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MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT KITUI MUNICIPALITY <u>SUMMARY OF KITUI MUNICIPALITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14TH</u> SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT MUNICIPLALITY BOARD ROOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

| S/NO. | NAME | DESIGNATION |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Musyimi M. Mbathi | Chairperson |
| 2 | Mary M. Mbandi | Vice Chairperson |
| 3 | Elijah Musembi | Member |
| 4 | Mary Moses | Member |
| 5 | Florence Ndeti | Member |
| 6 | Fredrick Kimanga | Member |
| 7 | Job Muisyo | Secretary |

AGENDA

- 1 Opening Remarks
- 2 Review of Public Concerns Raised During Plenary Session
- 3 Formulation of Action Plans for Priority Issues
- 4 Recommendations for Stakeholder Engagement in Project Implementation
- 5 Closing Remarks

Hightlights of the meeting

The Secretary presented a summary of key concerns raised by stakeholders, including challenges with hawkers blocking shop fronts, illegal structures, and the non-functional state of most streetlights. Issues of environmental degradation due to the Kalundu dumpsite and illegal dumping, as well as the lack of disability-sensitive infrastructure, were also highlighted. Members agreed on the need to address these concerns to foster equitable and sustainable urban development.

Board deliberations and recommendations-The board deliberated extensively on the challenges presented and prioritized action items based on urgency and feasibility.

- *Hawkers and Illegal Structures:* It was resolved that an immediate survey would be conducted to map areas affected by hawkers blocking shop fronts and mushrooming illegal structures.
- *Streetlights and Drainage:* The Technical Services team committed to conducting a rapid assessment of all non-functional streetlights, prioritizing key areas for repair. A phased restoration plan would be implemented, starting with high-traffic zones. On drainage, immediate clean-up activities were proposed to clear blocked storm water drains, supported by public education campaigns to prevent illegal dumping.
- *Public Forums and Feedback Mechanisms:* To ensure continuous dialogue with residents, it was agreed for the need to have more engagement.
- *Disability-Inclusive Projects:* The board resolved to incorporate universal design principles into all ongoing and future projects, ensuring that public spaces and infrastructure are accessible to people with disabilities. This would include retrofitting existing facilities with ramps, tactile pathways, and other necessary adjustments.
- *Capacity Building:* Stakeholders would be trained on their roles in the implementation of projects, focusing on environmental stewardship and compliance with municipal regulations.