



MUNICIPALITY OF LAMU

ANNUAL INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDEP) REVIEW REPORT

Date: 30th July 2025

1.0 LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

This Annual Review Report is prepared pursuant to:

- The **Urban Areas and Cities Act**
- The **County Governments Act**
- The **Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP)** Programme Operations Manual (POM)
- The Municipal Charter establishing **Lamu Municipality**

The Integrated Development Plan (IDEP) provides the primary framework for coordinated planning, capital investment prioritization, infrastructure development, and service delivery within the Municipality. As required under KUSP POM guidelines, the IDEP is subject to annual review to:

- Assess physical and financial performance;
 - Evaluate developmental outcomes;
 - Identify implementation challenges;
 - Realign priorities where necessary;
 - Strengthen monitoring and accountability systems.
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2.0 STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Municipality continues to experience:

- Rapid informal settlement expansion;
- Infrastructure deficits in roads and drainage;

- Solid waste management challenges;
- Increasing tourism pressure along the seafront;
- Financial constraints relative to capital investment needs.

The IDEP links spatial planning, infrastructure provision, environmental management, and socio-economic development to deliver faster, efficient, and coordinated services.

3.0 DETAILED PROJECT PERFORMANCE REVIEW

3.1 Construction of Cabral Proposed Motorcycle Bypass (Behind Old Town)

Objective

To decongest Old Town by creating a motorcycle bypass with storm drainage and lighting infrastructure.

Scope

- Clearing and grading of alignment
- Murrum surfacing (Phase I & II)
- Installation of drainage channels
- Street lighting installation

Implementation Status

- Phase I and II murrum works completed (Ring Road section).
- Drainage installation partially complete.
- Lighting works done.

Achievements

- Improved traffic circulation around heritage zones.
- Reduction in road surface erosion during rains.
- Enhanced night-time safety.

Challenges

- Drainage integration delays.
- Funding limitations for full roads upgrading.

3.2 Construction of Amu – Matandoni Linkage Road

Objective

To improve connectivity between Amu and Matandoni settlements.

Status

- Preliminary grading works undertaken.
- Full surfacing deferred due to funding gaps and land related dispute

Socio-Economic Impact

- Enhanced fisheries transport routes.
- Improved access to markets.

3.3 Motorcycle Management Programme

Objective

To regulate motorbike movement within designated motorized areas.

Achievements

- Clear zoning of motorized vs non-motorized areas.
- Enforcement mechanisms operational.
- Reduced heritage site disturbances.

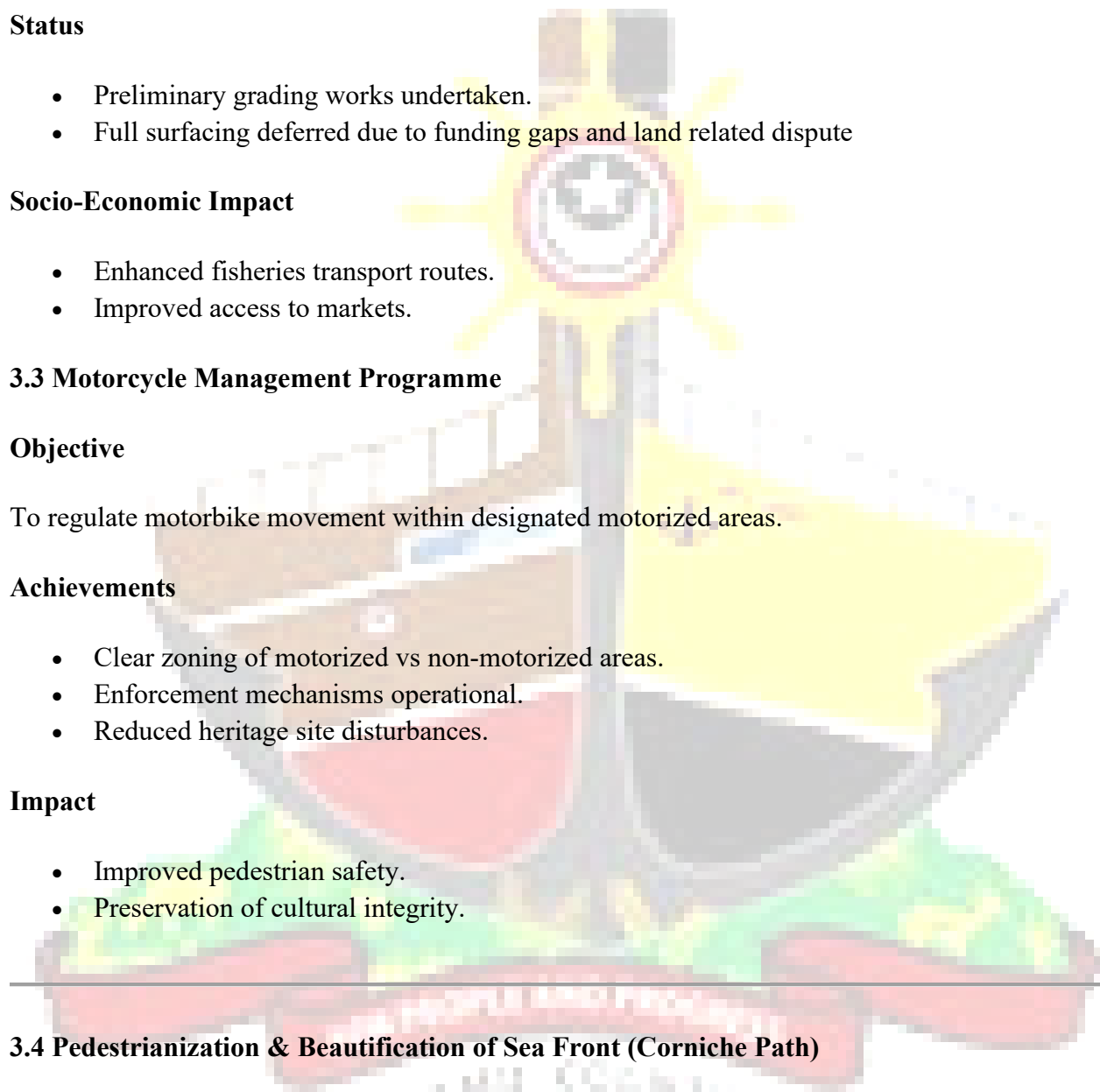
Impact

- Improved pedestrian safety.
- Preservation of cultural integrity.

3.4 Pedestrianization & Beautification of Sea Front (Corniche Path)

Scope

- Installation of sea balconies.
- Drainage repair works.
- Road surface maintenance.



- Landscaping and aesthetic improvements.

Achievements

- Sea balconies fully installed.
- Maintenance works scheduled and ongoing.

Developmental Outcomes

- Strengthened tourism appeal.
- Increased local business revenue.
- Enhanced public recreation space.

3.5 Proposed Social Hall Expansion

Status

- Concept designs prepared.
- Bill of Quantities under preparation.
- Funding mobilization ongoing.

Expected Outcome

- Expanded public meeting and event space.
- Support for community programs and youth activities.

3.6 Proposed Refuse Disposal Sites

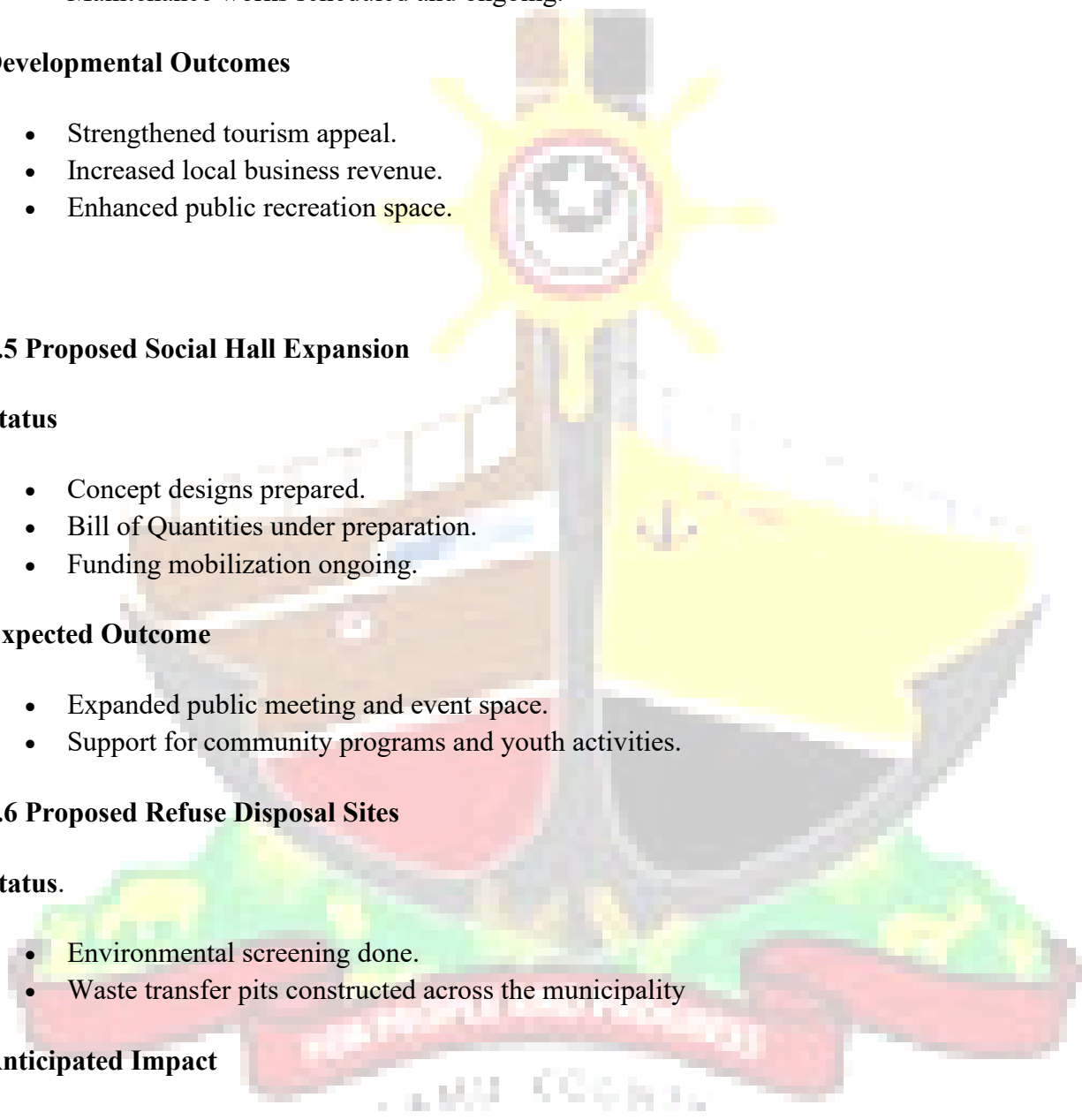
Status.

- Environmental screening done.
- Waste transfer pits constructed across the municipality

Anticipated Impact

- Reduced illegal dumping.
- Improved urban sanitation standards.

3.7 Lamu Memorial Park (Sea Reclamation for Recreation)



Project Description

Reclamation of selected shoreline for development of a public recreational park and ancillary facilities.

Current Status

- Reclaim site identified.
- Architectural designs done.
- Feasibility considerations underway.
- Funding sourcing ongoing.

Long-Term Impact

- Increased recreational space.
- Tourism enhancement.
- Job creation in hospitality and services.

3.8 Proposed Fire-Fighting Facility & Fire Tender Vehicles

Status

- Project proposal developed.
- Funding not secured.

Expected Impact

- Reduced fire disaster vulnerability.
- Faster emergency response.



3.9 Preparation of LPLUDPs (Urban Growth Nodes)

Settlement Status Summary

Settlement	Status
Hindi Magogoni (Parcel 415)	Regularization underway
Hidabu	Advanced implementation stage
India & Kandahar	Procurement stage

Impact

- Secure tenure systems.
- Planned service delivery.
- Reduced land conflicts.

3.10 Existing gap in addressing Special Interest Groups Challenges(SIGs)

In line with the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya (2010), the **Urban Areas and Cities Act**, the **County Governments Act**, and the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) guidelines, Lamu Municipality remains committed to inclusive development that ensures the needs of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are mainstreamed into planning and implementation processes. These groups include Persons Living with Disabilities (PLWDs), youth, women, the elderly, and marginalized communities within the Municipality.

3.10.1 Key Challenges Facing Special Interest Groups

Despite progress in infrastructure and service delivery, SIGs in Lamu Municipality continue to face several challenges:

- **Limited Accessibility to Public Infrastructure:**
Most existing jetties, public buildings, and transport facilities are not disability-friendly, limiting access for PLWDs, the elderly, and other vulnerable users. Steep jetty edges, lack of ramps, absence of guardrails, and poor lighting pose safety risks.
- **Youth Unemployment and Limited Engagement Opportunities:**
A significant proportion of Lamu's population comprises youth who face high unemployment rates, limited access to skills development facilities, and inadequate platforms for innovation, talent development, and cultural expression.
- **Inadequate Social and Cultural Infrastructure:**
There is a shortage of dedicated spaces such as youth resource centres and cultural hubs to support community engagement, preservation of Swahili heritage, and talent nurturing.

- **Gender Inequality and Economic Exclusion:**
Women, particularly in informal sectors such as fish trade and small-scale businesses, face barriers including lack of access to finance, markets, and secure working environments.
- **Marginalization of Remote and Communities within the Municipality:**
Areas such Bargoni, Basuba, Kiangwe and other settlements experience limited access to municipal services, infrastructure, and participation in decision-making processes.

3.10.2 Strategic Interventions and Proposed Solutions

To address the above challenges, the Municipality proposes the following targeted interventions:

a) Upgrading of Jetties and Public Access Infrastructure

The Municipality will prioritize the upgrading of existing jetties to enhance accessibility and safety for all users, particularly PLWDs. This will include:

- Installation of **accessible ramps** with appropriate gradients;
- Construction of **non-slip steps** and landing platforms;
- Provision of **guardrails and handrails** for safety;
- Improved **lighting systems** and seating areas;
- Designation of **accessible boarding points** for persons with mobility challenges.

These improvements will align with universal design principles and promote inclusive mobility, especially given Lamu's reliance on water transport.

b) Construction of Youth Resource and Cultural Centres

The Municipality will invest in the development of **multi-functional youth resource and cultural centres** to:

- Provide spaces for **skills training**, digital literacy, and entrepreneurship development;
- Support **creative industries** such as arts, music, and cultural heritage preservation;
- Facilitate **community engagement programmes** and mentorship initiatives;
- Serve as hubs for innovation and access to information and communication technology (ICT).

These centres will also play a critical role in preserving Lamu's rich Swahili culture while creating employment opportunities for young people.

c) Mainstreaming Universal Accessibility Standards

All new municipal infrastructure projects will incorporate **universal accessibility standards**, including:

- Accessible pathways, signage, and sanitation facilities;
- Compliance with national disability guidelines and building codes;
- Retrofitting of key public buildings to accommodate PLWDs.

d) Economic Empowerment Programmes for Women and Youth

- Promotion of **market access initiatives** and value chains (e.g., fish processing, handicrafts);
- Facilitation of **access to microfinance and enterprise funds**;
- Capacity building on business development and financial literacy.

e) Enhanced Stakeholder Engagement and Inclusion

- Strengthening participation of SIGs in planning and decision-making forums;
- Establishment of **feedback mechanisms** to capture concerns of marginalized groups;
- Collaboration with NGOs, CBOs, and development partners to support inclusive programs.

f) Improved Connectivity to Marginalized Areas

- Expansion of transport and communication infrastructure to underserved island and mainland areas;
- Integration of these areas into municipal service delivery frameworks.

3.10.3 Expected Outcomes

Implementation of the above interventions is expected to result in:

- Improved accessibility and safety of public infrastructure for all users;
- Increased youth employment and engagement in economic activities;
- Enhanced social inclusion and participation of marginalized groups;
- Preservation and promotion of cultural heritage;
- Reduction in inequalities across the Municipality.

4.0 FY 2024/2025 MUNICIPAL PRIORITY PROJECTS – PERFORMANCE REVIEW

4.1 Cemetery Perimeter Wall

- Procurement initiated.
- Security and boundary demarcation to reduce encroachment.

4.2 Beautification of Amu Sea Front

- Landscaping and maintenance works ongoing.

4.3 Ring Road Phase II (Murram Paving)

- Phase II completed.

4.4 Street Signage Installation

- Wayfinding signage under phased installation.

4.5 Solar Street Lighting (Mkomani, Hindi & Shella)

- Installations partially completed.
- Maintenance framework established.

4.6 CCTV Surveillance System

- Procurement stage.
- Intended to improve urban security.

4.7 Mini Waste Holding Sites (Mkomani & Hindi)

- Sites identified.
- Construction preparation underway.

4.8 Borehole Drilling & Public Toilet Rehabilitation (Hindi)

- Borehole drilling initiated.
- Sanitation rehabilitation ongoing.

4.9 Opening of Jua Kali Roads

- Access routes graded and partially opened.

4.10 Vertical Drainage – Amu Island

- Design works undertaken.
- Implementation phased.

5.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

- Budget absorption rate affected by delayed disbursements.
- Phased implementation adopted for large projects.
- Heavy reliance on KUSP conditional grants.
- Own-source revenue remains limited.

6.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- Quarterly progress reviews conducted.
- Physical verification of works undertaken.
- Financial tracking aligned with municipal budget framework.
- Compliance maintained with KUSP POM reporting requirements.

7.0 KEY DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES

Indicator	Progress
Road Infrastructure	Improved circulation & reduced flooding
Solid Waste Management	New holding sites planned
Security	CCTV & lighting initiatives
Informal Settlement Upgrading	Regularization ongoing
Tourism Infrastructure	Seafront improvement completed

8.0 CHALLENGES

- Inadequate funding relative to needs
- Heritage conservation constraints
- Procurement timelines
- Rapid informal settlement growth

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Strengthen PPP arrangements for capital projects.
2. Enhance municipal revenue collection.
3. Accelerate settlement regularization.
4. Prioritize climate-resilient infrastructure.

5. Strengthen inter-departmental coordination.

10.0 CONCLUSION

The IDEP Review demonstrates measurable progress in infrastructure, settlement planning, tourism enhancement, and service delivery within. While fiscal constraints and environmental pressures persist, the IDEP continues to provide a structured and effective framework for coordinated municipal development.

The Municipality remains committed to accelerated implementation, with strengthened financial management, stakeholder participation, and compliance with KUSP requirements.

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