

**REPORT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER CITIZEN FORA FOR ITEN TAMBACH MUNICIPALITY  
HELD FROM 20<sup>TH</sup> -21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026**

**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 First quarter citizen Fora for the financial year 2025/2026 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.

**General Municipal Development Planning**

- Constitution demands a paradigm shift in development planning
- Article 220(2) (a) states 'national legislation shall prescribe the structure of development plans and budgets
- Integrated Development Planning framework enhances linkage between policy ,planning and budgeting
- Integrated Development planning
- Integrated Development Planning (IDP) provides basis on which county Budget allocations will be disbursed and accounted for.

**What is integrated development planning?**

A process which unifies national and devolved county governments and non- state actors development planning and implementations

This unification of efforts produces plans which achieves the needs and targets set for the benefit of Local communities.

These efforts can be in form of financial resources, technical expertise and peer learning.

**Justification for integrated development planning**

**Legal requirement**

- The constitution

- County Government Act 2012 Section 104(1) of the Act, obligates county government to prepare plans, without which no public funds shall be appropriated
- Public Finance Management Act (PFMA),2012
- Urban areas and Cities Act ,2011 makes it clear that a board of a city or municipality- including a town;( section 20 (2)) shall formulate and implement an integrated development plan
  - ❖ A development master plan for the municipality
  - ❖ A framework for:
    - Coordinated development
    - Budgeting
    - Efficient and effective projects implementation
    - Performance measurement
      - ❖ Enhances linkages between policy, planning and budgeting
      - ❖ Is a formal document for partnership and collaborations

#### **Key consideration in development planning**

- Transparency and accountability through open civic engagements
- Aligned to the national development framework
- Adhered to relevant legal framework relating to planning and budgeting
- Linkages with CIDP( alignment of mandates with county sector framework)

#### **The municipality's resource envelop is derived from:**

1. CRA Equitable Share
2. Local Revenue
3. Kenya Urban Support Programme(KUSP) conditional grants

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


1. Insecurity is becoming a concern. There have been several reports of shops and households being broken into and no action taken by the police despite residents recording statements on the police occurrence book (O.B). There is also increase in petty crimes such as theft of chicken.
2. Public Health Concerns. Residents complained about blockage of storm-water drainage in some parts of the estate.
3. There is no current information regarding tenancy and the number of households within the estate.
4. Unemployment is on the rise among the youth. There was outcry about inequality on the distribution of slots for the Kazi Mtaani program.

5. Solid Waste Management is becoming a problem. There is no designated site for collecting waste awaiting final transportation to the disposal site. Also, the public complained of poor communication on waste collection days and intervals.
6. Defilement cases are on the rise. There are reports of inappropriate behaviour along the escarpment posing danger to young children.
7. Environmental cleanliness is becoming a concern. There are broken bottles littered around the estate posing a threat to people's safety.
8. Complains of tenants being arrested by public health officers instead of the Landlord being taken accountable.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Poor impassable roads in some parts within the larger Mororia Village.
13. Electricity issues. There is poor street lighting within the estate causing rising cases of insecurity. A resident complained of a power pole that is almost collapsing.
14. Concern over mishandling of Business owners by the enforcement team due to late payment of licences. Claims of some property being lost.
15. Persons with disabilities (PWDs) have not been sufficiently covered in the SHA program.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. KPLC will be engaged to erect a new pole in place of the one that is almost falling and assist in re-routing some powerlines.
2. The area Deputy Officer Commanding Station (O.C.S) promised to beef up security in the area. He urged residents to make a follow-up of all reported cases. He also urged the residents to be each other's keeper in the fight against crime.
3. A designated waste collection point will be identified within the estate. The Public Health Officer Mr. Komen urged the residents 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.
4. Proposal to have those under probation to clean the area and unblock drainages from time to time.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. All households will be enumerated including foreigners who reside in the area. This will assist in minimizing crime in the area.
8. Control of animals roaming around the town especially from brokers. The Enforcement office reiterated that this will be enforced to the latter.
9. A representative from the revenue office urged the residents to pay their land rent, rates and licencing fees as this translates to money meant for development.
10. Counselling of those affected by drug and substance abuse. An officer from NACADA explained effects of drug abuse and urged residents to fight this vice.
11. Regulation of the number of Alcohol outlets and miraa stalls in the CBD. An officer from the alcoholic drinks control department reaffirmed that the department will continue to fight second generation alcohol and substance abuse. The area chief reiterated that the local leadership endeavours to fight this menace.
12. Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to visit Chief's office to pick registration forms in order to benefit from the SHA program

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