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AWENDO MUNICIPALITY

Report on Awendo Municipality Citizen Fora Event

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Introduction

Citizen Fora constitute a critical platform for public participation and stakeholder engagement as envisaged under the Constitution of Kenya (2010), the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011, and the County Governments Act, 2012. These legal frameworks emphasize the involvement of citizens in governance, planning, and decision-making processes to promote transparency, accountability, and inclusive development.

In this regard, Awendo Municipality convened a Citizen Forum on 14 April 2025 to engage residents, stakeholders, and institutional partners on the identification and prioritization of development initiatives for the Financial Year 2025/2026. The forum was held in alignment with the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), national development policies, and the Municipality's mandate, while taking into consideration available financial and technical resources.

Forum Objectives

The specific objectives of the Citizen Forum were to:

- Present the proposed development priorities for the Financial Year 2025/2026
- Provide a platform for citizens and stakeholders to express their views, concerns, and recommendations
- Enhance transparency, inclusivity, and accountability in municipal development planning
- Ensure that citizen inputs inform the preparation of the Annual Development Plan

Attendance

The forum was attended by Members of the Municipal Board, the Municipal Manager, Heads of Departments, technical and administrative staff, ward representatives, civil society organizations, representatives of the business community, special interest groups, and general members of the public.

Agenda

The meeting deliberated on the following agenda items:

1. Opening and welcoming remarks

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2. Overview of the FY 2025/2026 planning framework
3. Presentation of proposed development priorities
4. Public participation and stakeholder engagement session
5. Adoption of resolutions and identification of action points
6. Closing remarks

Forum deliberations

The Citizen Forum was officially opened by the Municipal Manager, who underscored the importance of citizen participation in shaping municipal development priorities and reaffirmed the Municipality's commitment to inclusive governance.

An overview of the FY 2024/2025 planning framework was presented, outlining its alignment with the County Integrated Development Plan, national development strategies, and applicable policy and legal frameworks. Participants were briefed on the resource envelope and the criteria used in prioritizing development projects, including urgency, feasibility, impact, and sustainability.

The proposed development priorities focused on key service delivery and development areas, including road maintenance and improvement, drainage systems, rehabilitation of municipal markets, solid waste management, and promotion of local economic development.

During the public participation session, citizens actively engaged and raised concerns relating to the condition of internal access roads, inadequacy of market infrastructure, waste management challenges, and the need for targeted youth and women empowerment programs. Municipal Board and the officers responded to the issues raised, provided clarifications, and assured participants that all feasible proposals would be considered and incorporated into the final planning documents.

Forum resolutions

Following deliberations, the forum resolved as follows:

1. Road and drainage maintenance projects be accorded priority in the FY 2024/2025 development program.
2. Rehabilitation and upgrading of municipal markets be included among the key development initiatives.
3. Solid waste management services be strengthened to enhance environmental cleanliness and public health.

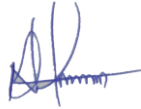
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4. Citizen views and recommendations collected during the forum be incorporated into the Annual Development Plan.

Closure

There being no other business, the meeting was formally adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The Municipal Management thanked all participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions toward the development of Awendo Municipality.

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