



## EMALI-SULTAN HAMUD MUNICIPALITY

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S/No.	Name	Designation
1.	Philip Ngila	Municipal Manager
2.	Eng. Yvone Robert	Municipal Engineer
3.	Mark Ndunga	Municipal Manager Administrative Officer
4.	Cynthia Muthiani	Municipal Environment Officer/Secretary
5.	Charity Musyoki	Municipal Social Development Officer/Co-opted Member
6.	Elijah Wambua	Attachee- Municipality
7.	Duncan Nziu	PMC Chairperson
8.	James Nolo	Green grocer committee member
9.	Sharack M. Mbai	PMC secretary
10.	Francis Muthoka	Chairperson –Green grocer sector
11.	Antony Mutua	Secretary- hawkers and street vendor sector
12.	Sammy Muli	PMC member
13.	Stephen Muindi	Committee member- hawkers and street vendor sector
14.	Nicholas Musyimi	Committee member- hawkers and street vendor sector
15.	Rev. Paul Mathenge	PMC member
16.	Esther Mwendu	PMC member
17.	Priscillah Mutua	Chairperson - hawkers and street vendor sector
18.	Grace Wanza	Committee member- hawkers and street vendor sector

19.	Josephine Mwololo	PMC V. chairperson-
20.	Beatrice Murugi	Secretary- green grocer sector
21.	Josephine W. Kyalo	Green grocer sector member
22.	Bonface K. Kamuya	Chief-Sultan Hamud Location

## **BACKGROUND**

The municipality organized traders into different sectors and held elections for the sector committees in order to ensure that issues/challenges affecting a specific sector are tackled extensively and with proper representation of the sector members. Following the completion of the murraming project of the Sultan Hamud open air market, the municipality organized a meeting with sector leaders, for the sectors that are supposed to occupy the market to discuss on possible relocation of traders.

The Municipal Manager addressing the attendants of the meeting highlighted that the Government of Makueni county had invested funds to construct the market shed and further to murram the open air market in Sultan in order to ensure traders have a decent trading area to relocate them from the roadside where they face several dangers and also to pave way for drainage maintenance and other developments along the roadsides.

## **SUBMISSIONS**

All the members present at the meeting agreed that the open air market needed to be operationalized despite some few enhancements that needed to be completed. However, that can be done even as traders are using the market. The following submissions were made regarding the relocation of traders and operationalizing the Open Air Market.

- i. All traders at the roadsides to be relocated at once.
- ii. Traders to be given humble time for relocation
- iii. All traders operating along the roadside belonging to the two sectors to be appropriately mapped to ensure all of them are catered for.
- iv. Traders dealing with perishable goods to be allocated space at the market shed
- v. The municipality to get a group to manage the toilets and the water facilities, the group can charge the market users a small fee for the services.
- vi. The open air space be divided well for clothes traders, fresh produce wholesalers and other hawkers
- vii. A consideration to use the surrounding houses as stores for traders who need storage facilities.
- viii. Consider constructing some storage facilities in the market shed in the near future.
- ix. The municipality in collaboration with the department of transport and infrastructure to come up with a way of increasing traffic at the market. (designate a bus stop next to the market)
- x. The municipality to monitor the group managing water facility to ensure continuous supply of water at the market to help maintain high levels of hygiene.
- xi. All traders to have waste collection bins to ensure proper disposal of waste.

## **WAYFORWARD**

After an extensive discussion, it was agreed that there was need for a taskforce to spearhead the operationalization of the open-air market.

The taskforce will consist of the following members.

1. Municipal Engineer
2. Municipal public participation officer
3. Municipal social development officer

4. The Open Air Market project management committee.
5. Three executive members of the green grocer sector committee
6. Three executive members of the hawker's/street vendors' sector committee
7. Three representatives of general shop operators and clothes traders along the target roadsides.
8. The area chief as an ex-official member.

The above team shall convene and present a report on mapping of affected sector members, proposal for operationalizing the Market and a work plan for implementing the proposal. This activity shall be completed in a week's time.



*Figure 1 The Municipal Manager leading a discussion on the operationalization of the Sultan Hamud open air market.*

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