



MANDERA MUNICIPALITY CITIZEN FORA REPORT FOR Q2 FY 2025/2026 HELD ON 16th DECEMBER 2025 AT MUNICIPALITY CONFERENCE HALL

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Mandera Municipality Citizen Forum for the Second Quarter (Q2) of Financial Year 2025/2026 was convened on 16th December 2025 at the Municipality Conference Hall. The Forum forms part of the Municipality's commitment to participatory governance as provided for under the Urban Areas and Cities Act, which emphasizes structured public engagement in urban management and service delivery.

The primary objective of the meeting was to provide residents with transparent updates on ongoing infrastructure projects under the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP II), review environmental conservation efforts, address emerging public health and security concerns, and evaluate the operational effectiveness of newly deployed municipal equipment and services.

The session was chaired by the Chairperson of the Municipal Board and brought together Board Members, the Municipal Manager, departmental heads, technical officers, and representatives from various community groups, including youth associations, women groups, business owners, and local elders. The Forum served as a platform for accountability, dialogue, and collective problem-solving in advancing Mandera's urban development agenda.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

In addition to members of the public, the following Municipal Board Members and Management Team were present:

1. Kullow Mohamed Sheikh – Chairperson of the board
2. Abdia Hussein Abdi – Vice Chairperson
3. Matker Mohamed Noor – Municipal Manager
4. Mohamed Abdullahi Omar – Board Member
5. Famsahara Adan Maalim – Board Member
6. Ibrahim Hassan Malow – Board Member
7. Hussein Maalim – Board Member
8. Abdi Adan Baraka – Finance Manager
9. Abdiaziz Ali Alio – Environmental Officer
10. Said Haji Hassan – Civil Engineer
11. Hussein Adan – ICT Officer
12. Abdi Kahiye – Enforcement Officer in Charge
13. Suleiman Adan – Fire Officer



The quorum requirements were met, and the Chairperson formally opened the session by acknowledging the presence of stakeholders and reiterating the Municipality's commitment to transparent and inclusive governance.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH STEWARDSHIP

3.1 Urban Greening and Environmental Protection

The Environmental Officer presented a detailed update on the ongoing afforestation and urban beautification program aimed at enhancing Mandera's resilience to climate change and improving the urban microclimate. The Municipality has continued to nurture and protect trees planted along major streets, public institutions, and open spaces.

Livestock Control and Enforcement:

The Enforcement Department reported increased patrols to prevent livestock intrusion into protected green zones. Several cases involving camels grazing on newly planted trees were addressed through formal notices and penalties issued to livestock owners. Community sensitization efforts are ongoing to ensure residents understand the importance of safeguarding public environmental investments.

Irrigation Infrastructure Security:

To curb unauthorized tapping of irrigation water and vandalism of water infrastructure, the Municipality has commenced installation of protective fencing around storage tanks and distribution points. This intervention is expected to reduce water loss, ensure equitable distribution for irrigation, and protect capital investments made under the greening initiative.

3.2 Waste Management Expansion

The Municipality reported significant progress in solid waste management through the procurement and deployment of fifteen (15) additional skip bins at a total budget allocation of Ksh 7,500,000. These skip bins are strategically distributed to high-density residential estates, market areas, and public institutions to minimize illegal dumping along road reserves and drainage channels.

The Environmental Department further indicated that collection schedules have been revised to ensure timely evacuation of waste from the new sites. Residents were encouraged to segregate waste where possible and to collaborate with youth groups engaged in waste collection and recycling initiatives.

The Board emphasized that proper waste management is central to reducing disease outbreaks, particularly during the rainy season when blocked drainage systems can contribute to flooding and public health risks.

4.0 COMMUNITY INPUT AND PLENARY RESOLUTIONS

During the plenary session, participants actively engaged the Board and technical officers on priority issues affecting the Municipality.

4.1 Youth Labor and Local Employment

Youth representatives requested a formal audit of local labor participation in the ongoing KUSP II drainage and market improvement projects. They emphasized the need for equitable access to employment opportunities for local skilled and semi-skilled workers.

In response, the Civil Engineer and Finance Manager assured the Forum that employment records would be compiled and publicly shared in the next quarter to enhance transparency and demonstrate compliance with local content requirements.



4.2 Livestock Market Modernization

Stakeholders in the livestock sector sought clarification on the phased modernization plan for the Municipal Livestock Market. Concerns were raised about potential disruption of trade activities during construction.

The Municipal Manager clarified that modernization works would be implemented in phases to ensure continuity of operations. Temporary holding areas and alternative trading spaces will be designated where necessary to prevent economic losses to traders.

4.3 Disaster Preparedness and Flood Response

The Fire Officer presented a brief overview of the Municipality's disaster preparedness strategy, particularly in flood-prone areas such as Busle Ward. Participants urged the Municipality to conduct community-level flood drills and strengthen early warning systems.

The Board resolved that simulation exercises would be organized in collaboration with local administrators and community volunteers to enhance preparedness and minimize risks during the rainy season.

5.0 KEY PRIORITY AREAS FOR Q3 FY 2025/2026

Following deliberations, the Forum identified the following priority areas for the upcoming quarter:

1. **Transparency and Accountability:**

Publication of contract awards, implementation timelines, and local employment statistics for KUSP II projects to enhance public trust and oversight.

2. **Environmental Sustainability:**

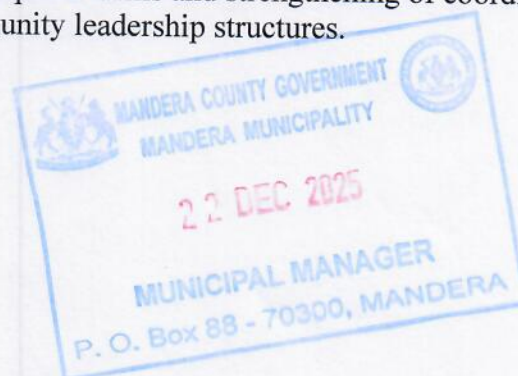
Strengthening partnerships between youth groups and the Urban Development Department to promote waste recycling, composting initiatives, and community clean-up campaigns.

3. **Infrastructure Protection:**

Scaling up the "Vandalism Watch" initiative to safeguard solar street lighting, irrigation systems, and other green infrastructure investments from damage and theft.

4. **Disaster Risk Reduction:**

Implementation of ward-level flood response drills and strengthening of coordination between municipal emergency units and community leadership structures.



6.0 CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

In his closing remarks, the Chairperson reaffirmed the Municipality's commitment to accountability, prudent financial management, and inclusive urban governance. He commended residents for their constructive engagement and emphasized that sustainable urban development can only be achieved through shared responsibility between the Municipality and the community.

The Forum concluded with a collective commitment to safeguard public assets, promote environmental stewardship, and support ongoing infrastructure improvements under KUSP II.

The next Citizen Forum for Quarter 3 of FY 2025/2026 will focus on reviewing progress made in implementing the resolutions passed during this meeting and assessing the completion status of initial infrastructure phases.

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