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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / CITIZEN FORUM REPORT
ON KUSP II URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Theme: Shaping Our Urban Future Together

Date: Saturday, 19th December 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Venue: Mandera Municipality HQ Hall



1.0 OPENING AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

The forum was officially opened at 9:15 AM by the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Abdi A. Siyat, a Municipality Board Member. He welcomed all participants and introduced the key officials present:

- **Mr. Matker Mohamed Noor, Municipal Manager**
- **Board Members of Mandera Municipality**



- **Representatives** from the County Department of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development
- **Ward Administrators and Community Elders**

1.2 Objective of the Forum

The Municipal Manager, Mr. Matker Mohamed Noor, outlined the purpose of the meeting. He explained that the forum was a critical component of the Kenya Urban Support Program Phase II (KUSP II), specifically for the **Urban Development Grant (UDG)**. The goal was to:

- Inform residents about the KUSP II program and its objectives for Mandera Town.
- Present preliminary infrastructure needs and proposed project ideas identified by the municipal technical team.
- **Solicit views, priorities, and additional project proposals from the community** to ensure the final project list reflects the most pressing local needs.
- Ensure transparency and collective ownership of the urban development process.

1.3 Overview of KUSP II

A brief presentation was given, explaining that KUSP II is a National Government – World Bank program aimed at strengthening urban institutions and financing urban infrastructure. It was clarified that for Mandera Municipality to access significant development funds (UDG), a participatory and evidence-based **Municipal Infrastructure Development Plan (IDeP)** must be developed and approved.

2.0 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED PROJECTS

The Municipal Technical Team presented a list of priority project areas under consideration for funding. Each project was briefly described, noting its expected impact.

Proposed Project Concepts for Discussion:

Storm Water Drainage	Completion of protection works at critical sites like Busle to mitigate flooding, protect property, and improve public safety during rains.
Urban Lighting	Installation of solar-powered street lights along major roads, market areas, and informal settlements to enhance security, extend business hours, and improve night-time mobility.

Solid Waste Management	Provision of additional communal waste collection bins (skip bins) to reduce illegal dumping, improve cleanliness, and support more efficient waste collection services.
Municipal Equipment	Acquisition of a backhoe loader to enable the municipality to undertake timely drainage clearance, road repairs, and other essential earthworks, reducing dependency on contractors.
Market Infrastructure	Upgrading of the Livestock Market with additional shaded stalls, water points, and modern toilet blocks to improve hygiene, trading conditions, and increase revenue potential.
Public Amenities & Safety	(Open for suggestions) Potential projects like public park rehabilitation, pedestrian walkways, or fire hydrant installations were mentioned as areas for community input.

3.0 COMMUNITY DELIBERATIONS AND INPUT

Participants were divided into five (5) thematic discussion groups based on ward representation. Each group was facilitated by a board member or municipal officer. The plenary session then reconvened to share key recommendations.

3.1 Summary of Community Proposals and Feedback:

- **Group 1 (Drainage & Flood Control):**
 - **Strongly endorsed** the Busle drainage works (Phase 3).
 - **Added Proposal:** Requested extension of drainage works to **Bulla Mpya** and **Town Centre** areas, which experience severe flash floods.
 - Emphasized the need for **regular maintenance** of existing drains.
- **Group 2 (Security & Lighting):**
 - **Unanimous support** for the solar street lights project.

- **Specific Requests:** Prioritized lighting for **Tawakal areas**, the road to the **Livestock market area**, and all access roads.
- Suggested involving community vigilantes in identifying vandalism-prone spots.
- **Group 3 (Markets & Trade):**
 - **Fully supported** the Livestock Market upgrade.
 - **Added Proposals:** Advocated for a similar facelift of the **Main Central Market**, including waste collection points and gender-segregated toilets.
 - Suggested creating dedicated **vendor selling bays** for mobile traders.
- **Group 4 (Environment & Sanitation):**
 - **Supported** the procurement of skip bins.
 - **Key Concern:** Highlighted the issue of **waste burning** at the dumpsite, affecting air quality.
 - **Added Proposal:** Recommended the project include a **public sensitization campaign** on waste segregation and the establishment of a **controlled landfill site**.
- **Group 5 (Public Amenities):**
 - **Added Major Proposal:** **Urgently requested the construction of a public recreational park** for youth and families, citing a lack of social spaces.
 - Also proposed the construction of **public ablution blocks** in the CBD and major bus stages.

3.2 General Consensus:

There was overwhelming agreement that the presented projects addressed critical needs. The community urged the municipality to:

1. Ensure **timely and quality implementation**.
2. Provide **opportunities for local labour and contractors** during execution.
3. Maintain **continuous public communication** throughout the project cycles.

4.0 WAY FORWARD AND CLOSING

4.1 Response from Leadership

The Municipal Manager thanked the citizens for their robust and constructive engagement. He assured them that:

- All recommendations would be **documented and incorporated** into the detailed project planning.
- The projects prioritized and approved by the Board would form the core of Mandera's **Municipal IDeP**.
- The municipality remains committed to **inclusive and transparent development**.

4.2 Next Steps

- The technical team will **consolidate this report** with the forum's outputs.
- A refined project list, incorporating feasible community proposals, will be presented to the **Municipality Board** for formal identification and approval.
- The approved projects will be detailed in the **IDeP** for submission to the County Assembly.

4.3 Adjournment

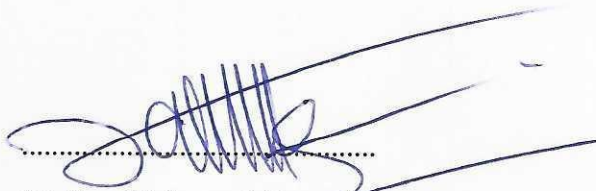
The forum was officially closed at 12:50 PM with a vote of thanks by the Municipal Manager. A closing prayer was offered by Sheikh Ahmed Mohamed.

5.0 ATTENDANCE

A total of **87 participants** attended, including:

- Members of the Public from all wards.
- Representatives of Youth and Women Groups.
- Business Community Representatives (Mandera Traders Association).
- Boda Boda Association Representatives.
- Officials from Mandera Municipality and Mandera County Government.

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