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MUNICIPAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT PLAN AND BUDGET

2025-2026



1.0 INTRODUCTION.

Wote Municipality Annual Investment Plan for the Financial Year 2025/2026 has been prepared in line with the County Government of Makueni's strategic objectives, the Wote Municipality Strategic Plan, and the Kenya Urban Support Programme II (KUSP II) guidelines. The Plan outlines the investment priorities as identified by the County Government (both the Executive and County Assembly), the Municipal Board, and through outputs of citizen fora engagements.

The preparation of this Plan was guided by a participatory and consultative process, ensuring that the views of key stakeholders, including community representatives and development partners, were incorporated. This inclusive approach provides a basis for transparent decision-making and effective resource allocation.

The proposed investments are aimed at promoting sustainable urban development, enhancing service delivery, and improving the quality of life for the residents of Wote Municipality. Through this Plan, the Municipality seeks to strengthen local economic growth, improve infrastructure and services, and foster an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable urban environment.

2.0 CONTEXT.

This section provides an overview of the summary of the main objectives under the IDeP, achievements and changes emanating from the review.

2.1 Summary of the Main Objectives.

The Wote Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) identifies key objectives across thematic areas to guide urban development. These include:

- **Urban Commerce:** Rehabilitation and upgrading of markets to improve trading infrastructure.
- **Urban Infrastructure:** Regular maintenance of roads through grading and gravelling, upgrading selected roads to bitumen standard, designation and construction of parking lots, opening of township roads and construction of bridges.
- **Energy Improvement:** Installation of high-mast floodlights and promotion of renewable energy options, particularly solar.
- **Urban Development:** Preparation of the Municipal Spatial Plan and establishment of a Development Control Unit to guide orderly growth.
- **Urban Environment:** promoting compliance to environmental and social safeguards, mapping and rehabilitation of fragile ecosystems, and management of waste (solid and liquid).

2.2 Activities Undertaken.

Since the implementation of the IDeP, notable progress has been made, including:

- Installation of 29 floodlights across the municipality to enhance security and extend business hours.
- Upgrading of Ngooni-Rapha 1.2 km of road to bitumen standard, improving connectivity.

- Construction of mukuyuni modern market and rehabilitation of Wote Marikiti and mukuyuni vegetable markets.
- Development of the Municipal Spatial Plan to guide land use and development.
- Establishment of the Municipal Development Control Unit to strengthen regulation and compliance.
- Construction of Wote green public park
- Mapping of fragile ecosystems, with rehabilitation activities planned.

2.3 Changes to the IDeP Following Review by the Urban Board

The Urban Board reviewed the IDeP and introduced the following adjustments:

- Reallocation of resources to ensure balanced investment across sectors and locations.
- Emphasis on clustered development around market centres, with access roads and lighting prioritized to complement economic infrastructure.
- Confirmation of project feasibility, ensuring that all proposed interventions are achievable and deliverable within FY 2025/26.
- Development of municipal climate risk profile to guide on implementation of climate proof infrastructure.

These changes were informed by the need to maximize impact, respond to citizen priorities, and ensure sustainable urban growth.

3.0 INVESTMENT PRIORITISATION

The investment priorities were identified through an inclusive process involving the Urban Board, the County Government, and public consultative fora.

Urban Board Priorities: The Board emphasized cabro paving of parking lots, street lighting, opening and grading of roads, installation of floodlights, and urban greening initiatives.

County Government Priorities: The County Executive and Assembly prioritized the acquisition of land for the development of a modern bus park to address transport and upgrading of total-old slaughter road to bitumen standard with the associated furniture to ease congestion challenges in Wote town and adoption of sustainable waste management technology.

Citizen Fora Priorities: Citizens highlighted the need for construction of exhaustible latrines in markets, improvement of drainage systems in market areas, construction of boda boda sheds, designation of solid waste dumpsites, planning of markets, and installation of floodlights to improve safety and extend trading hours and engagement of youth in municipal greening initiatives.

Consensus Reached

Following consultations, consensus was reached to retain the following priority projects for implementation: purchase of land for a bus park, cabro paving of parking lots, renovation of Kako market shed, construction of public toilets, installation of floodlights, road improvement through grading, and construction of boda boda sheds. These priorities reflect a balanced approach that integrates citizen needs, urban board recommendations, and county government priorities.

4. URBAN INVESTMENT PLAN AND BUDGET FY 2025/ 2026

4.1 list of projects and tentative budget.

Table 1.

Table 1: Urban Area Investment Budget FY 2025/2026					
S/No	Activity	Timeframe		Budget	
		Start date	End date	UDG	Municipal budget.
	Preliminaries and consultancies	July, 2025	September, 2025		
1.	Purchase of Wote Bus park land	October, 2025	March, 2026		40,000,000
2.	Installation of 15M market lights on a concrete pole	January, 2025	March, 2026		7,000,000
3.	Construction of modern Boda Boda sheds in Wote town	October, 2025	March, 2026		1,000,000
4.	Roads improvement program across the municipality	September, 2025	November, 2025		5,000,000
5.	Construction of exhaustible pit latrine	October, 2025	March, 2026		3,000,000
6.	Renovation of market shed	October, 2025	March, 2026		1,000,000
7.	Cabro paving of parking space and street lighting.	January, 2025	June, 2026	30,000,000	

4.2 Projects rationale and justification.

a) Purchase of Wote Bus Park Land

Description: Acquisition of land for the establishment of a modern buspark to serve as a central transport hub in Wote town.

Rationale and Justification: The growing demand for organized public transport in Wote requires adequate space for buses and matatus to operate efficiently. Securing land ensures proper planning, reduces congestion within the Central Business District, enhances revenue collection, and promotes orderly transport services.

b) Installation of 15M floodlights in markets within the municipality.

Description: Installation of high-mast lighting at strategic points within Municipal markets.

Rationale and Justification: Adequate lighting will extend market operating hours, improve

security for traders and customers, and promote a safe environment for economic activity. This aligns with the municipality's goal of enhancing business growth and public safety.

c) Construction of Modern Boda Boda Sheds in Wote Town

Description: Building of user friendly sheds to provide shelter and designated waiting areas for boda boda operators.

Rationale and Justification: The boda boda sector is a key player in urban mobility. Providing sheds will protect operators and passengers from adverse weather, improve order in pick-up/drop-off points, and enhance safety and regulation of operations.

d) Roads Improvement Program across the Municipality

Description: Upgrading and maintaining priority municipal roads through grading, gravelling, and surfacing works.

Rationale and Justification: Improved road networks will ease transport, enhance connectivity within the municipality, support local businesses and improve accessibility to markets. This directly contributes to economic growth and improved service delivery.

e) Construction of Exhaustible Pit Latrine

Description: Building of a standard exhaustible pit latrine facility in public spaces such as markets.

Rationale and Justification: Public sanitation facilities are essential in populated areas. This project promotes WASH through improving hygiene, reducing open defecation, and supporting public health standards.

f) Renovation of Market Shed

Description: Rehabilitation and improvement of existing market sheds to provide a conducive environment for traders.

Rationale and Justification: Many market structures are dilapidated, exposing traders and goods to poor conditions. Renovation will improve working environments, promote business sustainability, and increase revenue through enhanced market operations.

g) Cabro Paving of Parking Space and installation of streetlights

Description:

This project entails the paving of designated parking areas within Wote town using cabro blocks, coupled with the installation of modern streetlights to improve accessibility and safety.

Rationale and Justification: The use of cabro paving will significantly enhance the aesthetics of Wote town, promote urban order, and provide durable, dust-free, and well-drained parking areas. The installation of streetlights will enhance security and safety for residents, traders, and visitors, particularly during evening hours. Collectively, these interventions will improve user experience, support effective traffic and parking management, and contribute to sustainable urban development in line with municipal and county strategic objectives.

In FY 2025/2026, through UDG funding, Wote Municipality will implement the cabro paving of parking space within Wote Town. The project is eligible under the UDG investment menu on connectivity, mobility, and accessibility investments, and is structured to be completed fully within one financial year. In line with UDG requirements, it will undergo social and environmental screening, and an EIA will be prepared to identify and mitigate any potential impacts.

Table 2: Gantt chart.

S/N	Activity	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1.	Preliminaries and consultancies												
2.	Purchase of Wote Bus park land												
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8.	Cabro paving of parking space												

5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The proposed projects are expected to enhance urban mobility, improve market infrastructure, promote public health and safety, and create a more orderly and attractive urban environment. These outcomes directly respond to citizens’ priorities for better services and livelihoods, align with the Municipal Board’s focus on sustainable urban development, and support the County Government’s agenda of improved service delivery, economic growth, and quality of life.

6. IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES AND TIMEFRAME

The implementation of the proposed investments will be undertaken by the Municipal Technical Team in collaboration with the County Department of Infrastructure, with overall oversight provided by the Municipal Board.

Procurement will be carried out through competitive bidding in line with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act (PPADA) to enhance efficiency and accountability. All activities are scheduled for implementation and completion within FY 2025/26, based on realistic resource allocation and project timelines.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- **County Government:** Provide procurement approvals, financing, and policy oversight.
- **Municipal Technical Team:** Prepare designs, supervise works, ensure technical quality, and monitor compliance with standards.
- **Urban Board/Administration:** Provide oversight, coordinate implementation, facilitate citizen engagement, and prepare progress reports for accountability.

ANNEXES

- a) Prefeasibility report
- b) Environmental and social screening checklist.

