

KENYA URBAN SUPPORT PROGRAM
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PROJECT IDENTIFICATION MEETINGS CONDUCTED
AT BORO, KAREMO AND SIAYA AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP) is a World Bank funded programme targeting 45 counties in Kenya with special focus on Urban Municipalities. Siaya being the County Headquarter thus qualifies to benefit from the programme as one of the municipalities. KUSP is a long-term program for a term of five years with funding of Kshs. 50 million each financial year, summing up to 250 million at the end of the five financial years.

The program is project specific covering five eligible project areas as outlined below;

1. Waste management
2. Storm drainage
3. Connectivity (Roads, Non-Motorized Transport Facilities, and Street and Security lights)
4. Urban Socio-Economic Infrastructure.
5. Fire and Disaster Management.

The Program empowers stakeholders i.e. public within the municipality to identify projects that can impact their lives in line with the program terms and conditions. In that regard, Siaya Municipal Board in liaison with the County Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development conducted three stakeholder's engagement meetings at Boro, Karemo and Siaya Agricultural Training College (ATC) to collect Siaya Municipality residents' views on identification of a suitable project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING HELD AT KAREMO SOCIAL HALL ON THURSDAY 15th AUGUST 2019 FROM 2.36 PM

AGENDA

1. Introduction/ Opening Remarks
2. Presentation by the Technical Team
3. Open Plenary
4. Proposals on the project menu
5. Resolutions
6. Closing Remarks

MIN 01/15/8/2019: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting started at 2:36pm with a word of prayer from Edwina Anyango Odhiambo. The Master of ceremony, Sub County Administrator of Alego Usonga Mr. Vitalis Ochieng then welcomed participants to the meeting.

MIN 02/15/8/2019: INTRODUCTION/OPENING REMARKS

The Master of Ceremony Mr. Vitalis conducted the introductory session, he acknowledged the presence of Community Based groups represented, individuals and County Government officers present at the meeting as follows;

1. Mr. Walter Okello- Chief Officer Lands
2. Prof. Paul Achola- Chairman Municipal Board
3. Madam Grace Juma-Deputy Chairperson Municipal Board
4. Dr. Micheal Were – Board Member
5. County Departments represented:-
 - Public works, Energy, Roads and Transport
 - Trade and Enterprise development
 - Governance and Administration
 - Directorate of Supply Chain Management
 - Lands, Physical planning, Housing and Urban Development
 - Education. Youth Affairs, Gender and Social
 - Sub county administrator
 - Area MCA
 - Ward administrator
6. National Administration
7. Kenya Urban Roads Authority
8. Building and Construction
9. Representative from the Office of Women Rep
10. Opinion Leaders
11. Bar Agulu Women Group
12. Bar Agulu Boda Boda Youth Group.
13. Karemo Business community
14. Karemo Support group
15. South East Alego Village Elders Group
16. Kajwang Group
17. Amani Boda Boda group
18. Disability Group
19. Community members

Opening Remarks by Chief Officer Lands, Physical Planning Housing and Urban Development

The Chief Officer welcomed the participants and thanked the public for taking their time to attend the meeting. He updated the meeting of the constitution of the Municipal Board following the approval of the Municipal Charter by the County Assembly and subsequent appointment of the Siaya Municipal Board members which was fully operational and ready to work. He also informed the meeting of the coverage of the Municipality which extends to; Hawinga Junction past Boro, along Siaya Rwambwa Road to the West, Rock along Siaya-Bondo road to the South, Ndere Market center to the North and Dondi shopping center to the East. He concluded his remarks by informing the meeting that the donor funding of Kshs. 50 million was already available and reiterated the purpose of the public participation forum in collecting public views on the outlined projects.

Communication from the Chairman Siaya Municipal Board

The Chairman of the Siaya Municipal Board introduced members of the board who were present and highlighted provisions in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 specifically article 1 and 174 relating to public participation which state that sovereign power rests with the people and that public participation is a requirement in any development process.

He restated to the meeting the importance of project identification for urban development of Siaya Municipality and that their views were necessary to help the board implement the projects they identified. Further he stated that it was important to hear views from diverse representation including; women, persons living with disability, the youth and the elderly.

MIN 03/15/8/2019: PRESENTATION BY THE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

Presentations were delivered on behalf of the technical department by the Director Physical Planning and Director Housing and Urban Development respectively.

The first presentation by the Director Physical Planning was an overview of Kenya Urban Support Program. He informed the meeting of the commencement of KUSP that is funded by World Bank in 2016 and its support to 45 counties in Kenya. He also stated that KUSP targeted municipalities as constituted under the Urban Areas and Cities Act. According to the National Census of 2009, Siaya was recorded as having a population of 22,000 residents. He stated that whereas a town qualifies to be a Municipality by having a population of 50,000 Siaya qualified as a Municipality due to its status as a County Headquarter. It was therefore issued with funding amounting to Kshs. 250 million to be shared in five years, thus 50 million per year.

The Director Housing and Urban Development delivered the second presentation on eligible funding areas which is key to enable easy identification of projects by stakeholders. The eligible funding areas include;

a) Waste Management- Solid and Liquid

He stated that solid waste related to collection equipment, collection bins, transfer stations and collection points while liquid waste related to sludge ponds, community septic tanks, vacuum trucks, vacuum handcarts among others.

b) Storm Drainage

He pointed to the various initiatives that focus on storm drainage including river training/flooding, urban storm drainage facilities, urban storm water infrastructure as well as block drains and walkways.

c) Connectivity

The Director also discussed projects under connectivity which are; street lighting, footpaths, passenger paths, biking lanes and street signage.

d) Urban Socio-Economic infrastructure

Infrastructure within the urban socio-economic framework includes; Open public spaces with all-weather seats, internet facilities and roadside walks; urban landmarks and monuments; public recreational parks; greening the municipality; parking for private cars and bikes; curb soil erosion; café ; advertising.

e) Fire and disaster management

He stated that management of fire and disasters captured disaster management facilities like fire station and related equipment.

MIN 04/15/8/2019: OPEN PLENARY AND PROPOSALS

The plenary session was moderated by Matthews Oluoch, a representative from the Public Participation directorate in the County Government Siaya. He outlined provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which address public participation as a requirement in championing development in any set up. He stated that public participation is anchored in the Constitution of Kenya 2010 with all sovereign power resting with the people of Kenya and article 174, also has provisions on public participation. He also stated that public participation is a principle of governance that has now become a right.

Mathews Oluoch thereafter invited the public to deliberate on the eligible project areas and raise any technical concerns they may have in view of the presentations.

Technical clarification session

s/no	Name	Emerging Issues	Response
1	Fredrick Ayoyo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some projects will interfere with the business side 2. Are there alternative areas for those who will be displaced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking for alternative business sites for resettling.
2	John Oiye	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Controlling storm water at Karemo 2. Duplication of activities 3. Waste management very poor at Karemo 4. Citizens should be given chance to check on the projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storm water management will be addressed
3	Jared Otieno Ogolla	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public participation should not be a formality. 2. Board members to be keen on follow ups. 3. Was Siaya town planned? 4. Waste management in Siaya town is very poor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public participation is enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya ▪ Now collecting views and will do stakeholders validation. ▪ With public participation project ownership is assured ▪ Siaya town has an existing plan.
4	Nicolas Obonyo Ngoe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emphasized on the need for fire and disaster management for Siaya Municipality 2. Proposed firefighting truck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siaya town already has firefighting trucks but no fire station.
5	Silvanus Okwar Ochanda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Have you identified waste disposal site? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county is in the process of securing a waste management site.
6	George Oduor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Youth engagement in managing waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth empowerment will be considered during project implementation.

7	Aloice Opany Mboha	1 Concern on boundary of the Municipality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map of the Municipality will be provided
8	Micheal Odiaga	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> By laws controlling waste disposals. Youth engagement to help control waste management Waste management Act by Siaya county Assembly 	

MIN 05/15/8/2019: PROPOSALS ON PROJECTS IDENTIFICATION

Stakeholders were given time to choose freely projects of their own from the list that had been presented.

Below is the summary of the proposed projects in order of priority

s/no	Name	Project	Explanation
1	Nicolas Obonyo	5-Fire station and disaster management	
2	Vitalis Odhiambo	1- Waste Management	
3	Carolyn Akinyi Ouma	3-Connectivity	
4	George Okumu	3-Connectivity	
5	Jared Otieno Ogolla	3-Connectiity	
6	Alex Okulla	1-Waste Management	Health first
7	Eric Otieno	3-Connectivity	Encourage the stakeholders to support the program
8	Nicolas Ngesa	3-Connectivity	
9	Edwina Anyango Odhiambo	3-Connectivity	
10	Micheal Odiaga	1-Waste management	Will address health issues
11	Jane Karimi	3-Connectivity	
12	John Oiye	2-Storm drainage	
13	Joseph Origi	1-Waste management	
14	Silvanus Ochanda	1-Waste management	
15	Okoth Alfred	1-Waste management	
16	Javan Onyango	3-Connectivity	
17	Charles Oloo		Resort to one project
18	Otieno Fredrick		Use public land for dumpsite
19	John Oloo	3-Connectivity	

Proposals and votes:

	Project proposal:	Votes:
1.	Waste management	16
2.	Storm Drainage	00
3.	Connectivity	45
4.	Urban Socio-Economic Infrastructure	00
5.	Fire and disaster management	00

MIN 06/15/8/2019: RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved by the meeting on the basis of the deliberations that;

1. Connectivity (roads non-motorized transport facilities and street and security lights to be the project for implementation).
2. Waste management to go hand in hand with connectivity.

MIN 07/15/8/2019: CLOSING REMARKS

The Board Vice Chairperson thanked the people of Karemo particularly for their time and contribution. She stated that the forum is a free discussion and the development will be for all. Additionally, she stated that they would continue to consult stakeholders on development issues.

The Vice chairperson also thanked H.E the Governor and County Assembly for inaugurating the Board to commence its work as well as the County Department of Lands for their support. In conclusion, she also expressed gratitude to the public for taking their time to participate in the exercise.

The being no other business the meeting ended at 5:01pm with word of prayer from Paul Ndede Keya of Ulafu Sub-location.

Chairperson Siaya Municipal Board----- Date-----

Secretary Siaya Municipal Board----- Date-----

Stakeholders Representative ----- Date-----