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**REPORT ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE  
COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) IN  
SHELA WARD**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

A County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is a critical financial policy document that guides the preparation of the county's annual budget. It sets out the county's strategic priorities, policy goals, and key initiatives while aligning with the overall economic outlook. The CFSP ensures that budgetary allocations are made in a transparent and accountable manner, reflecting the needs and aspirations of the county's residents.

### 1.1 Purpose of CFSP

- Guides the preparation of the county's budget
- Sets out the county's strategic priorities and policy goals
- Outlines the county's strategic priority policies, initiatives, and reforms
- Assesses the current state of the national economy

### 1.2 Preparation OF CFSP

The County Treasury through public participation prepares and submits the CFSP to the County Executive Committee for approval

The approved CFSP is submitted to the County Assembly by a specific date each year

The County Assembly tables and discusses a report containing its recommendations

### 1.3 Public Participation in Kenya

Public participation is a fundamental principle of Kenya's constitution and democracy. It's a way for citizens to engage with the government and influence decisions.

#### 1.3.1 Why is public participation important?

##### 1.3.1.1 Promotes democracy

Citizens have the opportunity to take part in decision-making.

##### 1.3.1.2 Improves governance

Citizens can hold leaders accountable and ensure policies reflect their needs.

##### 1.3.1.3 Builds trust

Well-developed strategies for public participation build trust in government systems.

##### 1.3.1.4 Limits corruption

Public participation can limit the potential for corruption and poor leadership.

#### 1.3.2 How can citizens participate?

Vote, Contact political representatives, Campaign and lobby, Take part in consultations and demonstrations, and Petition Parliament.

### 1.3.2.1 How does the government facilitate public participation?

The government should facilitate public participation in the legislative process.

The government should promote consultation, placation, and partnership and citizen control models of participation.

### 1.3.3 Principles of public participation

Accessibility, Openness, Inclusiveness, Respect for self-expression, Timeliness, Depth, Proportionality, and Sustainability.

## 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE LAMU COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY 2025/2026

The Public Finance Management Act of the government of Kenya amndates county governments through its department and with consultation of the public to develop a county fiscal strategy paper containing budget estimates with priority areas in budget allocation.

### 2.1 Budget Estimates

For the financial year 2025/2026, the County Government of Lamu has projected a total budget of **KES 4 billion**, sourced from various revenue streams as follows:

**Equitable Share:** KES 3.4 billion

**Own Source Revenue:** KES 250 million

**Conditional Grants:** KES 346 million

### 2.2 Expected Expenditures

**Salaries:** KES 1.9 billion

**Operations & Maintenance:** KES 825 million

**Development Projects:** KES 1.2 billion

### 2.3 Proposed Allocations

**County Assembly:** KES 547 million

**County Executive:** KES 3.4 billion (including KES 1.7 billion for salaries and KES 3.46 million for conditional grant co-financing).

**Unallocated Budget:** KES 854 million (to be distributed based on public participation outcomes)

Given this financial framework, the County Government of Lamu conducted a series of public participation forums to engage residents in determining the allocation of the remaining KES 854 million. The Municipality

of Lamu spearheaded the consultation meetings in Mkomani Ward, Shela-Manda Ward, Hindi Ward, and Basuba Ward which area within the municipality jurisdiction.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING IN SHELLA

On February 11, 2025, a public participation forum was held at Shella Social Hall to gather input from residents of Shella Village, Mararani Village, and Manda Island villages. The forum facilitated discussions on pressing community needs and proposed projects that align with the development priorities of the region.



Figure 2: Participants follows keenly on the presentation of the budget estimates for FY 2025/2026



Figure 1: Hon Mohamed Mbwana CECM Finance takes participants through what CFSP is and budget estimates

### 3.1 PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN SHELLA

#### 3.1.1 Health and Sanitation

- Establishment of a Maternity Wing in Shella Dispensary.
- Construction of a Public Toilet in Kihobe Village.
- Improvement of healthcare services at Manda Airport Dispensary (installation of solar power and water connection).
- Establishment of a dispensary in Manda Maweni to serve the growing population.
- Employment of night-shift doctors at Manda Airport Dispensary to handle emergencies.

#### 3.1.2 Infrastructure Development

- Construction of Ring Road and Sea Wall in Shella.
- Manda-Maghangha Road upgrade for better connectivity.
- Installation of CCTV cameras along Shella Seafront and streets to enhance security.

- Demarcation and earmarking of roads in Mararani Village to prevent land encroachment.
- Maweni-Airport Secondary Road improvement to provide safe access for school-going children.
- Cabro paving and murrum road construction in Kihobe Village.
- Lighting of Mararani ya Chini (streetlights needed between 6-9 PM for security).
- Installation of solar lights at Manda Maweni Market and Jetty.
- Improvement of Paradise Village security through installation of streetlights.

### 3.2.2 Water and Environment

- Address Mararani water issues (installation of a water tank and piping for public toilets).
- Connect Manda Maghangha with water supply (currently 5 cans of 20L cost KES 300, making water unaffordable).
- Regulation of fishing in Kinyika to prevent disturbance to marine life (whales, dolphins, etc.).
- Provision of a county tractor for farming activities in Manda.

### 3.2.3 Education and Youth Empowerment

- Construction of classrooms and a school in Mararani (currently, there is no school in the area).
- Education bursary fund inclusion for Manda and other villages.
- Establishment of a nursery school in Kihobe Village.
- Training of Shella tour guides annually to enhance skills and boost tourism.
- Technical course sensitization programs to encourage youth to join vocational training.
- Employment opportunities for youth in sanitation projects.
- Recruitment of youth in security enforcement for roads leading to Mararani area.

### 3.2.4 Land and Governance

- Waiver on land rates to encourage defaulting landowners to make payments.
- Representation of Manda residents in county services committees.
- Issuance of title deeds to schools in Manda.
- Establishment of a Ward Administrator's Office in Shella.
- Provision of well covers at Kihobe Village to enhance safety.

### 3.2.5 Economic and Social Development

- Employment opportunities for Manda Maweni and Manda Women Groups.

- Improve vet services for livestock as KEMSFED Animals are sickly and in constant need of medication.

## CONCLUSION

The public participation forum in Shella provided valuable insights into the key projects and initiatives that residents deem essential for development. These proposals will be consolidated and presented to the County Treasury for consideration in the final CFSP for FY 2025/2026.

The Municipality of Lamu remains committed to a participatory approach in governance, ensuring that budgetary allocations reflect the real needs of the people. The next steps include:

1. Compilation and analysis of public participation reports from all wards to inform the project priorities in the county fiscal strategy paper.
2. Submission of the consolidated CFSP to the County Executive Committee for review.
3. Presentation of the final CFSP to the County Assembly for approval.
4. Implementation of approved projects in the FY 2025/2026 budget.

By prioritizing these community-driven proposals, the Municipality of Lamu aims to foster sustainable development and improve the quality of life for all residents within the municipal jurisdiction.