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# Rongo Municipality Annual Urban Investment Plan & Budget

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## 1. Executive Summary

The 2026/27 Annual Urban Investment Plan and Budget for Rongo Municipality presents a coherent and credible set of capital investments prioritized for implementation in the coming financial year. The Plan aligns municipal development objectives with available municipal, county, national, and development partner resources, recognizing fiscal constraints and the urgency for infrastructure delivery that enhances service delivery, economic opportunities, and climate resilience.

Rongo Municipality's vision — *"A green, clean, safe, sociable and economically vibrant municipality"* — anchors this Investment Plan, which is also aligned to the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDeP), Migori County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2023–2027), and national planning laws. The total proposed capital investment for the year is KES 25,800,000, to be financed through municipal own-source revenue, county and national transfers, and donor support including potential World Bank investments.

This Plan draws from extensive stakeholder engagements, technical feasibility assessments, and alignment with national frameworks to prioritize investments that are deliverable, sustainable, and impactful for residents.

## 2. Introduction and Urban Context

Rongo Municipality is an urban area located in Migori County, covering approximately 117.2 km<sup>2</sup> of land and administered by the Rongo Municipal Board, constituted in 2019 under statutory provisions. The Municipality has experienced rapid population growth and urbanization as residents migrate for economic opportunities. This has generated increased demand for basic services, improved infrastructure, and formalized urban planning.

The Annual Urban Investment Plan translates long-term strategic objectives established in the Municipality's Integrated Development Plan (2023–2027) into immediate capital priorities for 2024/25. The Plan bridges the gap between planning and budgeting, ensuring that public resources are allocated transparently, efficiently, and in a manner that responds to community needs.

### 2.1 Legal and Policy Framework

This Plan is prepared in accordance with Kenya's constitutional and statutory mandate for urban governance:

- The **Constitution of Kenya (Article 184)** mandates national legislation to provide for the governance and management of urban areas and cities, including mechanisms for resident participation in governance.
- The **Urban Areas and Cities Act, No. 13 of 2011** requires municipalities to prepare integrated development plans, annual strategic plans, and to align their plans with county governments. It also obligates municipalities to undertake service delivery, infrastructure development, and planning functions.

- The **County Governments Act, No. 17 of 2012** places a legal obligation on county governments and their urban areas to plan within an integrated framework, ensuring that public funds are not appropriated outside approved planning frameworks. It further stipulates the types of planning instruments required, including municipal land use and zoning plans.
- The **Public Finance Management Act, 2012 (Part on Urban Areas)** prescribes principles for municipal budgeting, including that capital budgets must derive from strategic plans linked to the county fiscal strategy and budget processes.

### 3. Planning and Prioritization Process

The development of the Annual Urban Investment Plan followed a structured, and participatory process to ensure alignment with strategic priorities and realistic implementation potential. Inputs were gathered through municipal technical teams, sector departments, and public forums where residents and key stakeholders provided feedback on pressing infrastructure needs.

Projects were screened for feasibility, alignment with national and county development policies, potential socio-economic impact, environmental sustainability, and readiness for implementation. Clear prioritization criteria ensured that limited resources focus on high-impact interventions that offer broad community benefits and strengthen municipal service delivery performance.

### 4. Summary of Proposed Urban Investments

Rongo Municipality's investment portfolio for FY 2024/25 is designed to address key infrastructure gaps and service delivery priorities across critical sectors while ensuring geographic equity.

Each investment has been selected based on its potential to improve urban services, enhance economic activity, and strengthen resilience to climate risks.

### 6. Implementation Strategy

The Municipal Board retains oversight of AUIP implementation, with the Municipal Manager coordinating execution through relevant departments (Public Works, Environment, Markets, etc.). Procurement and financial management will adhere to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, and public finance regulations under the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Robust contract management, procurement planning, and monitoring frameworks will be employed to ensure value for money and compliance with fiduciary obligations.

## 7. Environmental and Social Safeguards

In line with national law and World Bank standards, all projects have undergone environmental and social screening. Appropriate mitigation strategies, stakeholder engagement plans, and compliance mechanisms have been incorporated into project implementation frameworks to safeguard communities and the environment.

## 8. Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting

A results-based performance monitoring system will track physical progress, expenditure, service delivery outcomes, and compliance with safeguards. Quarterly and annual reports will be produced, forming part of oversight reporting to the Municipal Board, County Government, and development partners.

## 9. Risks And Mitigation Measures

Key risks include delays in procurement, funding shortfalls, capacity constraints, and environmental compliance challenges. Mitigation strategies include strengthened procurement planning, diversified funding sources, capacity development, and proactive safeguards compliance mechanisms.

## 10. Conclusion

This Annual Urban Investment Plan and Budget provide a credible and implementable strategy for advancing Rongo Municipality's infrastructure and service delivery goals in 2024/25. By aligning strategic priorities with available resources and legal planning frameworks, the Plan supports sustainable urban development and improved quality of life for residents while meeting the requirements of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, County Governments Act, and national financial management laws.