

# **REPORT OF ITEN MUNICIPALITY 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER CITIZEN FORA HELD FROM 12<sup>TH</sup> -13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE,2024 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to section 22 of Urban Areas and Cities Act 20111 revised 2012, read together with first and second schedule, Iten Municipality residents were notified of Fourth quarter citizen Fora to be conducted at designated areas within the municipality.

The objective was to sensitize residents on review the Iten Municipality Integrated Develop Plan (IDEP), generate inputs for IDEP review and sensitize residents on municipality status.

### **Legal Framework**

- The constitutions created a two tier government system; national and county
- Elgeyo marakwet is one of the 47 counties created
- Urban areas and cities act define criteria for designation of cities and towns
- The amended urban and cities act designated all county HQs as municipalities.

### **Iten Municipality**

- The Governor gazzetted iten municipality vide gazette notice number 13268 of 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- First Municipality board gazzetted on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Covers 15 sub locations and a total area of 184 square kilometers.

### **Municipal Boundaries, population and characteristics**

#### **Demographics**

- Population(projected 2019) 56,196(M 27,364, F 28,832)
- Density 305 persons per KM2
- Sex ratio 100: 105

Poverty 35%, lowest Bugar 15% highest, Anin 65%

Electricity coverage 40%

#### **Health Facilities**

- 1 County referral
- 5 health centres
- 4 dispensaries
- 4 clinics

- 8 Chemists

Average distance to health facility 2 km

#### **Education facilities**

- KMTTC 1
- VTC 1
- TTI 1
- No. of secondary schools 16
- No. of primary schools 53(34 public, 19 private)
- No. of ECD Centres 69 (37 Public,32 private)

#### **Total road network**

- Total road network is 217 km of which 21.91(11.4%) is paved, 174.6(80.4%) is gravel, 20.5(9.4%) is earth surface. Proportion of all weather roads is more than 90% thus accessibility is relatively easy

#### **Street lights**

- 9 out of 20 streets have street lights

There are no standard walkways, no airstrip/airport

There are 2 bus parks with a capacity of 300 against a daily demand of 500 parking lots

#### **Financial Services**

- 4 Commercial Bank
- 4 Micro Finance Institutions
- 2 SACCOs( regulated by SARSA)

#### **Trade**

There are more than 400 MSMEs

#### **Sports facilities**

- Stadia 2(1 public under construction and 1 private),no theatres
- 1 private swimming pool
- 1 gymnasium
- 1 youth empowerment centre

## **Development challenges**

- Poverty rates still high
- Limited access to water
- Low electricity coverage
- Lack of basic urban facilities including sewerage, dumpsite, cemetery amongst others

## **Lacking facilities**

- Air strip/airport
- University college
- Theatre
- Library
- Cemetery and crematoria
- Sewerage
- Solid waste dumpsite

## **MAIN FUNCTIONALITIES**

### **Administrative centre**

Hosts the county headquarters of EMC, and sub county HQs of Keiyo North, Ward Hqs,

### **Educational and Health Centre**

Hosts a total of educational and training institutions including St.patricks National school,singore girls, Iten Day Secondary, Iten MTC, Iten VTC amongst others.

### **Sporting and Tourism**

- Regarded as the training Capital,its also a IAAF heritage site
- During peak season hosts 1,000 promising athletes training and some residing in the Municipality
- Home to Rimoi national reserve known to host the largest herd in Africa
- Gateway to attractive tourism sites including Lake Baringo,Lake Bogoria and Kapnarok and Rimoi national reserve.

### **Agricultural Centre**

- Its hinterland is agriculturally rich and produce diverse produce due to the 3 ecological zones.

## COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

### Sports Capital

- Located at a very high altitude approximately 3300 m above sea level coupled with the hilly topography creates a conducive environment for athletics training especially for endurance specialization.
- Support unique sporting activities including endurance biking, paragliding and roller skating

### Proximity to Eldoret Town

Its proximity to Eldoret town hence market access

It is served by 2 trunk roads thus ease of transport and communication.

### Tourism potential

The scenic pictures including the magnificent escarpment and the rolling hills provide a beautiful scenery for tourism

Home to the Rimoi national reserve

The topography between Iten Town and the Rimoi reserve creates a unique potential for a cable.

### Agricultural zone


Its hinterland produces diverse food and cash crops that vary with the three agro- ecological zones thus support potential growth of agro processing industries.

The huge forest cover especially plantations provides a huge potential for development of the timber industry.

### Goals

- Provide adequate access to clean water
- Have a functional sewerage and solid waste management systems
- Provide reliable transport system
- Provide a conducive environment for investment
- Ensure adequate access to social amenities
- Enhance sports talent diversification and development.

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