

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 SIAYA AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COLLEGE (ATC) ON FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2019 FROM 10:59AM.

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 01/16/8/2019: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting started at 10:59 am with a word of prayer from Hillary Oduor. The Master of ceremony, Sub County Administrator of Alego Usonga Mr. Vitalis Ochieng then welcomed participants to the meeting.

MIN 02/16/8/2019: INTRODUCTION/OPENING REMARKS

The Master of Ceremony Mr. Vitalis then took the meeting through an introductory session by acknowledging all 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. Siaya Small Traders CBO
8. Siaya Diocesan Association
9. Karapul Think Tank Forum
10. Siaya People Living With Disability
11. Institute Bod Boda Industry
12. Citizen Voice and Action Team
13. Community Health Organization.
14. Siaya Students Association/Youth
15. Bunge La Wananchi.
16. Area ODM party leadership
17. KMTC Principal.
18. Business Community.

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

The Chief Officer welcomed participants to the meeting and reiterated the purpose of the meeting which was widely advertised on radio and print media as well as through public address. He updated the meeting of the progress achieved in institutionalizing the Municipality including the recruitment process and their assumption of office of the board members through taking of oath. He also mentioned the stakeholders that

facilitated the formation of the Municipal Board i.e. the County Assembly which approved the Municipal Charter.

Additionally, he 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 by informing the meeting of 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 reminded the meeting of 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.

Key note address by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) –Lands, Physical Planning Housing and Urban Development

The CECM Lands addressed the meeting on what constitutes an urban area, urban functions and the standards required for urban planning. He highlighted some of the urban needs that arise within Siaya town i.e. dams that are filled with storm water during the rains thus exposing residents to health hazards and emphasized the need to mitigate through controlling storm water and planning the town. He restated the need for planning which was necessary due to the population increase in Siaya town since 2010 and it would also improve the outlook of the town. In conclusion, he invited the public to share their views on proper planning of Siaya and ensuring every business person is allocated an appropriate place to carry out their business,

MIN 03/16/8/2019: PRESENTATION BY THE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

Presentations were made 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 04/16/8/2019: OPEN PLENARY AND PROPOSALS

The meeting thereafter had plenary which was moderated by Matthews Oluoch, a representative from the Directorate of Public Participation, 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	Responses
1	Jacob Omondi	1. Is there provision for Cemetery in the program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal board is mandated to take up the issue of cemetery as function. ▪ Not in the eligible project areas.
2	Richard Ojwang	1. What happened to Modern market?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanted to use Kshs. 50 million for the construction of modern market but the public protested. Stalled.
3	Okolla	1. Are there funds for land purchase for waste management? 2. Can projects be merged?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Projects are complementary. They complement each other. ▪ Can select more than one project
4	Daniel Ochogo	1. We have been consulted on the Ksh. 50 million, what about sustainability of the project? 2. Will you provide alternative sites for the affected people? 3. Compensation for the affected buildings and sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank very keen on sustainability in terms of design and environmental issues
5	Fredrick Ojwang Ogongo	1. Master plan for Siaya town 2. Is there enough land in Siaya 3. Allotment and lease titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siaya town has an existing plan.
6.	Fredrick Okumu	1. Rapid land grabbing, the Board to do something	

MIN 05/16/8/2019: 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	Immaculate Oluoch	2- Storm drainage	Poor drainage system in Siaya
2	George Muga	1- Waste Management	Sewerage system lacking in Siaya
3	Charles Juma	2-storm drainage	Sibo work very poor
4	George Okumu	3-Connectivity	
5	George Ouma ogongo	3 – Connectivity 4 –Socio Economic 2 –Storm water 5 Fire station	3&4 phase one 2&5 phase 2
6	Josphine atieno muga	1-Waste Management	Making Siaya clean
7	Eng. Joseph Ongonga	1 –waste management 3-Connectivity	Sewerage system Connectivity at Karapul road very narrow.
8	Daniel Omollo	3-Connectivity	Street light and path ways
9	Pius Omondi	1- Waste Management 3-Connectivity	Cases of rape rampant in Siaya
10	Emmanuel onyango	3-connectivity	
11	Joseph Juma	2-Storm water	Drainage system
12	Jacob Otieno	3-Connectivity	Requested Board to be committed
13	Lawrence Owino		Board to consider engaging youths Modern market Bus park
14	Silas Kagwanda		Did not propose any thing
15	Jacob Ahindi		Modern Bus park
16	Grace Auma Oyugi	1 Waste management 3-Connectivity	Consider cemetery
17	Jenipher Akoth Amollo	1 –Waste Management 3 - connectivity	
18	Wicklif Otieno	3-connectivity	Use public land for dumpsite
19	Dalmas Nyongesa	3-Connectivity	Beautification of town Kobare to Town and Awelo to Town.
20	Stephen Otieno	2- connectivity	Beautification of town

			Consider CBD
21	Alfayo Oketch Abuje	3- Connectivity 1 - waste management 2- Storm water	Connect the three
22	Jacob Otieno	3 - connectivity	Drainage Beautification street lighting Opening of roads

Proposals and votes:

	Project proposal:	Votes:
1.	Waste management	15
2.	Storm Drainage	00
3.	Connectivity	58
4.	Urban Socio-Economic Infrastructure	02
5.	Fire and disaster management	01

MIN 06/16/8/2019: 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 07/16/8/2019: CLOSING REMARKS

The Chief Officer Lands thanked the public for their participation and invited the area MCA to address the public. The MCA stated that as township ward the additional funding was a blessing and that they were willing to assist the Board work well if only they embrace public participation. He also stated that the board must engage the people, read the plan and guide the people accordingly and that a project should be chosen within the available funds. The MCA in response to the issue of grabbed land parcels dismissed the public claiming ownership of the public land around Cooperative Bank.

Closing Remarks from Vice Chairperson Siaya Municipal Board

The Vice chairperson thanked everybody for participating and that all contributions will be embraced. She also stated that anything that is done right will be for the interest of the public. Additionally, she informed the meeting that it was the last public participation on project identification and the report would be shared on the County website.

The being no other business the meeting ended at 2:11 pm with word of prayer from Emmanuel Onyango Appoli, a stakeholder.

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

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

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