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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE 3RD CITIZEN FORUM HELD ON 13th March 2025 AT WOTE GREEN PARK -SOCIAL HALL

1. Introduction

The Citizen Forum was held on 13th March 2025 at Wote Green Park Social Hall. The meeting brought together key stakeholders to deliberate on urban development, gender inclusion, private sector engagement, and municipal market development within Wote Municipality.

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer, followed by introductions from participants who identified themselves by ward, guided by the County Administration.

2. Attendance

The forum was attended by:

- Municipal Board Members
- County Executive Committee Member (CECM) – Lands
- Municipal Manager
- Municipal Staff
- Market Sector Representatives / Private Sector Representatives
- Community Members

3. Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Gender Mainstreaming in Urban Planning and Infrastructural Projects
3. Private Sector Engagement Framework
4. Feedback on Municipal Market Development



5. Any Other Business (A.O.B)

4. Proceedings and Deliberations

4.1 Opening Remarks

The Sub-County Administration encouraged residents to remain vigilant on security matters within their respective areas and to take an active role in overseeing and supporting County Government development initiatives.

The Municipal Manager appreciated the County Administration for effective mobilization during citizen participation forums. He further introduced the three municipalities within Makueni County and explained their establishment in accordance with statutory requirements under relevant municipal governance laws.

He emphasized the importance of public participation in shaping municipal priorities and encouraged women to take up leadership positions within local markets to strengthen gender inclusion and representation.

4.2 Gender Mainstreaming in Urban Planning and Infrastructure

The forum discussed the integration of gender considerations in urban planning and infrastructure development. Participants emphasized the need to:

- Ensure equitable access to public facilities for both men and women.
- Incorporate safety measures in public spaces, including adequate lighting and sanitation facilities.
- Promote women's participation in decision-making structures, especially within market leadership and community development committees.

It was agreed that inclusive planning enhances social equity and improves service delivery outcomes.

4.3 Private Sector Engagement Framework

Stakeholders deliberated on strengthening collaboration between the Municipality and private sector actors. Key points included:

- Establishing structured engagement platforms for consultation and partnership.
- Encouraging investment in market infrastructure and urban development projects.
- Enhancing transparency and accountability in public-private collaborations.

Participants acknowledged that a clear engagement framework would improve service delivery and stimulate local economic growth.

4.4 Feedback on Municipal Market Development



Market sector representatives and community members provided feedback on ongoing and proposed market development projects. Issues discussed included:

- Infrastructure improvements and modernization of market facilities.
- Allocation and management of market spaces.
- Sanitation, drainage, and security enhancements.
- Inclusion of traders in planning and implementation processes.

The Municipality committed to continuous consultation and timely communication regarding project implementation.

4.5 CECM's Remarks

The CECM encouraged citizens to actively participate in all public participation forums to ensure their views inform planning and budgeting processes. He highlighted the importance of key development frameworks, including the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), Kenya Vision 2030, and the Integrated Development and Economic Plan (IDEP), as guiding instruments for sustainable and structured development.

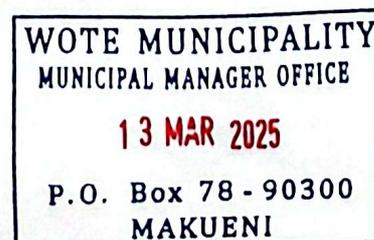
He further confirmed that the Health Department would follow up on relevant projects to complement municipal development initiatives, particularly in areas affecting public health and sanitation.

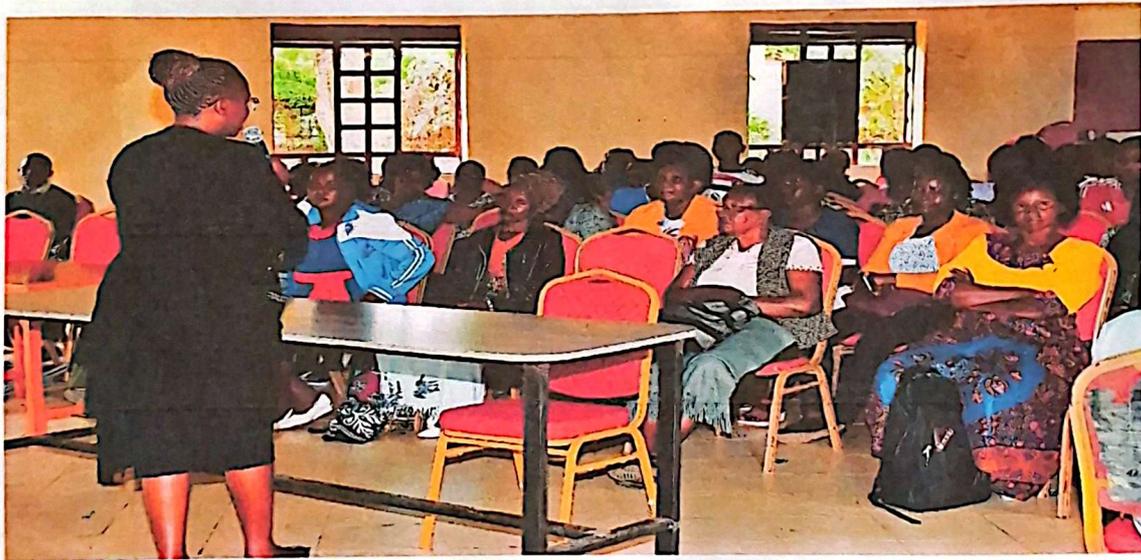
5. Conclusion

The forum provided a constructive platform for engagement between the Municipality, private sector stakeholders, and community members. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to collaborative development, gender inclusion, enhanced security vigilance, and strengthened public participation in municipal governance.

The meeting concluded with appreciation to all attendees for their active involvement and contributions.

Pictorials





At Greenpark Social Hall- 13/03/2025

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