

# **REPORT OF 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER CITIZEN FORA FOR ITEN TAMBACH MUNICIPALITY HELD FROM 14<sup>TH</sup> -15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to section 22 of Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 revised 2012, read together with first and second schedule, Iten Municipality residents were notified of second quarter citizen Fora for the financial year 2024/2025 to be conducted at designated areas within the municipality.

The objective was to sensitize residents on municipal development planning, budgeting and revenue streams

## **Agenda**

1. Preliminaries.
2. Security.
3. Health.
4. General Development.
5. A.O.B.

## **Preliminaries**

The meeting started at 11:10am with a word of prayer from an elder. The Area Chief who was the moderator began by thanking members of the public and officers present for making time to attend the meeting. There was a brief introduction of the members present and the team from the County led by the Iten Municipality Manager

## **Opening Remarks**

The Chief invited an elder to make a few remarks on behalf of other community elders present. He urged residents to make their contribution on issues that they need to be addressed. The area chief thereafter appreciated the local leadership led by Iten Municipality manager for convening the meeting. He mentioned that the meeting was part of a series of engagements the local leadership had planned to have in every village within Iten Township. The Chief then introduced the day's agenda which was to hear and find ways of addressing issues affecting residents.

## **Plenary Session**

After brief remarks, members of the public were given an opportunity to present their issues. These concerns were noted by the local leadership and the management of Iten Municipality led by the Municipal Manager who was present during the meeting. Several Issues were raised by the community and the relevant officers responded to them.

## **OVERVIEW OF CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES FROM THE RESIDENTS**


1. Environmental cleanliness is becoming a concern. There are broken bottles littered around the estate posing a threat to people's safety.
2. Complains of tenants being arrested by public health officers instead of the Landlord being taken accountable.
3. Concerns about inequality in the distribution of County resources such as C.D.F and Bursaries. Some residents are despised on the basis of being called "foreigners" despite owning land and residing in Iten for a long time.
4. Reports of suspicious characters visiting households without proper credentials. One member complained of two people who showed up at a guest house in the estate claiming to be KRA officers. After much interrogation they fled the scene but he managed to record the registration number of the car they were using.
5. Liquid Waste is poorly handled. Storm-water drainage systems have been misused by channelling household liquid waste into the drains. Proposal to have exhauster services within the municipality.

### **MIN 06/21/08/2025: Closing Remarks**

The Chief invited Iten Municipality Manager to address the meeting. He thanked all present and affirmed his commitment to ensuring Iten makes strides development-wise. The manager emphasized the need for the public to adhere to the laid rules and regulations stating that no one is above the law. He promised that roads will be continually improved despite limited resources. The Manager urged local leaders to work closely with the municipality to ensure its vision is realized. He touched on the issue of Solid Waste Management and promised to improve the efficiency of the conservancy team in managing waste. The manager gave a recommendation that the estate be given a facelift by repainting the estate with a colour of the resident's liking. He also mentioned that the Kenya National Highways Authority is having plans underway to improve the road shoulders along the main road. Residents were urged to set aside funds during the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for provision of street lights. He finished by thanking the area chief for allowing the meeting to happen within his location.

**WAY FORWARD**

1. Residents are urged to have solid waste receptacles within households. In addition, the members agreed that an environmental cleaning day will be set to collect all waste and clear overgrown bushes within the estate.
2. Proposal to have those under probation to clean the area and unblock drainages from time to time.
3. All proposed buildings should be approved in order to ensure proper facilities such as soak-pits and septic tanks are provided for. This will reduce illegal channelling of waste water into storm-water drains as it might cause diseases.
4. The Enforcement office will always write SHISHA reports when making inspections for identifying businesses that are operating without permits. This will help minimize property loss.

Secretary.....Date.....16/11/2024.....Sign.....

Chairman.....Date.....16/11/2024.....Sign.....