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**CITIZEN FORA REPORT FOR MIGORI MUNICIPALITY HELD ON 18TH JULY  
2025 AT THE ICT HALL, MIGORI.**

## **1.0 Introduction**

The Board Chair welcomed all the participants to the Citizen Fora meeting. In his remarks, he emphasized that the gathering was a demonstration of the municipality's commitment to inclusive governance and participatory decision-making. He noted that the forum had brought together diverse stakeholders including; municipal leaders, the business community, youth and women representatives, persons with disabilities (PWDs), security agencies and garage operators to deliberate on pressing issues affecting the municipality. He further stated that the collective insights from the discussions would help shape practical solutions that balance development, safety and fairness. He urged participants to engage constructively, with respect and openness, for the betterment of the municipality.

## **1.1 Agenda**

### **1.1.1 Insecurity within the Municipality**

- **Concerns Raised:** Rising petty crime, inadequate lighting, and limited police presence.
- **Stakeholder Contributions:**
  - The Security agencies pledged increased patrols.
  - Youth and women representatives emphasized safe public spaces.
  - Municipal manager proposed CCTV and streetlight installation.
- **Agreed Actions:**
  - Expand community policing initiatives.
  - Install streetlights in high-risk areas.
  - Strengthen collaboration between residents and police.

### 1.1.2 Uprising of Illegal Stalls around Road Reserves

- **Concerns Raised:** Congestion, safety risks, and unfair competition for licensed traders.
- **Stakeholder Contributions:**
  - Business community demanded regulation.
  - Municipal board suggested mapping informal traders.
- **Agreed Actions:**
  - Relocate stalls to designated markets.
  - Provide training on compliance and licensing.
  - Develop a fair framework for integrating informal traders.

### 1.1.3 Caging of Gas Cylinders

- **Concerns Raised:** Fire hazards from unsafe storage.
- **Stakeholder Contributions:**
  - Security agencies stressed enforcement of safety standards.
  - Garage operators requested affordable compliance measures.
- **Agreed Actions:**
  - Mandate safety cages for gas cylinders.
  - Offer subsidized cages for small traders.
  - Conduct awareness campaigns on fire safety.

### 1.1.4 Relocation of Garages from the CBD

- **Concerns Raised:** Congestion, pollution, and poor aesthetics in the CBD.
- **Stakeholder Contributions:**
  - Municipal board emphasized urban planning needs.
  - Garage operators feared loss of customers.
- **Agreed Actions:**

- Identify alternative sites near transport corridors.
- Provide incentives (tax breaks, reduced rent) for relocation.
- Implement phased relocation with continuous consultation.

## 1.2 Recommendations

- Strengthened security measures through community-police collaboration.
- Framework for formalizing informal traders while protecting livelihoods.
- Adoption of gas cylinder safety standards with support for compliance.
- Roadmap for gradual relocation of garages with incentives and inclusivity.

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