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INTRODUCTION

The County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) outlines the County's budgetary priorities and fiscal framework for the FY 2024/25, anchored in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP III) to further Nyandarua County's economic and social progress.

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires devolved governments to promote social & economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services. Further, it provides guidance on the form, content and timing of County Budgets.

Section 117 of the PFM Act, 2012 requires the county Treasury to prepare and submit to the county executive committee the county fiscal strategy paper and upon approval by the CEC, the same be submitted to the County Assembly, by 28th February of each year. The 2024 CFSP is prepared in compliance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

In the preparation of the CFSP 2024, various stakeholders were engaged. The engagement of the members of the public in the formulation of the document was in line with the provision of the constitution which requires that the members of the public be involve in all government policies.

It is on this basis that the department of Finance, Economic Planning and ICT planned a public participation meeting which was held on **20th February** in **Sub Counties** that include;

- i. North Kinangop Sub County- Catholic hall, Engineer
- ii. South Kinangop Sub County- DCC hall, Njabini
- iii. Kipipiri Sub County- AIC hall, Miharati
- iv. Ol Kalou Sub County- ACK hall, Ol Kalou
- v. Ol Jor Orok Sub County- PCEA hall, Ol Jor Orok
- vi. Ndaragwa Sub County- PCEA hall, Ndaragwa

This report serves as a testament to the commitment to engage citizens in decision-making processes that directly impact their lives.

NORTH KINANGOP- ENGINEER CATHOLIC HALL.

The Public Participation forum was held at Engineer Catholic Hall. The meeting began at noon with a word of prayer from a member of the public. All government officers from various departments were introduced.

The meeting was facilitated by Economists, who presented a detailed overview of the Budget Cycle and County Fiscal Strategic Paper FY 2024/2025.

Issues raised

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

- ❖ Low absorption rates of development expenditure for the first six months of FY 2023/24 across various departments. Notably, the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries exhibited a particularly low absorption rate, despite being a major priority for the government. The public were assured that activities within this department were ongoing.
- ❖ Accessibility of subsidized fertilizer. It was noted that farmers had to travel long distances, some to Naivasha and others to Ol'kalou, to access fertilizer. They incurred high transportation costs, counteracting the intended purpose of subsidization. The public emphasized the importance of having storage facilities closer to them to enhance accessibility.
- ❖ Prioritization of sugar beet and wool processing, as the public perceived significant potential in these sectors for job creation and mitigating the environmental impact of neglecting wool.
- ❖ Shortage of certified seeds, seed bulking centres, limited farmer cooperatives, and reliable soil testing services.
- ❖ Deployment of additional extension officers in sub-counties

Health Services

- ❖ A proposal was raised regarding proposed ceilings in the Department of Health, suggesting a reduction in the proposed ceiling for curative health and an increase in the proposed ceilings for preventive health measures.
- ❖ Insufficient allocation to solid waste management and cemetery (Ksh. 17.50)

Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development

- ❖ A proposal that each ward in Kinangop Sub County contribute towards the purchase of a 26-acre piece of land in Murungaru ward for solid waste disposal.

Tourism, Trade, Cooperatives and Industrialization

- ❖ Low allocation of trade funds and the accessibility of these funds. It was suggested that the department provide civic education on how to access the fund.

Municipalities

- ❖ A proposal for multiple waste disposal bins within Engineer Town was raised.

Office of the Governor

- ❖ The public questioned the need for a Ksh. 75 million allocation to the Service Delivery Unit. Some members felt that this allocation was excessively high and suggested reallocating funds to address key issues, particularly in the Department of Water, which they identified as a pressing concern.

Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources

- ❖ The public acknowledged that the allocations for both the water department as a whole and the climate change fund were insufficient. Furthermore, they noted instances of poor waste management in Engineer market and inadequate drainage systems in Kwa Haraka, Njabini, and Engineer towns. Additionally, concerns were

raised about water insecurity issues in Njabini, despite it being a key water source for Nairobi and Nakuru Cities.

Other issues raised:

❖ **Publicity of Public Participation**

The public emphasized the necessity of enhancing communication methods regarding notices of Public Participation and improving mobilization efforts for the same. They argued that the County possesses enough vehicles that could be utilized to announce public participation events.

❖ **Reallocation of funds among Departments**

An issue was raised regarding the increase or decrease of proposed ceilings within departments, prompting a call for justifications to be provided for the shifts in proposed departmental ceilings.

❖ **Own Source Revenue Targets**

A concern was raised regarding the realization of own-source revenue targets, highlighted by a significant variance between the projected revenue for the current financial year and the actual revenue collected by the second quarter. It was advised that the county should set achievable targets for own-source revenue.

The members of the public approved the CFSP 2024 in unison and requested that their inputs be incorporated in the final plan.



Engineer Catholic Hall

SOUTH KINANGOP, NJABINI, DCC HALL.

The participants of the public participation in South Kinangop Sub-County consisted of residents from four wards, namely; Njabini, Magumu, Githabai and Nyakio. The members of the public were taken through the CFSP 2024 in details by the economic planning team.

Areas the residents proposed the County Government should give priority to, include;

Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources

- ❖ Threat to environmental sustainability due to climate change.
- ❖ Sensitization of climate change effects and the relative mitigation measures
- ❖ The residents proposed that organized groups and local nursery tree owners be supported by being considered in the supply of trees as we envision the president's agenda to meet the 15 billion targets.
- ❖ Expansion of water intake for Njabini Ward to address the rapidly growing demand of clean water in Njabini at its environs.
- ❖ Proper garbage waste management. The residents suggested setting aside a portion of land for garbage disposal, that is, away from residents.
- ❖ Completion of St. Luke's Water Project.
- ❖ Explore planting of grassland rather than just planting trees

Youth Empowerment, Sports and Arts.

- ❖ Establishing additional rehabilitation centers to combat addiction issues.
- ❖ Equipping and activating the Njabini ICT hub to provide digital and technological skills training for youth.

Tourism, Cooperative Development, Trade and Industrialization

- ❖ Operationalize of the idle Githabai cattle market.
- ❖ Revival of inactive cooperative societies.
- ❖ The County government should step in and support take Njabini Farmers' Cooperative Society since it is being auctioned.

- ❖ Njabini market and Nyakio market to be upgraded and expanded.

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

- ❖ Value addition programmes and sensitization for farmers.
- ❖ The subsidized fertilizer to be made easily accessible to farmers. The farmers suggested that the fertilizer be distributed through cooperative societies.
- ❖ The government should provide extension services by recruiting more veterinary officers and agronomists.
- ❖ The government to provide seedlings to farmers most especially potato seedlings for increased productivity.
- ❖ Lack of soil testing facility- members proposed establishment of reliable and accessible soil testing facility

Health Services

- ❖ Titling and demarcating the Njabini Health Center for improved management.
- ❖ Allocation of funds towards njabini health centre to achieve level IV standards
- ❖ Allocating funds for the Nyakio Cheese Dispensary due to its significance in serving the local population.
- ❖ Employing more specialists, including dentists, in the Njabini Health Center and providing specialized medical equipment.
- ❖ Schedule medical camps to cancer screening, bp, eye camps, dental etc
- ❖ Allocate an ambulance to handle emergencies

Education Children, Gender Affairs, Culture and Social services

- ❖ Increasing funding for Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centers and providing appropriate learning equipment in alignment with the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC).
- ❖ Upgrading amenities and facilities at the Njabini vocational center to empower local youth-Construction of a twin workshop, administration offices and toilets

- ❖ Allocating funds for people with disabilities to access assistive devices, diapers, wheelchairs, and physiotherapy.

Public Works Roads Transport, Housing and Energy

- ❖ Upgrade the Sasumwa Dam Road.

Governance

- ❖ Exploring avenues to increase own-source revenue, including negotiating with neighboring counties for a share of water revenue from Sasumwa Dam.
- ❖ Conducting civic education to empower citizens to actively participate in local development and governance initiatives.
- ❖ Branding of the County. all entry points of the county

KIPIPIRI SUB COUNTY, AIC CHURCH HALL MIHARATI

The public participation event focused on soliciting community input and feedback on the Nyandarua County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP). The Sub County Administrator welcomed all the county staffs and members of the public. The Economist took the members of the public through the CFSP, 2024.

Residents raised concerns and recommendations pertaining to key sectors, including:

Health Services

i. Waste Disposal Management:

Residents expressed concerns about the inefficiencies in waste disposal at Miharati town. Among their concerns included:

❖ Miharati Town Market Dumpsite

Currently, waste is dumped at the center of Miharati market, and is supposed to be collected on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Given that Tuesday is a market day, the dump truck seldom collects to avoid causing disruption and thus garbage collection normally happens on Thursday alone. The members of the public also asserted that the garbage truck misses in some weeks hence creating a sanitation challenge in the market. They suggested an extra waste collection day to address this problem.

❖ Logistical Challenges:

Fuel shortages for the garbage truck and the need for repairing the tractor used for loading were highlighted as logistical challenges hindering efficient waste management. Residents emphasized the importance of ensuring sufficient fuel and maintaining operational equipment to streamline waste collection processes. They also suggested additional garbage trucks.

❖ Staffing Shortages:

The shortage of cleaning staff in Miharati, with only two available, was identified as a significant obstacle to maintaining cleanliness in the town. Residents recommended allocating resources to recruit more cleaning personnel to address sanitation concerns effectively.

❖ **Conflict Resolution:**

The conflict between neighbors surrounding the waste disposal site was highlighted as a barrier to finding a sustainable waste disposal solution. Residents emphasized the importance of resolving this conflict to facilitate effective waste management practices in the community. The county government has available land parcels identified for waste disposal but their operationalization is yet to take place owing to community disagreements.

ii. Medical Supplies Shortage:

Shortages of medicines in health facilities were cited as a pressing issue affecting healthcare service delivery. Residents urged the county to allocate more funds for medical supplies to ensure continuous access to essential healthcare services for the community.

Water, Environment, Climate Change, And Natural Resources

❖ **Water Dispute Resolution:**

Residents called for the resolution of existing water disputes between Gitwe Primary School and Gitwe Secondary School to ensure equitable water distribution and mitigate conflicts over water access.

❖ **Optimizing Borehole Usage:**

The need to prioritize establishing water distribution systems from the existing five boreholes was emphasized to prevent water wastage and underutilization due to poor distribution mechanisms. Residents stressed the importance of maximizing water utilization efficiency.

❖ **Budget Allocation:**

Residents advocated for allocating a higher percentage of the budget to climate action projects to meet global 1% threshold. The residents emphasized that climate change should be allocated more since it addresses a broad spectrum of issues including food security and health problems

Agriculture, livestock, and fisheries:

❖ **Budget Allocation:**

Residents emphasized the need for the county's allocation to agriculture, livestock, and fisheries to exceed 10%, as outlined in the Maputo Declaration. This increased allocation is crucial for enhancing food production in the county, facilitating access to subsidized fertilizers, providing farmers with subsidized AI breeds, and ensuring access to irrigation water.

The members of the public also advocated that food security as an issue, should have food security and nutrition as a program to broadly address issue of produce wastage/loss. The program should also incorporate measures that would broaden the nutrition basket variety of the county.

Education, children, gender affairs, culture, and social services:

❖ **Bursary Appropriation:**

Residents called for an increase in bursary appropriations to support more students and pupils in accessing education. Increasing the bursary fund would alleviate financial constraints for families and promote equal educational opportunities for all children in the county.

Public works, roads transport, housing, and energy:

❖ **Road Infrastructure:**

Residents highlighted the need for improved road infrastructure, including grading and gravelling, to meet specified quality standards. Ensuring roads are wide enough for two vehicles to pass comfortably is essential for enhancing transportation efficiency and safety. Additionally, installing solar street lighting would improve visibility and security on roads.

Tourism, cooperative development, trade, and industrialization:

❖ Tourism Promotion:

Residents advocated for renovating Happy Valley Homes and improving Mau Mau caves to enhance tourism opportunities in the county. They also noted that the Aberdares is an underutilized tourist attraction site and more should be done in terms of publicizing the resource. These initiatives would not only attract tourists but also increase own-source revenue, contributing to economic growth. Concerns were raised about the disproportionate focus on the Arboretum compared to other tourism sites, emphasizing the need for equitable development and promotion of all attractions.

❖ Promotion of Cooperatives

The residents advocated for the promotion of cooperatives to help in the efficient access of services and marketing of products and services.

Lands, physical planning, and urban development:

❖ Improving Drainage Systems:

Residents emphasized the necessity of establishing effective drainage systems, particularly in Miharati town. This initiative aims to address issues related to waterlogging and flooding, ensuring proper management of rainwater and mitigating the risk of water-related disasters. Enhancing drainage infrastructure is essential for safeguarding public health, preserving property, and promoting sustainable urban development in the area.

Public service, administration, and devolution:

❖ Civic Education and Resource Allocation:

Residents called for the implementation of civic education programs and increased funding for these initiatives. Strengthening civic education efforts is vital for enhancing public awareness, civic engagement, and participation in governance processes. Allocating more resources to civic education programs would empower citizens with knowledge and skills necessary for active participation in democratic processes and promoting accountability and transparency in governance.

Finance, economic planning & ICT:

❖ Enhancing Own Source Revenue:

Members stressed the importance of enhancing own-source revenue generation by sealing loopholes and empowering revenue collectors. This involves implementing measures to minimize revenue leakage and improve the efficiency of revenue collection processes. Ensuring that resources invested in revenue collection translate into increased revenue generation is crucial for enhancing the county's financial sustainability and supporting development initiatives.

Youth empowerment, sports, and arts:

❖ Promotion of Youth Activities:

Residents emphasized the importance of diversifying youth engagement opportunities, including talent showcasing days, mental health programs, and sports tournaments. These activities aim to provide avenues for young people to showcase their talents, build confidence, and foster a sense of achievement.

Residents underscored the significance of sports tournaments as a means of promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and leadership skills among youth. Engaging in sports activities not only contributes to healthier lifestyles but also provides opportunities for personal growth and social interaction.

❖ **Promoting Mental Health:**

Residents highlighted the need for mental health programs tailored specifically for youth. Addressing mental health challenges among young people is essential for promoting overall well-being and resilience, enabling them to navigate life's challenges more effectively.

❖ **Youth Employment:**

- The residents advocated that youths be employed to clean Miharati town as this would have multiple benefits inclusive of improved sanitation, reduced drugs abuse and other crimes.

The Sub- County Administrator emphasized the need of residents to take public participation more seriously and attend in big numbers to raise their issues and make their voices heard. Overall, the session underscored the community's commitment to addressing pressing issues and promoting inclusive development across various sectors, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts between residents and local authorities to achieve meaningful change.

OL KALOU SUB-COUNTY- ACK HALL

Meeting started with introductions facilitated by the resident Sub-County administrator. County Economic planning Team highlighted the county's budget process, emphasizing the central role of planning and the framework that encourages public participation in county affairs. They clarified the purposes of various key documents, including the CIDP, CADP, CBROP, and County Fiscal Strategy Paper, which collectively guide the county's development, budgeting, and resource allocation decisions.

The following concerns were noted as categorized

Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources

- ❖ Limited access to piped water, mainly in Kanjuiri ridge;
- ❖ Strategies to mitigate water shortage crisis that occurs every January Sub-countywide;
- ❖ Request for irrigation dams.

Youth Empowerment, Sports and The Arts

- ❖ How the County Government intends to do tackle the rising levels of unemployment and crime amongst the youth;
- ❖ Youth groups not awarded the equipment requested in their submitted proposals;
- ❖ Way forward for Ol Kalou stadium after H.E President Ruto's announcement on the National Government taking over the development project.

Tourism, Cooperative Development, Trade and Industrialization

- ❖ Forming of dispute committees for traders and boda boda riders, with request for funding;
- ❖ How the County Government intends to solve the wrangles between Traders and County enforcement officers due to oversaturation of Old Town Market as that is the heavy traffic area, given they rejected Ole Riodo Market;
- ❖ The dire need for active cooperative societies;

- ❖ High prices of licenses and permits;
- ❖ How the County Government can assist the traders and boda boda groups acquire loans to inject into their businesses as most do not meet bank or sacco requirements;
- ❖ Request to construct a new market in New Town Area to serve the new businesses and offices.

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

- ❖ Expensive certified potato seeds;
- ❖ Queueing for hours at NCPB, Jua Kali as it is the only issuance point for the certified seeds;
- ❖ Request for public land that is not being utilized for communal farming,

Health Services

- ❖ Low Progress on upgrade of J.M Hospital

Education Children, Gender Affairs, Culture and Social services

- ❖ Issuance of bursary to include members of the public to bring awareness to known needy and deserving cases that may sometimes be overlooked;
- ❖ Increase budgetary allocation for Bursaries due to the increasing school fees.

Public Works Roads Transport, Housing and Energy

- ❖ They appreciated the good condition of the roads
- ❖ Poor drainage on our roads, which leads to flooding, affects the farmers travel time.
- ❖ Insecurity concerns due to lack of floodlights in most areas.

OI Kalou Municipality

- ❖ Poor maintenance of the dustbins, walkways and flowers in the town

The members of the public adopted the CFSP and request for frequent involvement in all government activities.

OL JORO OROK SUB COUNTY- PCEA HALL

The meeting was called to order by the Sub-County Administrator with Introductions made by staff members representing the respective departments. The Economist took the members of the public through the proposed CFSP.

Issues raised

Public service, administration and devolution.

- ❖ Civic Education to be conducted on the Importance of such public participations
- ❖ There is a staff shortage for garbage collection within the Oljoro Orok sub-county.

Health Services

- ❖ Shamuka dispensary in Weru Ward was to be upgraded to Level 4 Hospital.
- ❖ There is a need to fence Oljoro Orok Cemetery to avoid garbage dumping.
- ❖ Garbage management to be improved at Oljoro Orok town specifically in the market.
- ❖ There is a need to have a Garbage Truck for the Sub County to ease garbage collection.

Water, Environment, Climate Change And Natural Resources

- ❖ Oljoro Orok Primary School borehole water needs to be connected to Oljoro Orok Stadium for use by players who frequently use it, and Oljoro Orok Market for the traders.
- ❖ There is a need to rehabilitate the 2 Tanks located at Kirimangai Police Post to supply water to the area around.

Tourism, Cooperatives Development, Trade And Industrialization

- ❖ A modern Market needs to be constructed at Gatimu Ward.

Finance, Economic Planning & Ict

- ❖ Public Wi-Fi has not been working in Oljoro Orok.

Public Works, Roads, Transport, Housing & Energy

- ❖ Drainage of some Roads in Weru Ward needs to be done like Kangui- Kwa Mochu- Canary Road and Kasuku – Kirimangai Road that require culvert installation.
- ❖ There is a need to construct a designated bus park at Oljoro Orok town.
- ❖ The street lights within Oljoro Orok Town are not working and need to be repaired to curb insecurity issues.

The members of the public agreed with the proposed allocations and requested that their inputs be considered.

NDARAGWA SUBCOUNTY

The residents of Ndaragwa turned out in large numbers to give their inputs on the the proposed CFSP. Below were the concerns of Ndaragwa Subcounty residents per Department.

Finance, Economic planning & ICT

- ❖ Request for CFSP hard copy document in good time to ensure advance perusal
- ❖ The publicity of CFSP public participation should be enhanced in order to reach more residents in the County

Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources

- ❖ Request for supply of water to most parts of the Ndaragwa as most homesteads are not connected to water, this will enable carrying out of irrigation in lower Ndaragwa.
- ❖ Request for desilting of colonial dams in Ndaragwa Subcounty
- ❖ Creation of a water harvesting sensitization programme
- ❖ Ndaragwa Sub-county requested for enhancement of funds for Climate change directorate
- ❖ Construction of water intakes in the Subcounty
- ❖ The already put up Mutura water project has pending water reticulation works

Tourism, Co-operatives Development, Trade and Industrialization

- ❖ Creation of tourism sites with good scenery in Ndaragwa for tourist attraction thereby increasing the Own Source Revenue

Governance

- ❖ The office of the Governor is requested to assist in degazettement of Ndaragwa forest so as to enhance the town developmental growth as most parts of the town are still gazetted as forest

- ❖ The Office of the Governor should lobby for change of ward boundaries now that IEBC is reviewing boundaries. Ndaragwa central ward should be split into several wards as it is the largest ward in the County.

Education, Children, Gender affairs, Culture and Social Servives

- ❖ Construction of a Youth Polytechnic in Kahutha area in Ndaragwa Subcounty
- ❖ Construction of an ECDE centre in Kahutha area
- ❖ Request for employment of ECDE teachers, there are existing qualified teachers in the Subcounty
- ❖ Bursary provision is low, Ndaragwa Subcounty is needier with the consideration it's a dry area hence no farming income as opposed to other Sub counties
- ❖ Construction of Mutara ECDE Toilet

Health Services

- ❖ Ndaragwa Health center has no strategic commodities (drugs)
- ❖ Ndaragwa Health center has no backup generator that is necessary when there is power outage
- ❖ A request was made on making some departments of Ndaragwa Health center operational as they have already been constructed and only operationalization is awaiting
- ❖ Toilet exhausters are needed in Ndaragwa town in order to improve the hygiene and sanitation matters
- ❖ Solid waste management need to be improved within Ndaragwa town

Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development

- ❖ There is need for government land surveyors in Ndaragwa Sub county to solve land related issues

Public works, Roads, Transport, Housing and Energy

- ❖ Ndaragwa Sub county has some of its roads and bridges being non-motor able especially during the rainy season
- ❖ The County machinery are being mismanaged as they have to travel back to Ol-kalou each day. The funds on the fuel may be used on other County pressing issues.
- ❖ The Existing roads drainage system should improved
- ❖ The Ndaragwa Sub-County residents are willing to provide their quarry sites to provide murrum to make the sub-county roads motorable and to also save on fuel as the trucks travel miles to get the murrum.

Youth Empowerment, Sports and Arts

- ❖ Need to sensitize the youths on the dangers of alcoholism
- ❖ Need to craft Youth empowerment programs to support the youth

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

- ❖ Ndaragwa Sub county residents requested for revamped A.I. services
- ❖ Request for provision of certified seeds and subsidized fertilizer to Shamata residents
- ❖ The Ndaragwa Sub county residents requested for enhanced Agricultural budget as Shamata is agricultural productive



Public participation at Ndaragwa

CONCLUSION

The CFSP 2024 public participation was a success for the county. The high turnout is an indication that the residents are concerned with the development of the county and that they are committed to support the government achieve its plan. The members of the public adopted the proposed plan for the 2024/ 25 fy. the relevant departments will take up the issues pertaining their area of jurisdiction and find a clear solution. The issues raised will be incorporated in the final document before tabling to CEC and submission to the County Assembly.