

**MINUTES FOR THE COUNTY PROJECT COORDINATING TEAM (CPCT) –KENYA
URBAN SUPPORT PROGRAMME (KUSP) MEETING HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER,
2018 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL PLANNING, LANDS AND HOUSING
BOARDROOM**

Attendance

Name	Title	Attending	Excused
Hon. Henry M. Lumbasio	CECM-Physical planning, Lands and housing	✓	
Lucy Ijai Simiyu	Chief Officer- Physical planning, Lands and housing	✓	
Duncan Kuria	Director-Physical planning	✓	
Duncan Omtichi	Director-Housing	✓	
George Siguta	Director-Economic planning	✓	
David K'Ombuor	Director-Survey	✓	
Andrew Otom	Director-Water	✓	
Kenneth Mamboleo	Director-County	✓	
Maurice Owiro	Director-Trade	✓	
Alice Musuvale	Director-Environment	✓	
Valarie Kedogo	Roads Engineer-Transport & Infrastructure	✓	

Agenda

1. Brief report on progress
2. Identification of projects/proposals
3. Planned stakeholder forums
4. Capacity building
5. Way forward

Minute	Description	Action
Introduction	The chair called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. There was a word of prayer from Maurice Owiro. She welcomed all participants to the meeting.	All
Brief report on progress	The chair gave a brief report of the progress made so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the municipal board was on course. Members of the board were being vetted by the county assembly on the day of the meeting. • An acting municipal manager had been appointed. • The urban investment grant account and 	All

	<p>urban development grant account have been opened at the Central Bank of Kenya. The Chief Officer finance and Chief Officer physical planning are the signatories of the account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county project implementation committee has been constituted. <p>Mr. Mamboleo proposed formation of a secretariat to aid in the logistics of the committee.</p>	
Proposals from the department	<p>It had been agreed that departments come up with marketable proposals from the investment menu provided.</p> <p><u>Trade</u> The department proposed construction of a modern storey market in Mbale. Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decongestion the existing open air market • Create space for construction of a bus park. <p>The director sought the trader’s opinion and they were okay with the proposal. The proposed site was the current municipal stalls which would be demolished as it had very few owners and the rent collected was also below the market rate thus it was not economically viable. Members deliberated on the matter and a few issues came up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CECM wanted to know the expected size of the structure, number of storeys and cost implication (comparison with existing markets e.g Mudete, Khayega and Chavakali), • How the displaced traders would be handled due to disturbance of livelihoods. • Consideration of alternative locations of the market like Majengo and Chavakali. <p>The chair wrapped up the matter and asked the director to design a workable market, come up with a good proposal to be shared with the consultants for the way forward.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> The director presented a hybrid proposal that had various components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution and contamination. 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency intervention (fire fighting). • Aesthetics / beautification • Solid waste management. <p><u>Pollution and contamination</u> Proposed construction of a wetland with an approximate cost of Kshs. 10 Million per acre.</p> <p><u>Emergency intervention (fire fighting)</u> Construction and installation of fire hydrants at an approximate cost of Kshs. 5 Million The following areas were identified for their location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposite Vihiga high school • County commissioner’s office • Hospital • Governor’s office • Chavakali market • Mbale water treatment plant • Mudete market <p><u>Aesthetics / beautification</u> Greening along pavements.</p> <p><u>Solid waste management</u> Construction of a recycling plant at Kisatiru at an approximate cost of Kshs. 30 Million.</p> <p>Members deliberated on the matter and a few issues/suggestions came up: A lot more could be done with the beautification proposal The three hydrants within town were a bit too close. It was noted that a new line needed to be done from the mains supply. Accessibility of the fire hydrants however it was explained that the location was pegged on availability of storage tanks as well as other infrastructure. It was elaborated that the wetland would address overflow from the existing waste water treatment plant. CECM was concerned about the inconsistent supply of water and how it will affect the emergency response. It was explained that the problem will be</p>	
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addressed once the ongoing works at the water supply were complete.

Transport and Infrastructure

A list of projects in the order of priority was presented as follows:

- Mbale-Capital-Prison - 0.45 Km
- Mbale-Mukuli-Kesse - 1.3Km
- Off Mbale-Mukingi-Mutsulyu - 0.9
- Shalom Academy-Mukingi Primary - 1.0Km
- Mbale-Tsimbalo-Munoywa - 2.8Km
- Chavakali-Madegwa - 1.0Km
- Chavakali Cereal Board-StandKisa - 1.4Km
- Sossa Cottages Loop - 1.5Km
- Vohovole-Mudete- 1.0Km
- Stand Maziwa-Manyatta - 2.0
- Mbale-Magada - 6.0Km
- Mbale-Kisangula - 5.7Km
- Lunyerere-Kigama - 5.9Km
- Chango-Gisambai - 3.2Km
- Mbihi-Lotego - 4.8Km
- Mutsulyu-Viyalo - 7.2Km
- Chavakali-Chandumba - 3.0Km

It was noted that the cost of construction of roads was prohibitive (approximated at Ksh. 50 Million per kilometer) hence the need of prioritization as all the projects could not be undertaken at once.

The department also suggested consideration of non-motorized traffic for both new and existing projects by construction of foot paths and cycle paths.

Safety features also needed to be incorporated including pedestrian crossings and footbridges.

Members deliberated and the following issues/suggestions were brought up:

- Footbridges should be constructed at St. Clare's Maragoli girls' and Igunga girls' secondary schools.
- Consider construction of low volume seal roads since they are less costly.
- Benchmark with Kakamega County on their construction methods.

The chair suggested that to start with, roads within Mbale town should be considered. She also asked

	<p>members if Sossa loop road could be moved up in the order of priority as there was a major development to be undertaken in the area by the department of housing. Both suggestions were unanimously agreed upon.</p> <p><u>Public service and administration</u></p> <p>The department proposed the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building in disaster management (flooding) • Purchase of an ambulance for rescue in case of a disaster • Construction of a disaster center • Purchase of a small fire engine <p>The director said that the figures for the approximate cost were being worked on. He elaborated that smaller tools for fire fighting and workplace safety would be concentrated on. This was after it became apparent that the fire station was already a project being undertaken by the department of transport and infrastructure. Members deliberated on the matter and the following issues/suggestions came up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kakamega raised concerns that Vihiga doesn't pay for their fire engine services hence the need for the county to buy their own. • Construction of a disaster center was a viable idea however an alternative piece of land for its construction should be identified (preferably within Mbale) other than the proposed Manyatta land. • The CECM noted that flooding was not a major concern within Mbale. The only concern is Idavaga village and the problem was caused by the ongoing road construction. The road contractor (Covec) should be compelled to look into the matter. Follow up of the matter should be done through the department of Transport and Infrastruture. 	
Planned stakeholder forums	It was agreed that this will be discussed in the subsequent meetings.	All
Capacity building	It was agreed that this will be discussed in the subsequent meetings.	All

Way forward	<p>Develop a viable, justifiable and water tight proposal for construction of the market.</p> <p>Benchmark with Kakamega County in areas of road construction, markets and the beautification programme.</p> <p>Fast track the designs and proposals so that project implementation can begin.</p> <p>Ensure gender sensitivity during project implementation.</p> <p>Form a sub-committee to be in charge of stakeholder identification and involvement. The chair proposed the following names:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alice Musuvile 2. Duncan Kuria 3. George Siguta 4. Maurice Owiro 5. Valarie Kedogo <p>Prioritize projects before stakeholder identification. The sub-committee to assist with this.</p> <p>Budgets of the projects to be made.</p>	All
Closing remarks	<p>The chair thanked members for their patience and cooperation.</p> <p>A closing prayer was made by Alice Musuvale and the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.</p>	All

Chair

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Secretary

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