

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF HOMA BAY



COUNTY TREASURY HOMA BAY COUNTY

**A REPORT ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE COUNTY
FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) & COUNTY DEBT
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (CDMS) FOR FY 2024/2025 AND
2025/2026 MTEF PERIOD**

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INTRODUCTION

What is Public Participation in the Context of Homa Bay County?

Public participation process entails an interaction between Homa Bay County government and the public (including stakeholders and organized groups) aimed at making an acceptable, better and informed decisions. The process involves informing and listening, dialogue, debate and analysis, and implementation of agreed solutions for socio-economic transformation in line with the **Genowa** Agenda.

Key Legal Frameworks for the Public Participation in CFSP 2024

The involvement of the public in planning/formulation, implementation, and oversight is anchored on the following provisions:

- a) Sovereign power which belongs to the people and can be exercised either directly through citizen participation or indirectly through democratically elected leaders.¹
- b) National values and principles of governance include public participation as underscored in Article 10 of the Constitution.
- c) Right to participate in decision-making is guaranteed specifically under Articles 118(1) (b) and 196(1) (b) of the Constitution and directs the national and county legislatures to respectively “facilitate public participation” in their work. This underscores the fact that the election of representatives does not negate the need for people to continuously be involved in governance processes.
- d) Equality - Article 27 of the Constitution guarantees equal participation in decision making processes including the legislative activities.
- e) Freedom of Expression - the freedom of expression including the freedom to seek, receive or impart information or ideas including during public participation processes is guaranteed under Article 33 of the Constitution of Kenya.
- f) Right to access information - Article 35 of the Constitution as well as the Access to Information Act, No. 31 of 2016 guarantee every citizen the right to access information held by the State and its agencies.
- g) Sec. 117(a) of the PFM Act, 2012, mandate County government to involve the public, interested groups, and any other organized forums established by legislation for a public participation in all budget and planning processes.

¹ Government of Kenya, The Constitution of Kenya, 2012, Article 1

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Why Public Participation in the CFSP 2024?

The importance of public participation is captured in Article 118 of the CoK and other provisions of the law, which mandates any government agency to ‘facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other businesses which have direct and indirect impact on the public. As a county, one of our core values is the pursuit of broader public participation in decision-making processes and policy formulation for sustainable development.

Involving the resident of Homa County in planning, policy-making, and implementation strengthens and deepens good governance for unlocking our endless potential. Additionally, public participation enhances transparency, accountability, and ownership of County government agendas and programs. Further, this is part of our commitment to ensuring time and adequate public access to information and participation in decision-making processes as well as oversight.

Therefore, meaningfully engaging the public in CFSP 2024, resulted in citizen empowerment; the generation of new, diverse and innovative ideas and actions; enhancement of citizen government relations; legitimization of government programs, appropriate prioritization of projects; improved delivery of public services and; governments responsiveness.

METHODOLOGY

As mandated by Section 117 of the PFM Act, 2012 and Part III of the PFM Regulation, the County Government of Homa Bay, through the County Treasury, prepares and submits to the County Assembly, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) and County Debt Management Strategy (CDMSP) by 28th of February each calendar year. The two documents clearly outline the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide the preparation of county budget for the FY 2024/25 and over the medium-term period. Particularly, they lay out fiscal and financial outlooks regarding county government revenues, expenditures, and borrowings as well as setting sectors' budget ceilings for FY 2024/45. In complying with the aforementioned, the County Government of Homa Bay invited the public, interested groups, and any other organized forums established by legislation for a public participation on the CFSP 2024 and CDMS 2024. This public engagement was held on 16th February 2024 at the Governor's Park from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This engagement on CFSP 2024 was made public on the *The Standard* newspaper publication of February 8, 2024 (page 19). Further, it was circulated publicized in various social media platforms and county website.

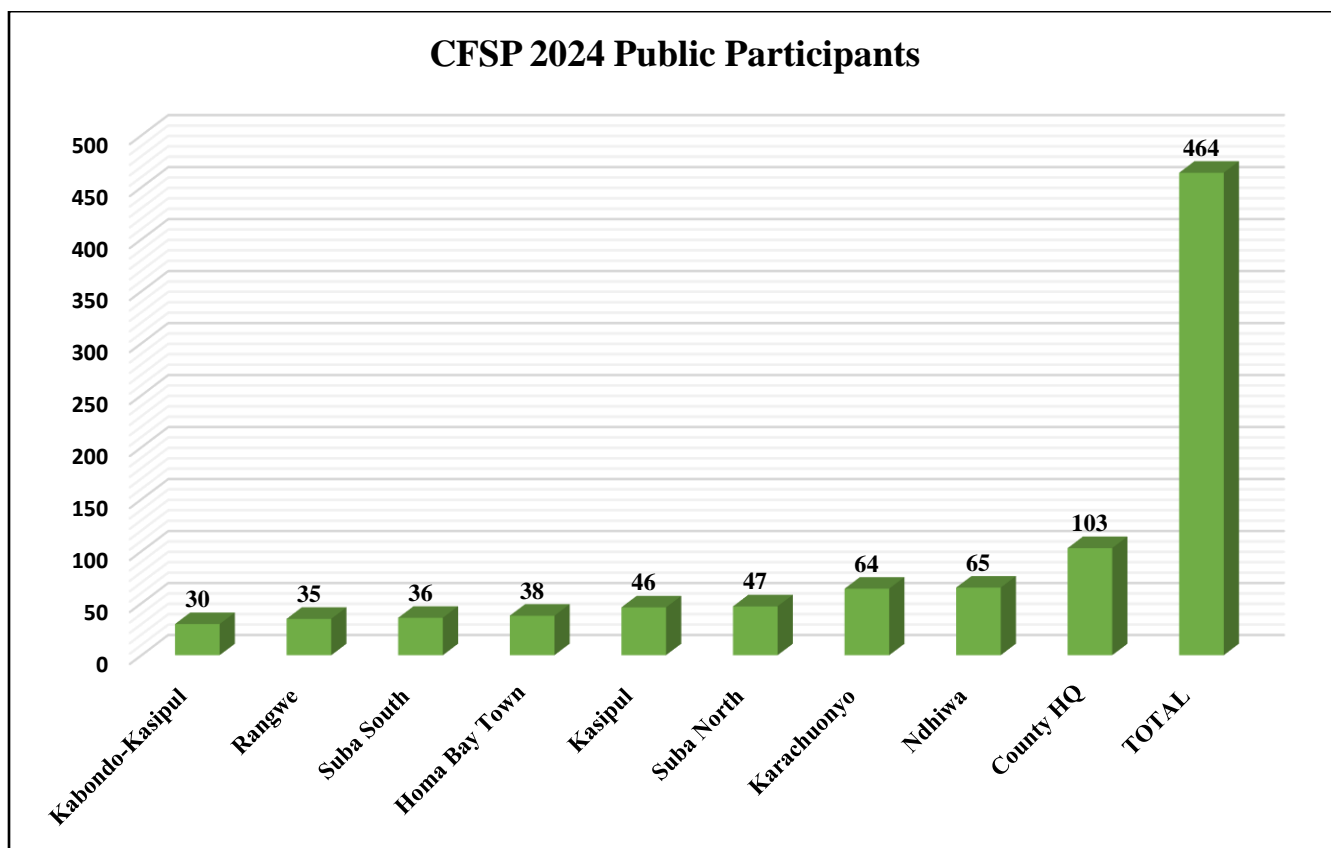
The PFM Act 2012 provides for public participation in County Governance processes with emphasis of involving stakeholders during preparation of county policies, plans, laws and assessing county performance. Consequently, the development of this Strategy involved wide stakeholder consultations, including sector consultations, public hearings and the County Budget and Economic Forum. Effort was made to expand engagement and enhance collaboration towards development of a sound fiscal framework and guided prioritization of expenditure. The stake holders were from the various sectors that had long been profiled by the responsible departments with a view to realizing greater synergy through joint planning and integrated implementation, monitoring and evaluation were targeted for invitation. These included implementing partners, facility managers, civil society, unions and user groups.

Public consultations began with introductions and climate setting followed by review of objectives and highlights of the draft document facilitated by officers of the Directorate of Budget, followed by an opening remark from the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning, which was read on his behalf by Chief Officer Finance. Afterwards, presentations were made by representatives of various county government entities where they expounded on their mandates, achievements over the last year(s), including policies, citizens engaged/empowered, service delivery innovations introduced, projects implemented, issues to be addressed and the relevant key result areas, resource requirements and

measures to enhance the fiscal space. Apart from presentations, other methods of engagement used included, group discussions, plenaries, questions and answer sessions, which were moderated by nominated stakeholders from the non-state side. Besides brainstorming sessions, views, thoughts, and opinions received by the County Treasury in the form of written memoranda, received through email and the suggestion box, have also been considered in the various sector reports. Besides, written submissions or memoranda shall be received at the venue or can be emailed through finance@homabay.go.ke not later than 16th February, 2024.

Representation

In terms of the turnout, a total of 361 from the public engaged with 103 technical team from the county government on various fundamental issues including but limited to sector priorities and resource requirements for the FY 2024/25 for all the eight sectors (refer to attached annex). The public representation per sub-county was as graphed below (refer to annex for ward representations)



To ensure, fairness and equity in the representation, the stakeholders/publics were purposively sampled from our various programmes list of partners, CSOs, opinion leaders among others. This approach ensured diversity in gender, age, regional balance, and religious perspectives. Consequently, there was fair representation of people abled differently, women, youths, retired and practicing professionals, opinion leaders, CSO networks and their leadership, state officers, and the marginalized groups.

CONCLUSION

After the breakaway sessions that brought together sector representatives to brainstorm issues relating to their areas, a plenary was convened to consolidate the thoughts and also explore some of the cross-cutting issues. This was followed by conclusion remarks by sector leads and the directorate of budget and economic planning. The meeting then adjourned.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Solomon Obiero', written over a horizontal line.

HON. SOLOMON OBIERO
CECM – FINANCE & ECONOMIC PLANNING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF HOMA BAY

ANNEX 1: GAZETTE NOTICE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Death toll rises to 10 after illicit brew binge

► Irate residents go on the rampage, torch bar alleged to have stocked the liquor.

► Brewer had previously been arrested 15 times but was always freed by court on technicalities.

JANE MUGAMBI, KIRINYAGA

Ten people have died while undergoing treatment at the Kerugoya County Referral after drinking illicit brew in Kangai village, Kirinyaga County.

Mwea East Deputy County Commissioner Teresiah Mwangi said the 10 are believed to have consumed 'California', a liquor at a local joint.

The DCC said they have been attempting to close down the bar for some time but have been unsuccessful since the suspect has been going to court and obtaining

orders against the government.

Irate residents yesterday went on the rampage and torched the bar, which they claimed had sold the liquor that led to the deaths.

Health CEC George Karoki said among the victims was a patient who had been referred to Kerugoya County Referral Hospital but died upon arrival on Tuesday.

"Relatives of the deceased have reported that five other family members have died within their residences after consuming the liquor," he said.

The CEC said the symptoms exhibited by the victims, which include blurred vision, are consistent with previous cases of ethanol consumption.

Residents now want the government to take action and rid the area of illicit liquor to save them and their children.

Central Region Commissioner Fredrick Shisia said the security team is following up on the admitted persons to ascertain those that are blind.

He said the security team in

Kirinyaga County had arrested the brewer 15 times but had been released by the Baricho Court on technicalities.

Shisia said they would investigate another bar in Kandongu to ascertain whether it was also selling the illicit brew. "A multi-agency team is going to start its inspections to ascertain the status of the killer brew," he said.

Sports, Culture and Social Services CEC Dennis Mucimi said the County Liquor Licensing Committee rejected an application to license the California Bar in December, last year.

Mucimi said the application for the bar licence was rejected based on allegations of selling illicit brew, insecurity and poor sanitation.

"This particular outlet was operating illegally. It had not been issued with a licence by the county government because of failing to comply with the County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2014," he said.

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LEGISLATION

Ministry shelve proposed cooperatives law after county governments kick up storm

The Ministry of Cooperatives and MSMEs has resolved to put the Cooperatives Bill, 2023, on hold after county governments kicked up a storm claiming they were not consulted in drafting the proposed law.

The Bill currently in Parliament will now be put on hold even as the ministry and the Council of Governors (CoG) consult, with the council proposing amendments.

The CoG, through its Cooperative Committee, had raised concerns that the Bill lacked approval of the county governments.

"The council notes with great concern that the draft Cooperative Bill 2023 was approved by the Cabinet on October 2023 and thereafter introduced to Parliament in December 2023 despite a summit resolution stating that the Bill will only be approved upon agreement by both levels of government," read a statement by the Agriculture and Cooperatives Committee Chairperson Kenneth Lusaka.

The CoG called on the ministry to withdraw the Bill to allow extensive engagement and consideration of comments from key stakeholders, including the county governments.

In response, Cooperatives and MSMEs Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui

announced that the Bill in Parliament will be put on hold to allow consultations.

Chelugui was speaking after a consultative meeting between the ministry and Intergovernmental Technical Relations Committee.

"I will be able to communicate to Parliament to hold the process as we set up technical teams and incorporate some of the agreements we have had here. We look forward to all that being put together in one week's time and then we will be able to engage the next process," he said.


The CoG recommended various amendments for better implementation of the proposed law by the county governments.

Among the recommendations is the amendment to the functions of the Commissioner of Cooperatives, reintroduced by the Cooperative Bill, 2023.

The CoG is proposing that the commissioner shall be responsible for provision of technical assistance to the county governments in the growth and development of cooperatives.

According to the governors, the county governments role is to ensure development and regulation of cooperatives in their respective jurisdictions as well as registration of primary and secondary cooperatives.

[Emmanuel Kipchumba]




COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF HOMA BAY
THE COUNTY TREASURY




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HON. SOLOMON OBIERO
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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF HOMA BAY

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYAMIRA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, ICT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) 2024

Pursuant to Article 201 of the constitution and Section 117(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 regarding the preparation of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024, the County Government of Nyamira wishes to invite the general public for consultative meetings to discuss the priorities areas of the programs and projects as articulated in the Sector Reports. This exercise will go towards addressing the constitutional provisions that advocates for openness, accountability and public involvement in financial matters. The consultative meetings shall take place on **Thursday 15th to Friday 16th February 2024** at the following venues listed here below.

SUB-COUNTY	DATES	WARDS	VENUES	TIME
Borabu	15 th Feb 2024	Nyansongo	CFD Hall	8.00am-5.00pm
	15 th Feb 2024	Mekenéne	Chebilat Market	8.00am-5.00pm
	15 th Feb 2024	Esiise	Esiise Divisional Grounds	8.00am-5.00pm
Masaba North	15 th Feb 2024	Klabonyoru	Getare Chief's Camp	8.00am-5.00pm
	15 th Feb 2024	Rigoma	Rigoma Market	8.00am-5.00pm
Manga	15 th Feb 2024	Gachuba	Girango co-operative soc.	8.00am-5.00pm
	15 th Feb 2024	Gesima	Ritongo Youth Polytechnic	8.00am-5.00pm
Nyamira North	15 th Feb 2024	Manga	Manga Social Hall	8.00am-5.00pm
	15 th Feb 2024	Magombo	Magombo Market	8.00am-5.00pm
	15 th Feb 2024	Kemera	Old Kemera Market	8.00am-5.00pm
Nyamira South	16 th Feb 2024	Ekenyo	Ekenyo Youth Hall	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Bomwagano	Itibo Chiefs Camp	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Magwagwa	Magwagwa F. C. Societies	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Bokeira	Keborora Grounds	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Itibo	Itibo Coffee Society	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Bosamaro	MCA's Office	8.00am-5.00pm
Nyamira	16 th Feb 2024	Bonwamatula	MCA's Office	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Nyamalya	Nyamalya ACC Ground	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Bogichora	Makairo Market	8.00am-5.00pm
	16 th Feb 2024	Township	Sub county Office	8.00am-5.00pm

The Sector Report can be downloaded from our website www.nyamira.go.ke, written memorandum can be submitted to the ward/sub-county administrator's offices or through email info@nyamira.go.ke so as to be received on or before **16th February, 2024**.

DR. GEOFFREY MORARA NYARKE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, ICT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

ANNEX 2: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CFSP 2024

SN	CONSTITUENCY	WARDS	NO. REP.	Totals Per Sub County
1	KABONDO KASIPUL	Kojwach	9	29
		Kokwanyo Kakelo	9	
		Kabondo East	9	
		Kabondo West	2	
2	KASIPUL	South Kasipul	9	45
		West Kasipul	9	
		West Kamagak	9	
		East Kamagak	9	
		Central Kasipul	9	
3	KARACHUONYO	Kanyaluo	9	63
		Kendu Bay Town	9	
		Wang'chieng	9	
		West Karachuonyo	9	
		Central Karachuonyo	9	
		Kibiri	9	
		North Karachuonyo	9	
4	HOMA BAY TOWN	Homa Bay East	9	37
		Homa Bay Central	9	
		Arujo	10	
		Homa Bay West	9	
5	RANGWE	East Gem	9	34
		West Gem	9	
		Kochia	8	

		Kagan	8	
6	NDHIWA	Kanyamwa Kosewe	9	64
		Kabuoch North	9	
		Kwabwai	9	
		Kabuoch South Pala	9	
		Kanyamwa Kologi	9	
		Kanyadoto	10	
		Kanyikela	9	
7	SUBA NORTH	Lambwe	9	46
		Gembe	9	
		Kasungu	9	
		Rusinga	10	
		Mfangano Island	9	
8	SUBA SOUTH	Gwassi South	8	35
		Gwassi North	9	
		Ruma Kaksingri East	9	
		Gingo Kaksingri West	9	
9	SUB-COUNTY ADMINS	8 SUB-COUNTIES	8	8
	TOTAL			361

ANNEX 3: ISSUES DISCUSSED

1. Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development Sector

Issues raised by public participation	Responses given by duty bearers	Investments prioritized by public participation	Priority ranking
Lack of access to markets for agricultural products	The CGHB is working to improve market access through road construction and market infrastructure development	Improvement of market infrastructure Construction of roads leading to priority markets Establishment of market linkages	High
Limited extension services and technology adoption	The CGHB is working to improve extension services and promote technology adoption in agriculture	Provision of agricultural machinery Training programs for farmers	High
Poor infrastructure hindering agricultural productivity	The CGHB is working to upgrade agricultural infrastructure such as irrigation systems	Rehabilitation of Luch Kimira Irrigation Scheme. Establishment of irrigation schemes in high-potential areas such as Olambwe Promotion of water harvesting techniques Development of community water sources	High
Lack of access to agricultural inputs and extension services Lack of access to information on Status of Cotton Genery, Sunflower, Palm Oil, Tractors, Apiculture Services	The CGHB has stepped up provision of agricultural inputs and extension services	Investment in extension services, Provision of subsidized inputs, and support for farmer cooperatives	High
Lands, physical planning, housing and urban development			
Lack of updated valuation roll	The CGHB is working on a new valuation roll that started FY 2022/23	Consultancy works on a valuation roll for all the municipalities to increase revenue	High
Lack of a county spatial plan	The CGHB in partnership with development partners is working on the development of a county spatial plan	Work on development of a Homabay County spatial plan	High
Public amenities in private land	The CGHB is planning to survey and demarcate public and private lands together with market/trading areas	Invest on survey and demarcation of public land and market areas to reduce loss of revenue and conflicts between the public and the land owner	High

Presence of undeveloped land	The CGHB is planning to demarcate undeveloped public land to be used in development	Identify public land through surveys and provide them for development	High
Inadequate technical staffs and vehicles for survey activities	The CGHB has employed a valuer, physical planners, surveyors. The CGHB is planning to purchase a double cab for field work activities	Prioritize allocation of at least 1 vehicle for 2 sub counties to assist in field work activities. Employ and capacity build staffs.	High
Poor slum conditions	The CGHB in partnership with the world bank is planning to upgrade 8 slums	Prioritize the selected slums to ensure the project is completed	High
Capture fisheries and aquaculture development services			
Over exploitation especially of the fisheries resources	Decline in the quantity and quality of fish and fingerlings products? No training to fishermen on sustainable fisheries resource utilization.	Lay emphasis on conservation of the lake catchment areas, by allocating adequate resources towards that effort. Training of small holder fish farmers	High
Piracy and cross-border conflict	No monitoring control and surveillance activities that have been going on the sites.	Enhance security for the lake operators (fishermen) by introducing multidisciplinary team approach to patrol the lake (Kenya coast guard service, marine police, border patrol unit & the beach management units).	High
Policy and regulatory frameworks not inherently interconnected	Policies formulated are not interconnected.	Development of regulations, policies, strategies and management plans to sustainably exploit and utilize fisheries and blue economy resources.	High
Illegal unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities	BMU should be tasked to take care of such cases through the elected representatives	Develop relevant regulations for cage fish farming along the marine.	High
Lack of essential amenities at the at the beaches like fish landing sites, electricity, toilets, access roads and portable water	Few landing sites, a lot of open defecation	Improve infrastructure for better management of both solid and waste water, emanating from human activities in the riparian settlements doing street lighting and electricity connection along the beaches and marine line. Construction of toilets at the beaches.	High

Financing investments in blue economy and fisheries	Lot of fish farmers end up in getting loans which are unsustainable and ending up giving up with farming, -fish feeds are so costly and other farming products.	Lobby and sensitize the financial and insurance service providers to design tailor-made products to serve the local investors in fisheries and blue economy.	High
Lack of promotion in fish farming	No predator kits distributed to farmers	Increase the distribution of predator kits to farmers and construction of more fish pond and fish feed processing unit.	High
demarcation of fish breeding sites	A lot of conflicts due to lack of mapping	Lands department will work with the county to do mapping and construction of different breeding sites	High

2. Energy, Infrastructure and ICT Sector

Key Issues Raised	Justification	Proposed Recommendations / Strategies To Be Considered	Ranking
Inadequate budgetary provision to facilitate implementation priority interventions	The sector is an enabler to the realization of County's Economic growth	The treasury to consider allocating the sector KSh. 1.2B with Infrastructure sub-sector getting the lion share followed by Energy and ICT sub-sectors in that sequence	High
Rationalizing sector priority interventions to match the resource envelop	The sector priority interventions are relevant and has significant contribution to the Economy	Review subsector targets to match the available budgetary ceilings	High
High cost of implementing most of the development projects	Inflated cost of doing some projects	Adopt use labor-based approach to deliver on some of the projects	High
Inadequate Fiscal effort by subsectors in enhancing the resource envelop	The subsectors doing very little to raise more revenues	<p>Sub-sector Revenue Raising Measures</p> <p>ICT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create enabling environment for investors in the Digital space. -Increase the number private actors engaging in the ICT business hence attracting more licenses to such operator. -Renewal of ICT operators. <p>INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Invest more on maintenance of plants and equipment's to have them in good condition that attract other users. -Map out artisans engaging in the construction industry -Registration of contractors in the construction industry -Renewal of their practicing 	High

		certificates -Boda-boda charge -Parking fee ENERGY: -Registration of innovators in the county -Renewal of practicing certificate	
Poor workmanship in some of the county roads	Low quality of road construction works	-Engage contractors with capacity. -Strengthen the PMCs -Strengthen the subsector M&E Unit. -Develop parallel reports to be compare with the reports by the engineers and contractors	High
Difficulties in Accessing some of the public and social amenities in the County	Difficulties in accessing some of public amenities	Prioritize construction of more access roads connecting to beaches, markets, schools and hospitals	High
Sustainability of county road network	Pathetic status of some County roads	Prioritize routine maintenance of county roads so as to ensure they serve their intended purpose	High
Exclusion of PMCs in the management of County projects	Some projects decisions are made minus the input of PMCs	Subsectors implementing ward-based projects to ensure meaningful engagement of the PMCs	High

3. General Economic and Commercial Affairs Sector

Key Issues Raised	Justification	Proposed Recommendation
Proposed Development Ceiling to be raised to Ksh.425 million in FY 2024-25	To provide more funds for the SMEs, Niche products promotion, Market Infrastructure, Industrialization and Tourist attraction	Allocate sufficient funds that will create significant impact and result in timely completion of projects
Quality Solar Lighting in Markets	Leads to enhanced security and economic growth through increased business hours in the evening for customers and traders	Install floodlight masts with high quality battery in strategic markets. Regular maintenance to avoid invasion of the panels by bees who attack traders and livestock like the case of Chiga Market where a donkey was killed by bees and hundreds of people injured
Market Maintenance	To be enhanced especially in far-away locations to motivate traders in payment of County Levies	Prioritize identification of dumping sites in markets. Ensure regular cleaning, provision of latrines, water and electricity supply, fencing and security of traders and their goods.
Market Construction	Construct market facilities on identified public land to avoid disputes with private land owners who obstruct traders from using facilities or sometimes charge them	Observe regional balance in locating markets to ensure equitable distribution of opportunities. Complete ongoing market works like Ringa and RIAT Markets
Industrial Development	Ensure completion of works on Kigoto Maize Milling Plant and focus on other cottage industries like Jaggery, Cotton ginneries, Pineapple, Sweet potatoes	Strike a balance between high level industrial development and cottage industries and promotion of locally produced Jua Kali Artefacts
Promotion of Niche Products, tourist attraction sites, digital marketing	Identify products with local impact to ensure local participation	Involve local entrepreneurs in actualizing the niche products availability of affordable credit and markets for products
Investment Conferences and Investor Mobilization funds	Focus on investments that stimulate local enterprise growth	Direct more resources on already identified opportunities and seek partnerships
The Cooperative Development Fund	To provide funds that will revitalize the cooperative movement as a vehicle for pooling resources for growth of enterprises	Focus on strengthening the existing cooperative societies in strategic areas such as farming, fishing, SMEs and other informal sectors
Observe project implementation timelines	Timely release of funds for SMEs, Jua kali grants, is essential to avoid delays in actualizing the results	Policies on access to the funds should be friendly and accommodative of the local citizens repayment abilities. Beneficiaries to be trained earlier on how to utilize the funds.
Support to PMCs	Timely facilitation to avoid temptation of being compromised by contractors	Payments to PMC members should be fast tracked and paid at every level of completion. The respective departments to work out modalities of achieving this idea

Use of Labour based contracts in small projects	This will save time and result in ownership of the projects	Ensure timely facilitation to make the events successful at all times.
Facilitation of Cluster Leaders on County events	Delay or no facilitation at all hampers the cluster leaders' movement as they mobilize citizens to attend County fora such as public participation or seeds distribution	

4. Education Sector

Sub-Sector	Key Issues Raised	Justification(s)	Investment Priority	Priority Rank
Early Years Education (EYE)	Provision for nutritional support to the learners	Many learners drop out of school because of hunger Nutritional program will be key in addressing malnutrition and related health challenges affecting the EYE learners	Fully fund and operationalize the nutritional support program for the EYE learners	High
EYE	Poor and inadequate infrastructure (classrooms)	The dilapidated mabati structures with dusty floors are health and safety hazardous to the learners The existing structures are not adequate hence over congested and crowded	Immediate tiling or plastering of the floors of classrooms Constructing 4 more modern EYE per ward Constructing plywood on the inner walls of mabati structures	High High Medium
EYE	Inadequate teaching and learning materials	Poor quality education foundation for the children compared to those in private schools	Adequately procure and supply EYE with all the basic/necessary tools, resources, and teaching aids	High
EYE	Remuneration for the EYE teachers/instructor	Delays in monthly stipends for the teachers The remuneration is not commensurate to the workload	County to ensure timely payment of their monthly salaries County to consider increasing salary progressively	High Medium
Scholarships & Bursaries	Inadequate allocation	Only a small percentage of the deserving benefits from the two programs, thus leaving out many who are needy and deserving The KSh. 5,000 allocated for bursary is inadequate given fee increases by scholars and changes in socio-economic factors	The scholarship and bursary beneficiaries should be increased beyond the current numbers to accommodate and benefit more. Bursary amount especially for the post-primary education should be increased to at least KSh. 10,000 per head. There should be limited political interferences especially by the MCAs and ward administrators	High

			during selection of the beneficiaries. Increase allocation for Bursary and scholarship to KSh. 270M in FY 2024/25	
EYE	Confirmation of the serving teachers	The over 800 ECD teachers currently on contracts have been contracted for years which is against the labor laws. Teachers suffer from job insecurity, hence the high turnover	County government to confirm all the currently serving teacher and promote them accordingly to reduce the high turnover	High
EYE	Understaffing of teachers	Understaffing results into high workload for teachers due to high teacher-to-learner ratio	County to recruit 800 more teachers in FY 2024/25	High
EYE	Stalled EYE centers	Construction of over 30 EYE centers stalled	County to map out stalled EYE centers and prioritize their completion	High
EYE	CBC training for teachers	Many teachers are adequately trained on CBC curriculum	Consider refresher training for the 800 teachers but gradually	High
Vocational Training Centers (VTC)	Genowa fundi Mang'ula scholarship	The scholarship is only limited to two courses at the VTC The requirement of ID to qualify for the scholarship is discriminatory	Department of education to consider expanding the scope of the scholarship beyond two courses Consider doing away with the 18 and above requirement (ID) to be more inclusive	Medium High
VTC	Staffing and recruiting more instructors	VTCs are seriously understaffed, hence high workload	County to recruit 80 more instructors Also confirm all the instructors currently on contract	High
VTC	Workshops and Structures	Most of our VTCs are not equipped and lack appropriate facilities including workshops	Fully construct and equip at least 200 workshops for VTC across the county	High
VTC	Construction of toilets and dormitory/hostels	Inadequate accommodation facilities for the learners especially those from far Poor state of existing toilets in some VTCs	Construct hostels to accommodate students from far Consider constructing toilets for improved health and well-being	Low High
<p>(a) Bursary committee members welfare should be taken into account and their allowances paid to cover for their communication and other logistics</p> <p>(b) Primary headteachers to stop micro-managing the EYE and allow the management to have full control</p> <p>(c) The selection of the bursary beneficiaries should be very participatory</p> <p>(d) Missing cheques should be traced and re-issued to the beneficiaries</p>				

Health Sector

Issue	Justification	Recommendation
<p>Incomplete maternity wing, poor drainage system, and a leaking ceiling at Nduru Health Center in Lambwe and Waware Dispensary in Rusinga.</p>	<p>Budget constraints may have delayed the completion of the maternity wing, drainage system, and leaking ceiling. It is only so that once a project is started, it should be completed and the community gets its full benefit.</p>	<p>Strategic planning through prioritization by completing critical areas first or phased construction based on anticipated demand.</p>
<p>Inadequate drugs at Gembe Health Center Mbita Subcounty</p>	<p>Facilities may have limited budgets for purchasing medications, leading to shortages or inadequate supplies of essential drugs. This is caused by late reimbursement from insurance providers.</p>	<p>Allocate sufficient funds for drug procurement, and storage infrastructure and prioritize on essential medications based on disease burden and community health needs. A Health Information System is also required for the facilities to ensure that there is medication reconciliation and real-time monitoring of drug supplies. This will ensure that there is optimization in drug utilization.</p>
<p>Understaffing at Otondo Health Centre (Kabondo East Ward), Kome Dispensary (Ndhiwa), Kodondi Health Centre and Nduru Health Centre</p>	<p>The opening of many health facilities occasioned this then we had to spread thin in staffing the facilities.</p>	<p>Lobby for additional staff to be recruited</p>
<p>Incomplete construction of Muga Jwelu Dispensary (Kakelo Ward), Kobodo Dispensary (Ndhiwa Sub-County), Ragwe (West Kasipul), Oneno Dispensary, Kirambo Dispensary (Kasungu), Kanyikela Dispensary (Ndhiwa), Samakera Health Center (Ruma Kaksingri), Ogera Dispensary and Alum Dispensary (West Karachuonyo)</p> <p>Inadequate staff houses and renovation at Lianda Health Centre, Kobodo Dispensary, Wagwe Health Center, and Alum Dispensary (West Karachuonyo)</p> <p>Just 1 structure constructed at Ponge Dispensary, Rariu</p>	<p>The county allocated budgets for construction projects but faced unexpected cost overruns or insufficient funds to complete the project as planned.</p>	<p>More funds are to be allocated to the Ward Based projects and prioritization should be done to ensure that ongoing projects are completed first before launching new projects.</p>

<p>Dispensary (Rangwe Gem East) and Oeno Dispensary</p> <p>No laboratory structure at Kimonge Health Centre and Kobodo Dispensary</p>		
<p>Delayed salary payments of casual workers at Kodondi Dispensary</p>	<p>This normally occurs when there are delays in reimbursement by NHIF and at the county level to release funds to the health facilities. Discussions have already been commenced with treasury on prompt release of funds to the facilities from the CRF.</p>	<p>Conduct roundtable meeting with treasury on timely release of funds</p>
<p>No Electricity at Kodondi Health Centre</p>	<p>In remote areas, health centers may lack access to the electricity grid due to insufficient infrastructure. They may lack the necessary funding to install and maintain electrical systems</p>	<p>In remote areas where extending the electricity grid is not feasible or cost-effective, off-grid renewable energy solutions such as solar power can be used. HBCG should support the adoption of these technologies through funding, technical assistance, and capacity building.</p>
<p>More sensitization needed for the ASYGRH programme to reduce teenage pregnancy</p>	<p>The department is fast tracking the development of these policies e.g. the ASYGRH policy document</p>	<p>ASYGRH focal person to avail the document</p>
<p>Inequitable resource allocation for Level 4 facilities in different sub counties in the ADP</p>	<p>Sub-counties with higher population densities or larger populations may receive more resources based on the perceived need for services and infrastructure to support a larger number of residents. There is also limited budgetary resources at the county due to competing priorities, revenue generation capacity, and debt obligations (pending bills)</p>	<p>Conduct thorough needs assessments to understand the unique challenges and requirements of each sub-county</p> <p>Develop transparent criteria and guidelines for resource allocation that prioritize equity and fairness. Consider factors such as population size and Health outcomes</p> <p>Adopt equity-focused budgeting practices to ensure that sub-counties with the greatest needs receive the highest levels of support.</p>

5. Public Administration and Governance Relations Sector

Key Issues Raised	Justification	Proposed Recommendations /Strategies	Ranking
Weak governance structures especially within devolved units.	The sector is mandated to ensure seamless service delivery throughout all the devolved units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing the village administrator's offices. Enactment of appropriate laws, policies, and regulations. Organization of public forums for citizen input. Construction of the ward administrator's office. Construction of the county headquarters not a priority. 	High
Accumulated Pending bills.	The sector is working to ensure that the contractors are paid within the year of the contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the pending bills be budgeted under finance to ensure they are all captured and budgeted for. 	High
Revenue leakages.	The county government is putting structures in place to optimize revenue collection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of the revenue staff Disciplinary action on rogue revenue staff Revenue staff should not be posted to their area of familiarity. Rotate and transfer the revenue staff to reduce complacency and familiarity. Reward and motivate the revenue staff. Enhance supervision of revenue collection. Reduce the tax rates to reduce tax evasion and bribery. 	High
Revenue Mobilization	Revenue mobilization is one of the key sectors mandates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve market infrastructure to enable more revenue to be collected. Improve on access roads to markets to increase accessibility for more businesses. Use asset disposal as a revenue stream. Mapping more revenue streams especially in rural areas. Operationalize markets that have infrastructure. The county government should gazette all their markets. Transfer devolved national government units' properties to the county government. Designate market days to the markets to improve on their visibility. Underdeveloped plots to be reposed by the government. Ensure once the market infrastructure is in place all the traders should operate within the market. 	High

Recruitment of professionals should be a priority.	The County government is working to ensure that the job descriptions are matched with the skills of the staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of the county staff should strictly be on merit and should not be biased politically. 	High
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6. Social Protection, Culture and Recreation Sector

Key Issues Raised	Justification	Proposed Recommendations	Ranking
Capacity building on staff handling the children at safe space	We are looking for partners to capacity build our staff. We also ensure our staff have at least a diploma in sports education	We plan to have a safe space at every sub county	High
Involvement of PWDs in sport activities	It has been realized that Most PWDs are idle and does not frequently interact with members of society and therefore their talents cannot be identified and properly utilized to generate income for them.	The sector to consider organizing Paralympic tournament within the county so that PWDs can get a chance to explore their talents and get to interact with the community at large.	High
Employment of Village administrators	There is lack of proper communication at the village level on county government issues and adverts that are not properly being handle by the existing chiefs and assistant chiefs.	County Government of home bay should consider employing Village admins so that clear information concerning Government projects and plans reaches the normal citizens at the village level including PWDs who are not prompt to this information	High
Safe space and technical staff working in those places	There are many children's who are struggling with the basic needs and most of them are orphans and are living with the guardians who again at the end is not taking care of them as required.	More Safe space to be constructed in every sub county to take care of children who are orphans and are unable to get access to basic needs. Qualified officers and Capacity building on staff handling the children at safe space who have knowledge in community service be deployed in those safe space to handle children who are there.	Medium

Play grounds at ward level, Identification and nurturing of sports talents	Most of the clubs at the ward level are struggling to get play fields so that they can upgrade their performance level. Some of the existing play grounds are in primary schools and there are difficulties in accessing them leading to collapse of most of clubs. Poor performance by most clubs due to lack of frequent tournaments and exposure that can improve their experience.	<p>Play grounds should be constructed in all 40 wards and the process of accessing them should not be tight.</p> <p>County government through the department of Sport should help in funding clubs at the ward level and also help in picking talented players to going the county team.</p> <p>Improved services for identification and nurturing of talents.</p>	High
Budget allocation and Support for GBV.	GBV activities are not properly being handle by the county government to the expectation. Most of the victims end up in pathetic situations and break up of families due to lack of support from the concerned bodies both financially and emotionally.	The budgetary committee should consider increasing allocation to support GBV activities so that the victims involved should not feel abandoned and can still take care of their children. Provision of education on victims' rights and mentoring them should be a priority to the county through the concerned department.	High
Involvement of youths in county jobs and award tenders	Most of youths with various skills are idling in the village making them to involve in multi –activities causing insecurity in those areas.	<p>County government should create a percentage for youth in all the recruitment done at the public service board to improve employment rate for yours and upgrade their lives.</p> <p>There is also a need to train youths on E-procurement process so that youths with skills and capability can be involved /accommodated in tendering process.</p>	High

8. Environmental Protection, Water and Natural Resources Sector

Key Issues Raised	Justification	Response Given by Duty Bearers	Investment prioritized by public participation	Priority Ranking
The Sector have set its sight on initiating new projects while the sector has got almost the highest number of are stalled projects as well as damaged projects in the county	It is only in order that once a project is stated it's completed and wananchi gets the benefit as well the government getting revenue where necessary before other projects are initiated	The department is putting efforts on reviving stalled projects as well as reclamation of damaged projects	The sector to consider developing a database for all its projects with their current status The sector to consider first directing its resource to revive its dead projects as well as complete the stalled projects before focusing on new projects e.g. reviving Opondo and Konyuo community water projects	High

<p>Budgetary ceiling set aside for the sector amounting to KSh. 673,319,418 is not adequate</p>	<p>The sector being is very crucial as it relates to the wellbeing of the citizens and affects the health of the citizens</p>	<p>The allocation from the national government as well as own source revenue is not enough and all sectors have to reduce their spending to fit within available resources</p>	<p>The treasury to consider allocating the sector KSh. 1B</p> <p>The subsectors to focus more on generating own source Revenue and not rely wholesomely on allocation from the treasury</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>The leadership of the sector is seemingly silent on environmental degradation and pollution across the county while looking to develop policies on climate change and environmental protection example pollution of water bodies by Sukari Industries as well as Riat Road air pollution by trucks belonging to the industry as well pollution along the wetlands this therefore eats into the money allocated to the sector that could be redirected elsewhere</p>	<p>Human life is precious and strict adherence to its protection is therefore paramount</p>	<p>The leadership of the department as well as the county will look to engage all our investors on best environmental management practices</p>	<p>The sector leadership should consider engaging management of companies on best waste disposal practices management</p> <p>The sector should set up strict regulations on environmental management</p> <p>The sector leadership should seek for collaboration with NEEMA on environmental protection issues</p> <p>Penalties for negligence ought to be high to avoid defiance</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>Rationalizing sector priority interventions to match the resources allocated</p>	<p>The sector seems has a lot inform priority interventions which are relevant and that speaks to real sector related development concerns yet the available resource envelop isn't commensurate</p>	<p>The sector will review its targets against allocated resources to focus on priority areas</p>	<p>The subsector leadership to consider review their set targets to match the available resource allocation,</p> <p>Subsectors to consider alternatives that are cheap and can do the work needed e.g. instead of waste trucks waste pickups in all the major towns could still do the work.</p> <p>The sector leadership to consider bringing more development partners on board to help finance its development activities e.g. Peter Symonds University in UK</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>High cost of implementing most of the development projects</p>	<p>Inflated cost of doing some projects which can be executed</p>	<p>The department is cognizant of the rising cost of items however</p>	<p>For works that doesn't require complicated and technical expertise the subsectors can adopt use labor-based approach</p>	<p>High</p>

	through cost effective means	will review its resource allocation when spending	to deliver on some of the projects hence contributing towards improving income levels of the vulnerable community groups Consider windmills for irrigation and water supply purposes	
Proactive efforts by subsectors in enhancing the resource envelop	The subsectors relying more budgetary allocation as well a limited donor funding but not exploring more avenues to raise more revenues	The sector will look for more avenues to raise revenue in the coming financial years	Sector Revenue Raising Measures Supply water to across the county during dry season as an affordable rate to wananchi Increase rural water lines to increase on revenue Ensure that payment of water bills is cashless and each person have an operating water meter Supply water catchment tanks to public institutions and ECDE centers to collect rain water and sell back to wananchi Purchase exhausters and provide exhausting services across the county Lobby for more donor funding Work on modalities of working on some projects with the National Government as well as water Agencies like Lake Basin Development Authority through joint funding	High
Poor workmanship as well as low quality supply of equipment e.g. liter bins that gets destroyed very fast	Some water projects for example do not last 5 years after launching Liter bins are in bad shape across the county	The sector always ensures that right experts are given the jobs The PMC also ought to understand the BQ and be proactive in ensuring the work is done properly	Engage contractors with capacity to deliver on the mandate as per the desired outcome. Strengthen the PMCs and avoid political interference during selection of PMC members Develop concrete liter bins that will be permanent hence cost effective in the long run Engage the community before a project is started on the expected outcome of the projects	High

			Inspect the project with experts after conclusion before payments are made	
Inequity in distribution of some of the projects	There is a proposal to only supply domestic kits to vulnerable communities living along the lake The sector does not have plans for waste management in rural areas as well as islands	The sector will strive to ensure equity moving forward however the sector have ward based projects in all wards across the county	The sector to develop modalities that ensures equity and fair distribution of projects across the all the wards in the county without geographical considerations	High
Inadequate regulations on mining activities across the county	No proper control of Gold mining in Ndhiwa s well as sand mining across the county thus posing risks	The sector is looking to develop policies and acts on mining	The sector to prioritize developing policies aa well as training of miners on best mining practices	High
Sustainability of the development projects undertaken by the sector e.g. the boreholes	Some projects worked on for a few days and stopped working since those left in charge didn't take the necessary precautions to ensure their longevity	The sector is working on modalities to bring locals on board in management of projects	Have a community approach in management of the projects e.g. let the communities agree on a committee that is in charge of a borehole and when the monies are collected, they should be held in an account where they can be accessed easily for maintenance	High



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