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

The Citizen Fora was convened to provide a platform for residents and stakeholders of Migori Municipality to engage with the Municipal Administration on key urban development and service delivery issues. The forum aimed at promoting public participation, transparency and inclusivity in decision-making. The forum took place at the ICT Hall and in attendance were various stakeholders such as; traders, transport operators, large scale investors, youth and women groups representatives together with the Municipal Board members.

Objectives of the Citizen Fora

- To engage citizens on priority development issues affecting Migori Municipality
- To collect public views, concerns, and proposals on municipal planning and service delivery
- To enhance accountability and citizen participation in municipal governance

Agenda

- 1.Revitalization of Ombo Market
- 2.Solid Waste Management in Migori Town
- 3.Replanning of Migori Municipality



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2.1 Revitalization of Ombo Market

Participants discussed the current condition of Ombo Market which is complete but not operational to its full potential due to lack of electricity connection within the market. Participants expressed concern that despite completion of the market infrastructure, traders are unable to utilize the facility leading to loss of income opportunities and underutilization of public investment.

Key Issues Raised:

- Lack of Electricity
- Poor sanitation and drainage systems
- Need for fair and transparent allocation of trading spaces
- Insecurity within the market.

Proposed Way Forward:

After a lengthy discussion the participants made the following resolution

- The municipal Administration to allocate funds in the following financial year budget for the installation of three phase electricity supply.
- The municipal administration to:
 - Install more waste skips and empty them regularly.
 - Have a routine drainage maintenance.
- It was evident that there were stalls allocated to people who were not traders most of whom were holding Government offices and some were allocated more than one stall. In addition, others were absentee occupants. It was, therefore, resolved that:
 - The Municipal Administration to repossess all the non-operating stalls.
 - Advertise and reallocate the repossessed stalls putting in consideration the viability of the applicant.

2.2 Solid Waste Management in Migori Town

The forum deliberated on solid waste management challenges within Migori Town, including irregular waste collection, illegal dumping, and insufficient waste bins. Residents expressed

concern over public health risks and environmental degradation.

The Municipal Administration outlined measures being undertaken to improve waste collection, promote waste segregation, and strengthen enforcement of waste management by-laws.

Key Issues Raised:

- Irregular waste collection services
- Inadequate waste collection points and bins
- Poor public awareness on waste segregation

Proposed Way Forward:

From the deliberations, the meeting resolved on the following;

- To increase frequency and coverage of waste collection by engaging more cleaners and collection equipment.
- To provide adequate waste bins and place them strategically to avoid scattering of the waste.
- To organize more sensitization fora for the residents on proper waste disposal practices.
- Engage private companies in waste management within the municipality.

3.3 Replanning of Migori Municipality

Participants were sensitized on the need for replanning Migori Municipality to accommodate population growth, improve infrastructure and enhance service delivery. Concerns were raised regarding encroachment on public land, traffic congestion, and unplanned developments such as illegal stalls along the road reserves.

Citizens called for transparent processes and stakeholder involvement throughout the replanning exercise.

Key Issues Raised:

- Encroachment on public spaces and road reserves.

- Traffic congestion and poor land-use planning.
- Need for stakeholder engagement and clear communication.

Proposed Way Forward:

After serious considerations, the meeting resolved on the following;

- To undertake a participatory municipal replanning process.
- To enforce physical planning regulations.
- To hold continuous public sensitization and stakeholder consultations.
- To evict illegal stalls following due procedure as defined in law.

4. Conclusion

The Citizen Fora provided a valuable platform for constructive dialogue between the Municipal Administration and residents of Migori Municipality. The issues raised will inform planning, budgeting, and implementation of municipal programmes. Continuous engagement with citizens was emphasized as key to sustainable urban development.

Recommendation

As a parting shot, the participants made the following recommendations:

- Documentation and integration of citizens' views into municipal plans.
- Feedback to citizens on progress and implementation status.
- Regular convening of Citizen Fora to enhance participatory governance.

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