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AWENDO MUNICIPALITY

Report on Awendo Municipality Citizen Fora Event

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Introduction

In accordance with the Constitution of Kenya (2010), the Public Finance Management Act (2012), the Urban Areas and Cities Act (2011), and the County Governments Act (2012), Awendo Municipality convened this Citizen Forum to engage residents, stakeholders, and institutional partners on the Draft Budget Estimates for FY 2024/2025.

The forum provided a structured platform for public participation in municipal financial planning, ensuring that citizen input informs both revenue and expenditure allocations while promoting transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in resource management.

Forum Objectives

The objectives of the Citizen Forum were to:

- Present the Draft Budget for FY 2025/2026 to the public.
- Enhance transparency and accountability in budget formulation and resource allocation.
- Ensure that citizen feedback informs the finalization of the Annual Budget and facilitates responsive service delivery.

Attendance

The forum was attended by Members of the Municipal Board, the Municipal Manager, and Heads of Finance, Planning, and other key departments. In addition, ward representatives, members of civil society organizations, local stakeholders, and residents participated actively in the discussions. Their engagement was instrumental in highlighting community concerns, identifying priority areas, and providing constructive recommendations to inform the final budget.

Agenda

The forum deliberated on the following items:

1. Presentation of the approved budget
2. Public comments and stakeholder contributions
3. Adoption of resolutions and agreement on action points

Forum deliberations

The forum commenced with opening remarks by the Municipal Manager, emphasizing the importance of public participation in fiscal planning and accountability.

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The Finance Department presented the approved, highlighting projected revenue streams, planned expenditure allocations, and the rationale behind prioritization of key programs. Detailed explanations were provided regarding the funding of essential services, infrastructure maintenance, and planned development initiatives.

Participants raised concerns regarding:

- Adequacy of funding for service delivery, particularly water, roads, and waste management
- Maintenance of existing infrastructure
- Efficiency and transparency in revenue collection

The Finance and Planning teams responded to the concerns, clarified budgetary constraints, and assured participants that all feasible inputs would be incorporated into the next budget cycle. Citizen contributions were formally noted for inclusion in the budget review process.

Resolutions

The forum resolved as follows:

1. Prioritize funding for essential services and the maintenance of existing infrastructure.
2. Strengthen own-source revenue collection mechanisms to ensure fiscal sustainability.
3. Enhance transparency and accountability through regular reporting on budget performance.

Action Points

S/No	Action Point	Responsible Unit
1	Revise Draft Budget Estimates to incorporate citizen input	Finance Department
2	Strengthen revenue collection strategies	Finance Department
3	Publish the approved Budget Estimates	Municipal Management
4	Prepare quarterly budget implementation and performance reports	Planning & Finance Departments

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Closure

The forum was formally closed with a vote of thanks to all participants for their active engagement, constructive feedback, and commitment to promoting inclusive and accountable financial management in Awendo Municipality.

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