

MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEEDINGS ON MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK BUDGET FOR THE FY 2023/24-2025/26

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1. Introduction

In accordance with section 102 of the County Government Act, counties are required to develop plans that guide their budget-making processes. The budget-making process typically begins with the development of a budget calendar that outlines the timelines and activities involved in the process. The county government then prepares a budget call circular that provides guidelines to various departments and stakeholders on the budget-making process, including timelines, budget ceilings, and expected outputs.

County departments and stakeholders then prepare their budget proposals, which are reviewed by the county executive and consolidated into a draft budget. This draft budget is then subjected to public consultations and approval by the County Assembly before it can be implemented.

Counties are required to develop and implement County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) that guide their development agenda and budget-making process. The CIDPs are developed through a participatory process that involves various stakeholders, including the public, and are aligned with the national development agenda.

Overall, budget and planning are critical components of the budget-making process in the county government. By ensuring that budgetary allocations are aligned with the county's development priorities and objectives, counties can effectively allocate resources to meet the needs of their citizens and promote inclusive and sustainable development.

The annual budget estimates are prepared by the County Treasury and tabled in the County Assembly through the Budget and Appropriations Committee (BAC). The County Treasury is supposed to facilitate public consultations on the budget estimates. Once tabled, the County Assembly, through its sectoral committees and with leadership from the BAC, will hold hearings for the county residents and receive public views. The end result of the budget approval is the passing of the Appropriation Act and amending any other laws relevant to the effective implementation of the budget. The citizens are required to analyze the county budgets.

2. Rationale for Public Participation

Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 made public participation a national principle and value of governance and a key objective of devolution, with Article 174(c) stating that devolution aims to empower people with self-governance and enhance their participation in decision-making processes. The County Government Act of 2012, in sections 30 and 92, mandates county governors to facilitate citizen participation in policy and planning, service delivery, and other government affairs. Furthermore, section 207 of the Public Finance Management Act requires county governments to develop structures, mechanisms, and guidelines that allow for open and non-discriminatory citizen participation, and to prevent any one group from dominating the consultation process. County planning, according to section 102 of the CGA, should serve as the basis for collaboration among county governments, citizens, stakeholders, and interest groups.

Public participation in the budget process is essential for promoting good governance, accountability, and effective service delivery. It enables citizens to play an active role in decision-making, ensuring that the government's policies and programs are aligned with their needs and aspirations.

3. Methodology Adopted

3.1. Public Participation in the County

The County objective in public participation recognizes direct exercise of the sovereign power of the people through citizen participation. The objective is pursued through a framework in which the County citizens legitimately and equally have a say in decisions affecting their lives. The County recognizes that public participation in the planning and budget process is a fundamental constitutional principle that results into enhancement of citizen and county government relations, ownership of projects and programmes, appropriate prioritization as well as empowerment of the citizens. It also encourages generation of innovative approaches, strategies and actions to particular county development issues leading to efficiency and effectiveness in County development process.

3.2. Invitation to Public Participation

The County used various platforms and media to invite the public to the scheduled public fora. The invites were placed in the national dailies and further disseminated through social groups, social networks, noticeboards, church announcements as well as the county website. The consultative meetings were scheduled one, Murang'a South at ACK Kariguini Church Hall to reach participants from the larger Murang'a South comprising sub counties of Gatanga, Ithanga, Maragua, Kandara and Kigumo. The second meeting venue was at Mothers Union Hall, Murang'a town and targeted participants from the Northern part of Murang'a comprising the sub counties of Kiharu, Kahuro, Mathioya and Kangema. The invitation was open to the public, stakeholders and all other interested parties to public participation fora on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

3.3. Conduct of Public Participation

The participants were accorded an opportunity to appear in person and contribute to the proposed county budget of 2023/24 or contribute through written submissions that were sent to the The County Secretary, Murang'a County Government, P.O Box 52-10200, Murang'a and emailed to budget@muranga.go.ke or mccbudget@gmail.com. Comments were to be received on or before Friday, April 28th, 2023.

4. Introductory Remarks and Climate Setting

The forum was called to order at 9:30 am by the Director of Budget and a word of prayer from Rose Kibandi. He welcomed all the participants present in the forum and requested for self-introduction in the order of name; subcounty and ward. He briefed members on what was entailed in public participation in relation to budgeting process. Participants were informed that to promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life in Murang'a County, the Election Manifesto of H.E. Dr. Irungu Kang'ata committed to initiate and has established a number of flagship programmes which were ongoing, including: Kang'ata Care (Universal Health Care); minimum guaranteed returns for agriculture (the mangoes and milk subsidies); maternal program; automation of services; bursary, ECDE feeding programme, and community based projects. He then mentioned the purpose of the forum, which is to give proposals/opinions for the next financial year 2023/24 Budget estimates.

The participants were briefed on the County sources of funds which consist of; monies appropriated by the County Assembly; grants, loans, donations, or gifts; and the monies from any other source.

5. Participants Comments on introductory remarks

- The participants commended the on-going flagship programmes which were promised by H.E. The Governor namely: Kang'ata Care (Universal Health Care); minimum guaranteed returns for agriculture (the mangoes and milk subsidies); maternal program; automation of services; bursary, ECDE feeding programme, and community based projects.
- The fact that the summary of the presentation was shared with each participant is a positive indication of a commitment to transparency in the budgeting process.
- The reactions to the opening remarks at the public engagement process highlighted some positive steps towards transparency and accountability in the budgeting process. However, there were also indications of areas where improvements could be made.

6. Budget making Timelines and Process

The Director of Budget highlighted the key timelines and milestones as follows: communication of budget ceilings to county departments on 18th March, 2023; deadline for submission of budget proposals by county departments on 10th April, 2023; public participation: advert on the 23rd April, 2023, Public participation forum on 25th April, 2023; and deadline for submission of input by 28th April, 2023. Review of the input from the public participation into the consolidated budget estimates. Approval of the budget estimates by the CEC. Submission of the final budget estimates to the County Assembly by 30th April, 2023.

The budget process is made up of four phases; Formulation (integrated development planning), done by the executive; Approval done by County Assembly (Legislature); Implementation (County Executive) overseen by Controller of Budget; and Audit – by office of the Auditor General.

7. County Integrated Development Planning

The Economic Planning Department presented to the participants' highlights on the process of integrated development planning in the County. He cited the centrality of planning and the framework for according the public opportunity to contribute in the management of the affairs of the County. The planning process helps the County Government fulfil the services assigned to it. The Constitution and devolution laws, particularly the County Government Act, 2012 require the involvement of residents in the preparation of all these plans. The County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023-2027 which gives a roadmap for development in the county over a five-year period. A County Annual Development Plan (CADP) being a one year proposal on projects and programmes. All proposals on projects and programmes to be considered in this framework must be aligned to the Annual Development Plan (ADP) FY 2023/2024.

8. Participants proposal to the Budget FY 2023/24

Participants were grouped according to sub-counties and wards. They were issued with templates to populate the development priorities to be undertaken in budget financial year 2023/24. The templates contained; development issue, proposed intervention/location, and description of activities to be undertaken. These were captured as follows:

8.1. Murang'a East Sub County

Gaturi Ward

DEVELOPMENT ISSUE	PROPOSED INTERVENTION \$ LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kigetuini Borehole Project • Kimathi-Githuri Irrigation Scheme • Ithare Dam \$ Kabuta Water Dam • Kimathi-Kigetuini 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Boreholes • Upgrading of water intake • Desilting, addition of water pans • Water supply
Environment conservation	Water Catchment Areas	Tree planting
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kigetuini-Mitundu, • Magutu, Kangaita • Kigetuini-Giatha 	Upgrade of Access Road
Markets	Kigetuini Market	Construction of Kigetuini Open Air Market

Township Ward

Development issue	Proposed intervention \$ location	Description of activities to be undertaken
Roads and transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shades in all bus station • Red Cross Road • Kandundu Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of shades • Tarmacking of the road • Grading and gravelling of access road • Lightning of red cross road
Environment conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid waste management • Kandundu quarry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of kariara dumpsite • Collect of solid waste • Distributing and prepositioning of waste ins in strategic place in town • Planting of trees in those areas
Youth and sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular matches • Short courses • Training centers • Renovation of ihura and mumbi stadium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsoring football matches and short courses for the youth • Renovation and construction of ablution block , seat areas
Health	Kiangage and St Mary	
Trade	Renovation of Mukuyu Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing the market • Building water points • Construction of modern market
Education	ECDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipping ECDE centers • Youth polytechnic

Mbiri Ward

Development Issue	Proposed Intervention & Location	Description of Activities to be Undertaken
Security	Njathaini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of floodlights • lighting of the entire and along the main road
Health	Maragi Dispensary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enough water tanks • Completing of the facility including the maternity • Increase in staff/doctor • Drugs not available
ECD	Githuguyo Primary School	Renovation of the classes Water tanks
Water	Mbiri Maragi	Installation of storage tanks
Agriculture	Water for irrigation:Gikindu and Mirira location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water piping • Certified seedlings for farmers eg Avocado
Youth and sports	Playing grounds and sports facilities in Gikindu	Center upgrading
Vocational and training center	Kambirwa vocational and training center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading facilities • Construction of IT and computer laboratory
Health	Kambirwa Health Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing • Maternity facility • Equipments • upgrading
	Kayuyu Health Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory facilities • Equipments the facility

Roads and infrastructure	Mukuyu to Kambirwa Shopping Center Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lights • Mast flood lights (kambirwa shopping center)
Trade	Kambirwa Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading • Trader's shade • Construction of a modern toilet. • garbage/dumping site
ECDE	Gakunya ECDE Center Kambirwa ECDE Marewa ECDE Gitungano ECDE Gikuuu ECDE Kamuiru ECDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom renovation • Toilets renovation • Construction of classrooms • Construction of toilets • Uji programme • Lunch feeding programme • Teaching and learning material • Furniture and play materials
County Employees Welfare	Countywide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of the contract term to 5 years for casual employees • improvement of their salaries

8.2. Kangema Sub County

Kanyenya- ini Ward

DEVELOPMENT ISSUE	PROPOSED INTERVENTION & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
WATER	Githiga	Extension of water pipes.
ROADS	Githiga-Kittiini Access Road	Gravelling and drainage works.
TRADE	Kanyenyaini	Construction of market toilets and floodlights.
EDUCATION	Kanyenyaini Primary	Renovation of classrooms and toilet blocks.

RWATHIA

DEVELOPMENT ISSUE	PROPOSED INTERVENTION & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
WATER	Upperside of Rwathia road	Extension of water pipes and water intake.
ROADS	Karima Primary access roads	Gravelling of Karima primary road
TRADE	Kenya Njeru	Rehabilitation of ablution block.
EDUCATION	Karima Primary	Renovation of ECDE classrooms and toilet blocks.

MUGURU

DEVELOPMENT ISSUE	PROPOSED INTERVENTION & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
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Water	Kiirathe	Extension of 1 ½ inch water pipes at Kiiraithe community.
Roads	Watuha	Opening of new roads in the Watuha area.
Trade	Gakira market	Rehabilitation of ablution block.
Education	Muguru primary	Renovation of classrooms.

8.3. Mathioya Sub County

KAMACHARIA

DEVELOPMENT ISSUE	PROPOSED INTERVENTION & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
WATER	Wahundura Dispensary	Connection of water
HEALTH	Wahundura Dispensary	Construction of maternity wing and laboratory
TRADE	Kamacharia market	Construction of market latrine.

GITUGI

DEVELOPMENT ISSUE	PROPOSED INTERVENTION & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
Water	Lower Gitugi water connection	Connection of water by Gatamathi water provider.
Trade	Gitugi Town Market	Construction and upgrading of market stalls to modern standards. Construction of an operational toilet.
Education	Karunge	Renovation and equipping of Karunge Primary classes.
Vocational Training	Karunge, Gitugi Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a technical and vocational center at Karunge.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of staff and fully equipping Mutitu polytechnic.
Youth and Sports	Ikundu farm	Utilize Ikundu farm to train, inspire and support young people in the coffee sector.

KIRU

DEVELOPMENT ISSUE	PROPOSED INTERVENTION & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
Water	Kiriko Shopping Center, Maranga, Kagumoini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a drinking water point at Kiriko Shopping Center. • Drilling of community borehole at Maranga. • Provision of 1 ½ inch pipes to connect water to homes in Kagumoini.
Health	Kairo, Kagumoini Dispensary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a maternity hospital at Kairo. • Equipping the maternity wing at Kagumoini Dispensary with beds.
Energy	Kagumoini shopping Center	Timers in the street light need servicing
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mananga Primary • Gatiku 	Renovation of ECDE block at Mananga Primary Upgrading of classrooms at Gatiku ECDE.
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kagumoini-Mananga Link Road 	Gravelling and grading of roads.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nyakiunju-Kora Road • Kiriaini-Ngarange Equity Road • Kagumoini-Kamacharia Road • Kiruru Road 	
Trade	Kagumoini Shopping Center	Construction of a market shed

8.4. Kahuro Sub County

Development Issue	Proposed Intervention & Location	Description of Activities to be Undertaken
Youth and sports	Grounds Renovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kahuro Grounds • Mugoiri Ward • Kahatia Grounds • Murarandia Gatuya Grounds • Murarandia Kirogo Grounds
	Sports Tournament	All round the year sports tournament
Water and Irrigation	Mirichu Murika Irrigation Project	Revival and Extension Infrastructure improvement
	Gataki irrigation project extension	Reach more farmers
Farming	Value addition	Macadamia Banana Avocados Milk
	Modern technology	Farmers training on modern technology
Education	Renovation	Murarandia Karuri ECDE centre
Roads and Infrastructure	Access roads – Wangu	Kwa Ngumba to Gitui secondary school
	Access roads – Murarandia	Kaganda sc to Gatuya Shopping Center Cabros at Kahuro Town Cabros at Kahatia town
Roads and Infrastructure	Access roads – Mugoiri	Kwa Paul to Kiria Murai Primary to Githagara

Health	Renovation & Expansion- Murariranjias Hospital	Renovation, Expansion, X-Ray, Drugs, Under-staffing
	A new health facility- Kahuro sub- county headquarters dispensary in Kahuro Town	Renovate and construct
	Kirogo Health Center upgrading equipping and renovation	Modernized maternity wing and physiotherapy section
	Gathaithi Health Center renovation equipping	Initiating a physiotherapy section
Education	Vocational center	All the vocational centers should be equipped
	Vocational teachers salaries	Teachers to be paid on time Renovations in the vocational centers Modernisation of all the vocational centers

9. Recommendations and conclusion

9.1. Recommendations

- a) To foster equal development and ensure community ownership, it is crucial to distribute projects evenly across each ward. This approach will promote equitable growth within each ward, providing residents with access to essential infrastructure, services, and economic opportunities.
- b) By creating a sense of ownership within each ward, residents can take pride in the development of their community and be more likely to maintain and protect infrastructure and services. Ultimately, this approach can lead to more sustainable and inclusive development outcomes, promoting the overall well-being and prosperity of the region.

9.2. Conclusion

Public participation is an inclusive process and essential for effective policymaking and decision-making. The participants were assured that all their views, contributions and counter proposals will be seriously considered in the Medium Term Expenditure Framework Budget for the FY 2023/24-2025/26.

MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT



FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK BUDGET FOR THE FY 2023/24-2025/26

In its quest to promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life in Murang'a County, the Election Manifesto of H.E. Dr. Irungu Kang'ata committed to initiate and has established a number of flagship programmes, including: Kang'ata Care (Universal Health Care); minimum guaranteed returns for agriculture; maternal program; automation of services; bursary, ECDE feeding programme, new youth empowerment programme; scholarship programme and community based projects.

Pursuant to section 125 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, the Murang'a County Government is in the process of preparing the Medium Term Expenditure Framework Budget for the FY 2023/24-2025/26.

In accordance with the principles openness, accountability, and the need for public participation in the development and implementation of county policies as provided for under Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and section 87 of the County Government Act 2012, we invite the public, stakeholders and all other interested parties to public participation fora on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023** at the venues indicated below.

Region	Date	Time	Venue
Murang'a North	25/04/2023	9:00am-12:30pm	Mothers Union Hall
Murang'a South	25/04/2023	9:00am-12:30pm	Karigu-ini ACK Church Hall

All proposals on projects and programmes to be considered in this framework must be aligned to the Annual Development Plan (ADP) FY 2023-2024. Written submissions may be sent through **The County Secretary, Murang'a County Government, P.O Box 52-10200, Murang'a** or vide our emails to **budget@muranga.go.ke** or **mcgbudget@gmail.com** to be received on or before **Friday, April 28th, 2023**. The ADP FY 2023-2024 can be viewed at the county website: **www.muranga.go.ke**.

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