county • Land conflicts • Costly farm inputs • Frequent Droughts • Grow one type of crop • Livestock breeds still indigenous • Marketing livestock& Agriculture • Security along Kerio valley belt • Pest and diseases • Adoptability of technologies • Insufficient fingerlings • Acceptance or uptake of extension services • Conflict on ownership of Turkwel dam- Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), County Government, Kengen • Inadequate credit awareness • High cost of basic necessities • Competing Contraband goods from Uganda • Marketing of goods produced • Training of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) • Inadequacy of Market sheds • High Licensing costs • Lack capacity building on honey handling and value addition) • High interest rates charged by microfinance institutions and banks • All financial services are centralized at Kapenguria- West Pokot Sub county • Political interference • Mismanagement of mining cooperatives • Lack of Sensitization on mineral price policy • County artisanal committee has not been established to oversee mining activities in the county. • No permits for mining-investors shied away. • Land adjudication not done • High numbers of School drop outs to venture into mining/coerced by miners • Ownership conflict of Turkwel dam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> department to clear pending bill of Pkopoch Hotel • Allocate resources to do tourism mapping in the county • Resolve Land issues- Adjudicating land • Subsidize farm inputs • Ministry of Agriculture train community to diversify crops • Climate smart awareness • Sensitive community on CC • Change livestock breeds- improve • Do marketing for the agricultural products • Provide fingerlings and regulate fishing. • Do pest, disease control. • Establish Cotton and Sunflower farming • Investors should be sought on a Private Public Partnership to establish animals feeds factory • Teaching prospective business persons on available credit facilities • There is need to check inflation • Kenya Revenue Authority satellite office to be established to curb the vice • Marketing agency to be established to help market the products produced. • Subsidize licenses for starters and traders in rural areas • Work closely with quality assurance agencies – Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) • Establish Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI) for incubation for cottage industry and incubation centers. • Allocate resources to build market sheds • Allocate funds for training SMEs • More funds for County Cooperative Development fund. • Create awareness on Women Enterprise funds, Youth enterprise fund. • Encourage financial institutions to tailor make products to suit the Pastoralists • Politics should be discouraged

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation not allowed upstream • Inadequate climate change sensitization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative's should be well managed for posterity of the sector • Pricing should be standardized • Establishment of County artisanal committee • The artisanal committees should vet the miners and traders of minerals and issue them with permits through the county revenue department. • Land adjudication to be done • Children discouraged from doing mining. • The Oil gas and Minerals policy should be drafted to regulate the sector. • Agreement on Turkwel dam • Policy review on upstream irrigation-Suam river. • Soil conservation -(prevent erosion) • Climate change conservation
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment of non- local teachers has led to over staffing in some parts of the County thus creating inequalities in teachers distribution. • Poor access to technical trainings for the youths • Access to education is still low due to distance to nearest facilities • Poor access to quality healthcare due to staffing challenges and lack of medical drugs • Poor waste management • Negative climate change • High unemployment • Drug abuse by youth • High fertility rate • Low investment in sports sector • Rampant female genital mutilation • Loss of Pokot Heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locals be given priority in employment of teachers by TSC. • Complete establishment of Technical training Institutes in each Constituency • Establish more education facilities • Improve staff to patients ratio • Dependency on Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) supplies should be reduced by allowing other suppliers • County to avail adequate drugs to all facilities. • Family planning sensitization should be enhanced • Designate land and establish Sewerage system, solid management system and cemeteries • Restoration of ecosystems (hills, rivers, wetlands) • Establish modalities of nurturing and identification of talents • Reduce tax and rates touching on youths, women and disabled groups (Boda boda, Vegetable vendors, etc.) • Set aside funds to fight drug abuse and drug addiction • Establish Sports Policy for the County • Establish modern stadiums in each sub county

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	<p>and playgrounds in all Wards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decentralize Anti FGM Board to the County Establish rescue centers with dedicated budget to run the centers Patenting of Pokot culture, artefacts and medicine to protect the Pokot heritage.
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village administrators not established due to insufficient funding Supremacy fights between county executive and county assembly Lack of full implementation of county functions as outlined in the 4th schedule of constitution Low awareness about devolution insufficient funds allocation to counties Inadequate decentralization of services to the village level Weak coordination between National and county government Low awareness about public participation corruption and nepotism Delayed justice for rule of law due to backlog of cases Duplication of national and county roles and projects Political euphoria Change of leadership every cycle Influence of social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast-track enactment of public participation and civil education framework Adoption and operationalization of Alternative dispute resolution Formalize mobile courts to full courts operation. Establish conflict resolution between county executive and county assembly Increase county allocation to 45% Recruitment of more judges especially for environment for Kapenguria Full decentralize devolution service to war level Strengthen forum for coordination as provided in the intergovernmental relations act Promote transparency and accountability with strict adherence to chapter six and article 10 in constitution. Enhance early warning preparedness to tackle emerging issues Continuous capacity building on governance, rule of law
FOUNDATION/ENABLERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's is an infrastructural improvement in West Pokot County however the County's difficult terrain makes most remote areas inaccessible Inadequate electricity connectivity in most rural schools Poor Voice coverage Child labour; in gold mining, sand harvesting, farm labour and boda boda riding with North Pokot and Central Pokot taking the lead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is need to link North Pokot to Sook (Bitumen standard) Reinstating Road Conditional Grants There's need to put up an airstrip in the county (upgrading of the existing one). Connect Schools with electricity The county has fiber connection within the Kapenguria Town, Kipkomo sub county but it

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficulties in acquiring title deeds 	<p>isn't linked to other sub counties; North Pokot, Pokot South, Kacheliba and Pokot Central</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's need to allocate more resources to improve/strengthen the voice/data connectivity across west Pokot County Creating a new fiber link from EM to West Pokot There's need to put up more youth empowerment centers in other parts of the county The issue of boundaries between counties especially Turkana and Pokot County should be addressed. Land/Community lands should be registered and titled All community lands should be titled Digitalization of land registry There's need to put up arresters There's need to sensitize the community on environmental conservation Local mining and sand harvesting activities should be regulated There's need to create security roads along the borders of West Pokot Counties and neighboring communities Construction of modern national police housing units across the county especially South, Central, Kipkomo, Kacheliba and North Pokot Constituency Development Fund should also be used to support the improvement of Kenya National Police Service (KNPS). There's need for gender balance in recruitment and employment Address child labour issue

5. CONCLUSION

The CS appreciated the participants for their contributions and attending the meeting. He also appreciated the meeting of the two governments in planning. The CS Stressed the importance of Short term plans, long term plans and resource allocation. The commitment shown in the meeting will go a long way in uplifting the country's socio economic development of the

country. He urged all to commit themselves to achieve Vision 2030 and emphasized the need to reconvene again to validate the outcome of the MTP IV consultation process

The PS thanked the participants and appreciated their contribution towards ensuring a responsive MTP IV. He recognised community representatives, CSOs, and CBOs, the media and all the Government officers from both the two levels of government for their valuable contribution to the MTP IV process. He urged the MTP IV team from SDP to ensure everything that was discussed was captured and incorporated in their report.