

MANDERA MUNICIPALITY CITIZEN FORA REPORT FOR Q3 FY 2024/2025
HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2025 09:00AM AT RED SEA HOTEL.

INTRODUCTION



Mandera Municipality convened its Quarter 3 Citizen Forum in line with its statutory obligation to promote participatory governance as provided for under the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Urban Areas and Cities Act, and the Public Finance Management framework governing the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP II).

The forum served as a critical milestone in the Urban Development Grant (UDG) project identification stage, ensuring that infrastructure investments reflect community priorities and respond to pressing socio-economic challenges facing Mandera Town.

Several participants attended representing:

- Youth and women groups
- Mandera Traders Association
- Boda boda associations
- Community elders and religious leaders
- Ward representatives
- Municipal Board members

- Technical officers from various municipal departments

The diversity of representation ensured inclusivity and legitimacy in the decision-making process.

ATTENDEES

In addition to the members of the public, the Board members and Municipality management team in attendance included;

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

PRESENTATION OF KUSP II PRIORITY PROJECTS

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2.1 Storm Drainage Protection – Phase 3 (Busle Area)

The Busle area continues to experience recurrent flash floods during heavy rainfall, leading to:

- Destruction of residential properties
- Disruption of small businesses
- Road inaccessibility
- Increased public health risks due to stagnant water

Phases 1 and 2 of the stormwater protection works significantly reduced flood risks in other sections of town. However, Busle remains highly vulnerable.

Phase 3 will include:

- Construction of reinforced concrete drainage channels
- Installation of culverts and water diversion structures
- Erosion control measures
- Improvement of road shoulders to prevent collapse

The project is expected to enhance climate resilience, protect livelihoods, and reduce emergency response costs associated with flood damage.

Community members strongly supported immediate implementation, citing repeated annual losses and displacement during rainy seas

2.2 Expansion of Urban Greening and Climate Adaptation Measures

Mandera's international recognition in the AIPH World Green City Awards positioned the municipality as a global example of climate-responsive urban management.

The forum discussed scaling up greening initiatives to:

- Increase tree canopy coverage along major roads
- Develop shaded pedestrian walkways
- Improve micro-climatic conditions in commercial zones
- Reduce dust pollution and heat stress

Participants also highlighted operational challenges, particularly unauthorized tapping of irrigation water from storage tanks, which has affected tree survival rates. The

municipality committed to installing protective fencing and strengthening monitoring mechanisms.

The greening initiative was acknowledged not only as an environmental intervention but also as a public health and economic enhancement strategy that improves urban aesthetics and investor confidence.

2.3 Livestock Market Modernization

Recognizing Mandera's reliance on livestock trade as a primary economic driver, the proposed facelift of the Livestock Market aims to modernize trading conditions and enhance competitiveness.

Proposed improvements include:

- Construction of permanent shaded stalls
- Provision of gender-segregated sanitation facilities
- Installation of water supply points
- Improved drainage and waste management systems
- Organized zoning for different livestock categories

The project is expected to:

- Improve hygiene standards
- Increase revenue collection efficiency
- Attract traders from neighboring counties and cross-border markets
- Promote structured economic growth

Stakeholders emphasized the importance of ensuring that construction does not disrupt ongoing trade and requested phased implementation.

3.0 COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Urgent Flood Mitigation

Residents from Busle expressed urgency, noting that repeated flooding has weakened building foundations and caused economic instability. The forum resolved to prioritize drainage works before the next rainy cycle.

3.2 Protection of Public Assets from Vandalism

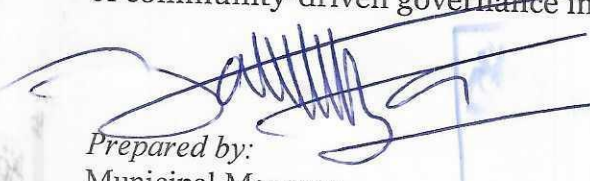
The theft of batteries from 94 solar streetlights was identified as a significant concern affecting public safety and investor confidence.

The forum unanimously resolved to:

- Establish a structured community surveillance initiative ("Vandalism Watch")
- Enhance coordination with security agencies
- Explore tamper-proof technology options

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

The forum concluded with a summary of the resolutions passed and the municipality's commitment to these priorities. The next citizen fora for Q4 2024/2025 is scheduled, with regular updates to keep the community informed on the progress of key initiatives. The chairperson thanked participants for their active contributions and reinforced the importance of community-driven governance in Mandera.


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1. The first part of the document discusses the general situation of the country and the progress of the revolution. It mentions the importance of the people's support and the need for a united front.



2. The second part of the document details the specific measures and actions taken by the revolutionary forces. It describes the formation of various committees and the implementation of social and economic reforms. The text emphasizes the role of the masses and the need for constant vigilance against counter-revolutionary forces.