



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORT

MUNICIPALITY OF LAMU ANNUAL INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDEP 2022-2028), REVIEW.

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1. Introduction

The annual review of the Lamu Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDEP) was undertaken in compliance with the provisions of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, County Governments Act, the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP) Programme Operations Manual (POM), and the Municipal Charter establishing Lamu Municipality.

As stipulated under the KUSP POM guidelines, municipalities are required to conduct an annual review of their IDEPs to ensure responsiveness to emerging development challenges, stakeholder priorities, and alignment with national and county policies.

This report documents the stakeholder engagement process, key issues raised, feedback received, and recommendations to inform the IDEP review for the FY 2025/2026.

2. Objectives of the Stakeholder Engagement

The stakeholder engagement forums aimed to:

- Collect views and priorities from residents and key stakeholders across the Municipality.
- Assess the performance and impact of implemented IDEP projects.
- Identify emerging development challenges and opportunities.
- Enhance transparency, accountability, and participatory governance.
- Inform the revision and prioritization of projects in the IDEP.

3. Methodology

3.1 Engagement Approach

The Municipality adopted a participatory approach through public forums (barazas), stakeholder consultations, and open discussions.

3.2 Areas Covered

Stakeholder forums were held in the following areas:

- Mkomani
- Shella
- Mokowe

3.3 Stakeholders Involved

Participants included:

- Local residents and community leaders
- Business community (including tourism operators and traders)
- Civil society organizations
- Transport sector representatives (including motorcycle operators)
- Youth and women groups
- County and Municipal officials

4. Key Issues Raised by Stakeholders

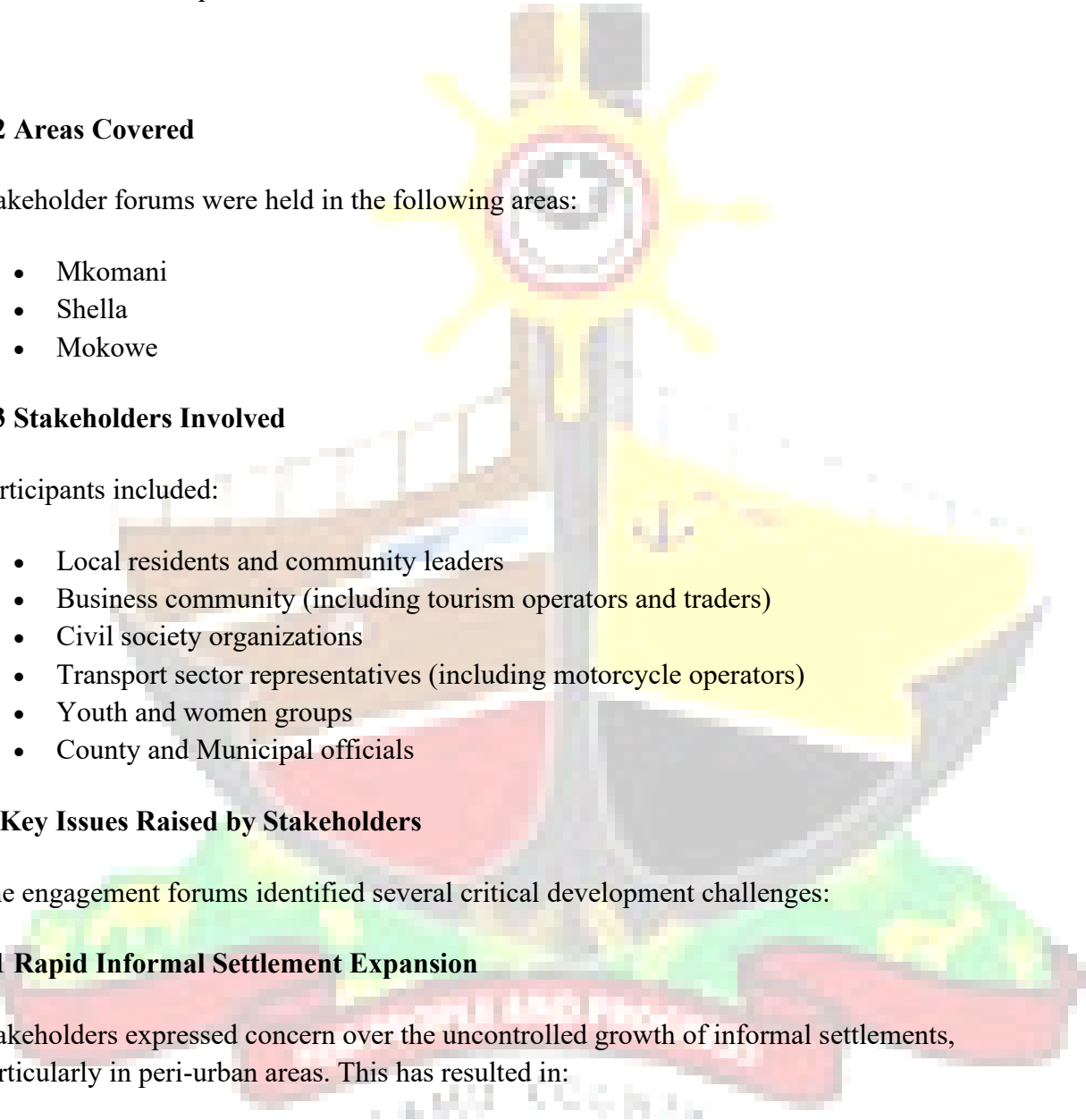
The engagement forums identified several critical development challenges:

4.1 Rapid Informal Settlement Expansion

Stakeholders expressed concern over the uncontrolled growth of informal settlements, particularly in peri-urban areas. This has resulted in:

- Increased pressure on land and basic services
- Encroachment on public land
- Unplanned developments lacking essential infrastructure

4.2 Infrastructure Deficits (Roads and Drainage)



There is a significant gap in road networks and storm water drainage systems, leading to:

- Poor accessibility in some neighborhoods
- Flooding during rainy seasons
- Increased cost of transportation and service delivery

4.3 Solid Waste Management Challenges

Stakeholders highlighted inefficiencies in waste collection and disposal, including:

- Inadequate waste collection systems
- Illegal dumping
- Limited public awareness on waste management practices

4.4 Increasing Tourism Pressure Along the Seafront

While tourism remains a key economic driver, stakeholders raised concerns over:

- Environmental degradation
- Pressure on heritage sites
- Overcrowding and strain on existing infrastructure

4.5 Financial Constraints

The Municipality faces limited financial resources relative to the growing demand for infrastructure and service delivery. This has affected:

- Implementation of planned IDEP projects
- Maintenance of existing infrastructure

5. Positive Feedback from Stakeholders

Despite the challenges, stakeholders commended the Municipality for notable achievements:

5.1 Murram Paving of the Ring Road

- Improved traffic circulation
- Enhanced accessibility within the Municipality
- Reduced travel time and congestion

5.2 Motorcycle (Boda Boda) Management

- Improved order and regulation within the town
- Reduced disturbance to heritage areas, especially in Lamu Old Town

5.3 Seafront Beautification

- Enhanced aesthetic appeal of the town
- Improved attractiveness for tourism
- Positive contribution to the local economy

6. Stakeholder Recommendations

Stakeholders made the following key recommendations:

- The Municipality should prioritize budgeting and implementation of all previously proposed but unimplemented IDEP projects.
- Strengthen enforcement of physical planning regulations to control informal settlement expansion.
- Invest in road and drainage infrastructure to improve accessibility and resilience.
- Enhance solid waste management systems, including waste collection, recycling, and public awareness.
- Develop sustainable tourism management strategies to balance economic benefits with environmental conservation.
- Explore alternative financing mechanisms, including public-private partnerships (PPPs) and donor funding.

7. Conclusion

The stakeholder engagement forums provided valuable insights into the development priorities, challenges, and expectations of the residents of Lamu Municipality.

While notable progress has been made in improving infrastructure and urban management, significant gaps remain in service delivery, planning enforcement, and financing.

The Municipality is encouraged to incorporate stakeholder views into the IDEP review process and ensure that future interventions are inclusive, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of the community.

8. Way Forward

- Integrate stakeholder feedback into the revised IDEP (FY 2025/2026).
- Prioritize high-impact and feasible projects within available resources.
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation frameworks for project implementation.
- Enhance stakeholder engagement in future planning and review processes.
- Align municipal priorities with County and National development frameworks.

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