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CITIZEN FORUM REPORT FOR MIGORI MUNICIPALITY

Date: 12th July 2024

Venue: ICT Hall, Migori Municipality

Introduction

Migori Municipality held a Citizen Forum on 12th July 2024 at ICT Hall. The forum served as a platform for stakeholders and residents to discuss and deliberate on critical municipal issues. The discussions aimed at promoting participatory governance, accountability, and sustainable urban development.

The agenda for the forum focused on:

- 1. Implementation of the 2024-2025 Financial Year Budget
- 2. Urban Beautification Initiatives
- 3. Security in the Municipality
- 4. Any Other Business (AOB)

Attendees

Municipal Board Members

- 1. Mr. Paul Odhiambo Kokelo Chairman
- 2. Robert Omindi Mandela Member
- 3. Turphoser Adhiambo Adawo Vice Chairperson
- 4. Willis Aluoch Aluoch Member
- 5. Spirim Kwamboka Oloo Member
- 6. Frank Akello Daniel Member
- 7. James Ogutu Odindo Member
- 8. Mercy Sao Wankio CECM/Member
- 9. Owino Dismas Onyango SEC/Manager



Private Sector Representatives

Key representatives from traders' associations, service providers, and local business organizations were in attendance.

Members of the Public

Residents from various wards across the municipality attended to contribute their views and recommendations.

Agenda and Discussions

1. Implementation of the 2024-2025 Financial Year Budget

Overview:

The forum reviewed the approved 2024-2025 Financial Year budget and discussed its allocations for both development and recurrent expenditures.

Budget Details:

- Total Development Budget Allocation: KES 64,181,008
 - o World Bank Funded Projects: KES 54,181,008
 - Exchequer Allocation: KES 10,000,000
- Recurrent Budget Allocation: KES 20,000,000, designated for administration and support services.

Key Issues Raised:

- Concerns about the timely disbursement of funds, particularly for development projects.
- The need for transparency in the utilization of World Bank funds.
- Calls for increased community involvement in identifying priority projects.

Resolutions and Action Points:

- Transparency Measures: The Municipality will publish quarterly financial updates, outlining expenditure on both development and recurrent allocations.
- Monitoring and Evaluation: A monitoring committee comprising community representatives will oversee the implementation of World Bank-funded projects.
- Capacity Building: Training sessions will be conducted for community leaders to enhance their participation in budget monitoring.



2. Urban Beautification Initiatives

Overview:

The forum recognized the need to enhance the Municipality's aesthetic appeal through urban beautification efforts. These efforts aim to improve public spaces, attract investment, and promote environmental sustainability.

Key Issues Raised:

- Neglect of public parks and green spaces.
- Limited landscaping and tree planting initiatives.
- Encroachment on public spaces by informal traders.

Resolutions and Action Points:

- Tree Planting and Landscaping: A tree planting drive and landscaping initiative will commence in August 2024, focusing on major roads, parks, and public spaces.
- Rehabilitation of Public Spaces: The Municipality will allocate resources for the maintenance and revitalization of parks and green areas.
- Enforcement of Urban Policies: Measures will be taken to prevent encroachment on public spaces, with support from the enforcement unit.

3. Security in the Municipality

Overview:

Participants emphasized the importance of security in fostering economic activities and ensuring residents' safety.

Key Issues Raised:

- Increasing incidents of theft and vandalism in key commercial areas.
- Inadequate streetlighting in certain neighborhoods.
- Limited collaboration between residents and security agencies.

Resolutions and Action Points:

• Improved Streetlighting: The Municipality will prioritize the installation of streetlights in identified high-risk areas to enhance nighttime security.

• Community Policing: A partnership between law enforcement and community leaders will be established to strengthen community policing efforts.

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4. Any Other Business (AOB)

During the AOB session, the following concerns were raised:

- **Drainage Issues:** Persistent flooding in low-lying areas due to poor drainage systems.
- Youth Empowerment: Calls for programs targeting skill development and job creation for youth.
- Market Management: Requests for better management of public markets to ensure cleanliness and order.

Resolutions and Action Points:

- Drainage Improvement: The Municipality will incorporate drainage enhancements into its upcoming infrastructure projects.
- Youth Programs: A youth skills development initiative will be launched in early 2025.
- Market Upgrades: Plans for modernizing public markets will be implemented within the next fiscal year.

Key Outcomes and Commitments

- 1. Budget Implementation: The Municipality pledged to ensure transparency and timely implementation of the 2024-2025 budget, with a focus on development projects and effective utilization of recurrent funds.
- 2. Urban Beautification: A comprehensive beautification program will begin in August 2024, prioritizing tree planting and rehabilitation of public spaces.
- 3. Enhanced Security: Measures such as improved streetlighting, community policing, and intensified patrols will be implemented to address security challenges.
- 4. Youth Empowerment: Skill-building and job creation initiatives for youth will be prioritized in the upcoming fiscal year.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The forum demonstrated the Municipality's commitment to inclusive governance and accountability. The resolutions adopted reflect the Municipality's dedication to addressing urban MIGORI COUNTY GOVERNMENT challenges and promoting sustainable development. LAND, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Next Steps:

Regular progress updates will be provided during future forums.

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 A follow-up meeting will be held in January 2025 to review the status of budget implementation, beautification projects, and security measures.

 Continuous community engagement will be maintained to ensure inclusivity in decisionmaking.

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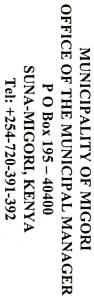
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