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MINUTES FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR UPGRADING KATHWANA TOWN ROADS TO BITUMEN STANDARDS (KENYA URBAN SUPPORT PROGRAMME (KUSP) ON 17TH DECEMBER 2018 AT KATHWANA MARKET CENTRE.

Preliminary

The meeting started at 10: 30 Am with a word of prayer.

Present members

In attendance was the County Government department of lands, Environment and Urban Development staff, Senior Chief Mutino Location, Chairman Kathwana Market, community members of Mutino location, Kathwana Market and its environs traders, stakeholders among others as per the attached registration list of members presents.

Introduction

The county executive committee for lands and urban development opened the meeting. In his opening statement he asked each present member to introduce his/her self.

The CEC urged the community to welcome the project development and get involved and accept the implementation of all the Government projects for their own benefits and for community at large.

The CEC for lands in his remarks, he introduced the Chief officer in charge of Lands and urban development to introduce the departmental staff and the objectives of the department.

Chief Officer

Giving the overview of the road project she noted that being the in charge of the department she will ensure that the construction of the roads starts immediately. She added also that the county aims to construct 1.5Km; 1km from the C92 to County offices and 500m Kathwana loop roads with funds from the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) totaling to around **Kshs. 50,000,000.00**. Urged the community to participate in the implementation of the project for own benefits.

Sub County Administrator – Igambang'ombe

He said that the county is mandated to give services to citizens of Tharaka Nithi and thus the need to get involved in project development and implementation. He also added that the project will benefit the residents of the county and therefore the need to participate in implementing the project in order to achieve the desired goals as per the Government target.

Environment Officer

It was realized that waste management and control is a key problem in Kathwana market thus the need to control and minimize the rate of waste generation and management. Addressing the participants, it was noted that there is need to erect and install waste bins around the market Centre and ensure that every individual is committed to take care of the environment and ensure healthy living for future generation.

Overview

The contractor said that, through Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) the county Government of Tharaka Nithi is in the process of constructing 1.5 Km Roads from C92 junction to county headquarters and around Kathwana market loop and thus need for Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) as per the provisions of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act No. 8 of 2015, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2003.

In his remarks he added that the need to call for a meeting was to invite the community give their own views and observation on the project development and implementation and also the way forward.

He finally said that the project will have both negative and positive impacts and to ensure achievement of the desired goal the community need to get involved, give own views, observations and positive measures to accomplish the project.

Following were some of the Questions raised;

- ✓ Will the project employ the casuals around Kathwana/Mutino Area? If yes, what are the qualifications
- ✓ When is the project commencing and for how long will it be completed?
- ✓ There will be negative impacts during the construction period i.e. dust /noise pollution among other pollutants are their measures put in place to mitigate this?
- ✓ Why is the construction of the Market Loop Road considered the roads behind the town and not the roads within the constructed trading centers?
- ✓ Will the community be compensated in case your property is affected? If yes, how much and what will be the procedure?

Responses to the above Questions

The contractor said that as per the rules on project implementation the locals' benefits from the project. The employment of the casuals need to apply with their certificates and letter of good conduct.

Also noted that the projects may commence any time after the ESIA reports is approved. The issues on negative impacts during the project implementation will be analyzed well in report document with consideration of mitigation measures.

Adjournment

The meeting ended well with a word of prayer from the Chairman Kathwana market at 12;40 p. m.