

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF THARAKA NITHI



KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY

**REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY
INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Introduction

The Kathwana 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.

Objectives of the Review

1. To evaluate the progress in achieving the goals outlined in the IDP.
2. To identify gaps and challenges hindering implementation.
3. To update the plan to align with emerging priorities and statutory requirements.
4. To promote transparency and stakeholder engagement in urban planning

Summary of the IDeP Strategic Objectives

1. **Infrastructure Development:** The IDeP helps the municipality enhance transport networks, water supply and waste management systems among other infrastructure.
2. **Urban Governance:** By setting clear objectives and timelines, the IDeP provides a basis for the community to hold the municipality accountable. It strengthens participatory governance and municipal administration.
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:** it promotes investments, trade and industrial development, the IDeP can drive local economic development and address socio-economic issues access to education, healthcare, and affordable housing.
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 County Governmental Programs:** It enables the municipality to synchronize its plans with those of other governmental entities, fostering partnerships and efficient resource use.

Key Achievements

Infrastructure Development

- Roads- Tarmacking of approximately 10 km of municipal roads to bitumen standards, opening and grading of roads within the municipality.
- Drainage Systems- Construction of approximately 9 km of stormwater drainage networks
- Street lighting/ security lighting- installation of approximately 25 floodlights within the municipality
- Water Supply- Connection to clean drinking water to residents within Kathwana town and installation of e- water kiosks at designated points within the municipality

- Sanitation- Construction of approximately 20 ablution blocks in market centers within the Municipality

Economic Growth

- Markets- Construction of 4 markets at Kathwana, Kaanwa and Itugururu Markets supporting over 1000 traders

Social Development

- Construction of Kathwana Social Hall
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Environmental sustainability

- Implementation of tree- planting campaign resulting in 5,000 trees planted
- Collection of solid waste within the municipality

Urban Governance

- Creation of a functional Urban Board and enhanced citizen engagement forums

Challenges Identified

Inadequate Funding

- Limited resources have delayed several critical projects, such as tarmacking of roads, water supply and sewerage systems.

Stakeholder Coordination

- Weak coordination between municipal departments and external stakeholders.

Rapid Urbanization

- Unplanned settlements have emerged, straining available infrastructure.

Data Gaps

- Lack of updated data on population growth, land use, and economic activities.

Environmental Concerns

- Inadequate enforcement of environmental regulations has led to pollution and encroachments on wetlands.

Recommendations

Resource Mobilization

- Leverage public-private partnerships (PPPs) to finance large infrastructure projects. Pursue national government grants and donor funding for priority projects.

Strengthen Stakeholder Engagement

- Enhance collaboration with community groups, investors, and non-governmental organizations.

Update the Land Information System

- Develop a comprehensive database to monitor land use, population trends, and service delivery gaps.

Address Informal Settlements

- Implement regularization and upgrading programs to improve living conditions in informal areas.

Environmental Conservation

- Develop and enforce stricter guidelines on waste disposal, pollution control, and resource management.

Capacity Building

- Train municipal staff and Urban Board members on emerging urban development practices.

Revised Projects Development Plan

- **Proposed key action areas**

Priority Area	Target	Milestones	Performance Indicators
Infrastructure Development	Improve and expand municipal road infrastructure Construction of modern Bus park Landscaping Security and Street lighting	- Assess road conditions - Culvert construction - Bridges construction - Cabro paving - Assess municipal lighting	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
Water and Sanitation Services	Universal access to clean water & sanitation	- Map underserved areas - Extension of mains and new laterals - Construction of supply tanks - Construction of new modern ablution block	Percentage of households with access to clean water and sanitation Number of new connections per year Number of ablution blocks constructed
Housing and Human Settlements	Construct 5,000 low-cost housing units	- Year 1: 1,000 units	Number of housing units built

Economic Development and Job Creation	Create 3,000 new jobs	- Form partnerships	Percentage increase in trade and investment in the municipality Employment rates
Environmental Management & Climate Resilience	Reduce disposal by 20% Tree planting	- Awareness campaign	Environmental Management Numbers of trees planted
Community Health and Safety	Improve healthcare access and reduce crime	- Identify high-crime areas	Level of community cleanliness and diseases control and prevalence
Youth Development and Education	Increase access to education and youth empowerment programs	-Number of empowered youth groups	Number of empowered youth groups,

Resource Allocation and Budgeting:

Performance code	Program/Activity/ Project Description	Expected outputs	Funding source	Estimated total budget (millions)	Expected Climate Change expenditure
Service Delivery	Revision of Municipality plans, policies and documents	Enhanced sustainable development and urban form	County government	8	
Transport sector	Upgrade 1k to bitumen standards road	Enhanced transport system and access	KISIP II KUSP II	70	2
	Road tarmacking	Enhanced transport system and access	County government	70	
	Development of Kathwana bus park	Enhanced transport system	County government	10	1
	Grading and Murraming of 15km road	Increased access within the Municipality	County government	10	0.2
	Open 7km access roads	Increased access to	County government	5	0.1

		neighborhood			
	Construction of bridges, culverts & drifts	Increased access within the Municipality	County government	10	
Infrastructure and services	Landscaping, Cabro paving & beautification	Improved business environment	County government	5	3
	Construction of a Modern Bus park	Improved access and business environment	County government	10	
	Creche in Kathwana market	Improved business environment	County government	2	
	Construction of toilets in various urban centers	Improve community health and individual wellbeing	County government		
	Fire rescue and Disaster center	Enhanced safety and reducing	County government	10	1
Water and sewerage	Increase water supply and reticulation	Increased access to clean and safe water	-KISIP (WORLD BANK) -County government	20	0.5
Water and sewerage	Preparation of storm water management plan	Proper management of storm water	County government	3	-
Trade and investment	Completion of the Industrial Park	Increased trade and investment within the municipality	County government National government	500	10
Street and security lighting	Development of more 1km street lights and 3 high mast security lights	Improved security and business environment	KISIP 2	30	3
Environment and Conservation	Tree planting and greening	Enhance resilience and climate change mitigation	County government	2	2

7. Recommendations

- **Improvement Strategies:** The municipality is to focus on implementation of the land use plan as a key to opening areas for development. This include opening new road network and spot improvement of the existing roads, utility development, social development, security and street light installation as well as development control.
- **Community Engagement:** Prepare a stakeholders engagement plan for the municipality and investors forum for exchange and interaction
- **Revenue and funding mechanisms:** Development of robust revenue systems for the municipality which consolidates all the revenue streams for the municipality.
- **Regular Monitoring:** Introduction of evaluation and monitoring tools in all the investment projects for the Municipality. Timely assessment of the performance by the infrastructure investment as well as policy documents

8. Conclusion

This revised Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) action plan 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.

By focusing on infrastructure, water and sanitation, housing, economic development, environmental sustainability, community health and safety, and youth education, this action plan aims to meet both immediate community needs and long-term goals. Furthermore, the IDeP emphasizes inclusive stakeholder engagement and evidence-based decision-making, fostering transparency, alignment with broader governmental policies, and responsiveness to local priorities.