Minutes of the Citizen Forum on Gender Mainstreaming Policy and waste management.

Date: 19/10/2023 Time: 10:00am

Location: Homa bay Municipality office

Members Present

- 1. Dr.Peter Ogola Cec Lands, Housing, Physical Planning And Urban Development
- 2. Mr.Charles Obondo Chief Officer Housing And Urban Development
- 3. NGO- (WETU)
- 4. NGAO-Area Chief
- 5. Municipal -Board Members
- 6. Staffs From Homa Bay municipality
- 7. Business Community
- 8. Market Management Committee
- 9. Muslim Community
- 10. Boda Boda Group
- 11. Buspark Members
- 12. Youths
- 13. PWDS representatives
- 14. Jua Kali Sector
- 15. The Clergy
- 16. Transport Sector

AGENDA

- 1. Preliminary
- 2. Municipality urban area solid waste management plan
- 3. Gender inclusion and participation framework
- 4. AOB

Min/01/10/2023: PRELIMINARY

The Citizen Forum started at 10:28 am, chaired by Mr. Mark Oketch, who welcomed attendees and initiated the meeting with a prayer led by Ms. Irene Opiyo- Environment officer.

The chair then welcomed all stakeholders to the meeting and a thorough roll call was conducted to document the presence of participants, highlighting the diverse representation across community sectors.

The chair then highlighted that the main agendas of the meeting was to discuss the solid waste management plan and the Gender inclusion and participation framework policies that are a requirement for the municipality.

Min 02/10/2023: MUNICIPALITY URBAN AREA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT **POLICY**

Presentation on Solid Waste Management:

Transitioning seamlessly, the environment officer, provided a comprehensive overview of the current state of Solid Waste Management plan. Stating that the purpose of the Solid Waste Management Plan is to guide Homabay Municipality on sustainable solid waste management by ensuring a healthy, safe and secure environment for all. Sha added that the Strategy is a deliberate and visionary commitment for the municipal board in the management of solid waste and that it is proposed that this plan will cover a period of five (5) years with a midterm review at every three (3) years.

She explained that with the full implementation of the plan, it is expected that the municipality will have embraced environmentally sound waste management technologies and best practices.

She stated that the policy has the following objectives.

- To Provide Adequate Solid Waste Handling Equipment and Facilities
- Mobilize adequate and sustainable financing for effective solid waste management
- Promote adequate stakeholder engagement and awareness creation on solid waste management
- To develop a suitable policy and legislative framework for sustainable solid waste management
- Scale up waste management services to all major urban centers within the County
- Enhance technical and human capacity of critical institutions and other stakeholders to handle solid waste management
- Mainstream climate change consideration

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The subsequent Q&A session with the stakeholders encouraged and highlighted the following recommendations

- The market leadership encouraged exploration of innovative approaches and sustainable practices to ensure proper waste management.
- 2. Providing Comprehensive Solid Waste Management systems with a proper dumpsite
- 3. Developing proper drainage system
- 4. Providing comprehensive sewerage system for the municipality
- 5. Transportation of solid wastes i.e. machinery tractors and many others
- 6. Bodies to manage wastes within CBD and residential

MIN 04/10/2023: GENDER INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION FRAMEWORK

The social development officer stated that the Framework aims to eliminate Gender inequality and discrimination in Homa Bay County through a multi-sectoral approach to program design and implementation.

She explained that the policy envisages participatory monitoring and evaluation of programs and projects within the municipality to enhance the strategic goal of eliminating Gender inequality in the County. She noted that the Involvement of the Community in every project will strengthen Gender inclusion for sustainability and development within the municipality

The social development officer explained some of the key issues the framework seeks to address included:

a) implementing gender-responsive poverty eradication initiatives;

b) Adequate representation of women in key development management committees at the County.

c) Capacity-building women targeted for specific Affirmative Action funds and Access

to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO); and,

d) Eradicating cultural practices that limit women's access to resources and assets.

The ensuing presentation fostered a rich exchange of perspectives, with participants passionately sharing their experiences and insights on gender mainstreaming. Key themes included addressing gender-based challenges, enhancing inclusivity, and empowering marginalized groups.

Some of the challenges in implementation of the framework shared by participants included

 the tendency to treat gender mainstreaming as a goal rather than a strategy for achieving equality between women and men.

2. Lack of evaluation on gender relations and the impact that development activities may have on gender equality.

The stakeholders also suggested that while implementing the framework, the municipality should aim at Increasing female labor market, Rally gender-based earnings, promote equality in decision making and Increasing support to women in leadership

MIN 05/10/2023: CLOSING SESSION AND NEXT STEPS

The Manager expressed gratitude for the active and engaged participation of all attendees, acknowledging the significance of community-driven initiatives. Attendees were encouraged to carry the momentum forward beyond the forum.

The Manager also added that the Plans for implementing the recommendations and resolutions were discussed, with a commitment to tangible action. The date and time for the subsequent citizen forum were announced, ensuring continuity of the collaborative efforts.

Adjournment: The Citizen Forum concluded on a positive note at 1:50pm highlighting the shared commitment to fostering positive change within Homa Bay Municipality.

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MEETING OF PUBLIC FORUM HELD AT HBAY MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON 3RD JULY 2024 AT 9:00AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kindly see the attached attendance lists

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Steve Otieno

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IN-ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Collins Okoth

Director NEMA Josiah

Moses Opapa dir. revenue

AGENDA

- 1. Preliminary
- 2. Proposed project for KUSP II
- 3. Progress for KISIP
- 4. Illegal structure within the municipality
- 5. Grievances redress mechanisms
- 6. Private sector engagement
- 7. AOB

MIN 01/2024 Introductions

The meeting came to order by a word of prayer from Brother Robinson Otieno.

Introductions were made by the guests followed by the staff from municipal hqs

The meeting was brought to order by commissioner of informal settlements, Mr. Collins.

The manager made aware the public of the functions and roles of his office

He sensitized the forum on town cleanliness, town demarcation and the vision of the municipality in dispensing the objectives of the board.

MIN 02/2024. Proposed project for KUSP II

Non-motorised transport system

Parking lots

Garbage skips

Categorised waste collections

Fire station

Lake front development adhering to 30m off weeklands

Drainage system within the municip

Solar high mast

MIN 03/2024. PROGRESS FOR KISIP

Socio-officer brought to the attention of the forum that informal settlements would benefit from major works, civil works, and LICW and land tenure

It's worth noting that Sofia would benefit from KISIP major works through a high mast

MIN 04/2024 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES

The manager categorically stated that structures are to be stricken out to a new proposed site away from illegal sites and road reserves

The locations would include but not limited to

Dalawa-makongeni

Bank road

Governor Park

Shivling area

Along hospital and modern market

MIN O5/ 2024 GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

One member cited communication breakdown between the municipal and the citizen. There's need for civic education for all trader in the by-laws of the municipality

The planner brought to their attention the presence of a grievance book and a suggestion box in the offices.

MIN 06/2024 PUBLIC PRIVATE SECTOR ENGANGEMENT

The planner recognised the role of traders and businesses in fostering development within the county.

He suggested mapping of business within municipal and their owners inclusive of their database

Local economy investment is crucial for the process

MIN 07/2024 A.O.B

Being no other business the meeting was called to an end with a word of prayer from Nova Charity.

Questions and answers

- Nyandoro Josiah director nema The function of waste mgt is purely the municipals by law...what is happening on securing this mandate
 Who is responsible for the management of the waste in town...
- Moses opapa insisted on orderliness of the town insisting on the removal of shanty containers in town
- A member suggested to avoid confusion the colliding mandates to be aligned to your docket asap
- The commissioner brought to the attention of the floor that the board was completely constituted mid the financial year albeit lack of political goodwill.
- 5. The frequency of emptying skips should be increased.
- The site for dumpsite should be resolved soonest considering population increase and 18km far from any airstrip.
- 7. The is need for a skip loader as only one currently serves the county
- 8. Recycling water used within the market
- 9. Maintenainance is key for the Sofia high mast
- 10. Sofia is busy from 5pm in darkness since the floodlight aint working
- 11. Parking lots for long vehicles and taxi should be designed
- 12. Shauriyako sewer line needs repair
- 13. LIBRARY should be considered
- 14. Most open air standard market in shauriyako to avoid slums
- 15. Breakdown of communication btw municipality and citizen hence need for civic education
- 16. There's need to open backstreets behind shivling, kcb bank, Simba telecoms and between Posta to Ruma
- 17. There's need to revisit Homabay plan
- 18. Fire station to be highly considered to be replaced by waste control through provision of a skip loader



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