

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF THARAKA NITHI**



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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE!!!**

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The general public is hereby invited to attend a **CITIZEN PUBLIC FORA MEETING FOR KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY**

**VENUE: ITUGURURU MARKET, KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY**

**DATE: 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2024**

**Time: 10:00 am**

**WELCOME ALL!!!! KARIBUNI NYOTE!!!!**

**NIBUGUKARIBISHWA BWINTHE!!!!**



**Municipal Manager**

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#### 1.0 Overview

The public participation is a legal requirement which is anchored in the constitution of Kenya 2010, Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 amended 2019, county Government Act 2012 among other pieces of legislations. Urban Areas and cities (Amendment) Act 2019 mandates the Board to ensure participation of the Municipality residents in decision making in its activities, Projects and programmes undertaken within its jurisdiction.

In compliance of the above legislations, Kathwana municipality Board organised a citizen forum 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at **Itugururu Market in Kathwana Municipality**. The objective of the forum was to receive views from the public on the revision of Kathwana Municipality Integrated Development Plan IDeP



## Attendance list

### List Attached

#### Representation of the following organisations/groups were also present

1. Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT)
2. Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET)
3. Kenya Secondary School Head Teachers Association (KESSHA)
4. Kenya Primary School Head Teachers Association (KEPSHA)
5. Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organization (MYWO)
6. National Youth Council (NYC)
7. Established Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
8. Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI)-County Chapter representatives
9. Hawkers representatives
10. Faith Based Organizations (FBOs):
  1. Roman Catholic Church representative;
  2. National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK);
  3. Tharaka Nithi County Pastors Foundation;
  4. Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM);
11. Farmers groups representatives
12. Boda boda groups
13. Most Affected Persons (MAPS)
14. People with Special Needs (PWSN)
15. Parents Teachers Associations (PTAs)
16. Municipality of Kathwana Board Members
17. County Employees



## Preliminaries

The meeting was called to order at 10.20 am by Kathwana municipal board Chairman. He welcomed one of the community members (Ms. Rose Muthoni) to lead with a word of prayer. He continued to welcome all attendees to the public forum on the revision of the Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) for Kathwana Municipality whereby he informed the attendees that the purpose of the meeting was to gather input from the community about IDeP Review. He added that according to the Urban areas and Cities Act, amended 2029, the IDeP should be reviewed annually and it should reflect the needs and aspirations of all residents in the Municipality and the County at large. He emphasized that the public forum serves as an opportunity for community members to provide feedback, suggestions, and recommendations for the revision of the IDeP.

## OVERVIEW OF THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDEP)

A brief overview of the current IDeP was provided by the Municipal Board Chairman in charge of Lands Physical Planning, highlighting the following: -

**Purpose:** The IDeP serves as a blueprint for Kathwana Municipality's development, aligning with national and regional development goals such as Kenya Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Scope:** Covers a five-year period, addressing economic, social, environmental, and infrastructural development.

**Legal Framework:** Anchored in Kenya's Constitution (2010) and the County Governments Act, 2012.

### IDeP Enhances infrastructure and urban services such as:-

1. Improve access to health, education, and sanitation.
2. Promote local economic development, focusing on agriculture and trade.
3. Strengthen environmental management and climate resilience.
4. Foster good governance and participatory decision-making.

## Key Development Priorities

### Infrastructure Development:

- Roads, bridges, and transport systems.



- Water supply and sanitation facilities.
- Housing and urban planning.

### **Economic Growth:**

- Support for agricultural value chains.
- Establishment of markets (e.g., livestock and produce).
- Promotion of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

### **Social Services:**

- Upgrading health centers and schools.
- Street lighting for safety and extended business hours.
- Affordable housing programs.

### **Environmental Conservation:**

- Solid waste management initiatives.
- Reforestation and clean energy adoption.

### **Governance:**

- Strengthening community engagement in development planning.
- Transparency and accountability in service delivery.

## **MIN. NO. KMPF/9/23/24: PRESENTATION OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2024**

The Municipal Manager explained to the members that The Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) is crucial to the municipality as it serves as the primary planning and guiding tool for sustainable development and efficient service delivery over a five-year period.

Purpose of the review:

1. **Improved Service Delivery:** The IDeP helps the municipality plan and prioritize essential services (e.g., water, sanitation, and housing) and allocate resources appropriately to deliver these services effectively.
2. **Enhanced Transparency and Accountability:** By setting clear objectives and timelines, the IDP provides a basis for the community to hold the municipality



accountable. It enhances transparency by making the municipality's plans and priorities publicly available.

3. **Attracting Investment:** A well-structured IDeP can make the municipality more attractive to investors. By showcasing a clear development agenda, municipalities can draw investments that align with their long-term goals, boosting economic growth.
4. **Promoting Social and Economic Development:** Through projects aimed at infrastructure, job creation, and improving quality of life, the IDeP can drive local economic development and address socio-economic issues like poverty and unemployment.
5. **Environmental Sustainability:** The IDeP emphasizes sustainable development by integrating environmental considerations into municipal planning. This is essential for long-term resilience against environmental challenges such as climate change.
6. **Alignment with Other Governmental Programs:** It enables the municipality to synchronize its plans with those of other governmental entities, fostering partnerships and efficient resource use.

She added that the Key areas for revision included infrastructure development, healthcare services, education, environmental conservation, economic growth, and social welfare.

**MIN. NO. KMPF/10 /23/24: IDEP REVIEW**

The Community members were invited to share their thoughts, concerns, and ideas regarding the development plan whereby several residents expressed their views on various issues such as:-

- i. Improved road networks,
- ii. Access to clean water,
- iii. Sanitation facilities,
- iv. Job creation initiatives, and
- v. Youth empowerment programs.

Suggestions were made to prioritize sustainable development practices, enhance public participation mechanisms, and address inequalities within the municipality.



After a long deliberation the following areas were reviewed: -

Priority Area	Target	Milestones	Performance Indicators
<b>Infrastructure Development</b>	Improve and expand municipal road infrastructure Construction of modern Bus Park Landscaping Security and Street lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assess road conditions</li> <li>- Culvert construction</li> <li>- Bridges construction</li> <li>- Cabro paving</li> <li>- Assess municipal lighting</li> </ul>	Length and number of roads opened, graded and improved to bitumen standards No of bridges and culverts constructed Length and area of cabro paving Number of security lights installed Length of street lights installed
<b>Water and Sanitation Services</b>	Universal access to clean water & sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Map underserved areas</li> <li>- Extension of mains and new laterals</li> <li>- Construction of supply tanks</li> <li>- Construction of new modern ablation block</li> </ul>	Percentage of households with access to clean water and sanitation Number of new connections per year Number of ablation blocks constructed
<b>Housing and Human Settlements</b>	Construct 5,000 low-cost housing units	- Year 1: 1,000 units	Number of housing units built Percentage of
<b>Economic Development and Job Creation</b>	Create 3,000 new jobs	- Form partnerships	Percentage increase in trade and investment in the municipality Employment rates
<b>Environmental Management &amp; Climate Resilience</b>	Reduce disposal by 20% Tree planting	- Awareness campaign	Environmental Management Numbers of trees planted
<b>Community Health and Safety</b>	Improve healthcare access and reduce crime	- Identify high-crime areas	Level of community cleanliness and diseases control and prevalence
<b>Youth Development and Education</b>	Increase access to education and youth empowerment programs	-Number of empowered youth groups	Number of empowered youth groups,

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## WAY FORWARD AND CONCLUSION

The Chairman thanked all participants for their valuable contributions and assured them that their feedback would be carefully considered in the revision process. It was announced that the Municipality Administration and Board would continue to engage with the community through various channels, including workshops, surveys, and stakeholder meetings.

The participants were informed that the revised IDeP provides a strategic roadmap to address the municipality's key priorities, ensuring sustainable development, effective service delivery, and improved quality of life for residents. Each priority area is outlined with clear targets, milestones, and measurable performance indicators, enabling systematic tracking and accountability throughout the implementation period.

The Municipal Manager encouraged residents to stay informed and actively participate in shaping the future of Kathwana Municipality to greater heights through the revised IDeP.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all attendees and a commitment to work collaboratively towards the development and prosperity of Kathwana Municipality.

Report prepared by

  
Municipal Manager



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