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**MARALAL MUNICIPALITY CITIZEN FORUM REPORT HELD ON 20th DECEMBER,
2024 AT MARALAL POLYTECNIC**

The citizen forum for Maralal Municipality was convened to enhance public participation in municipal planning budgeting and development initiatives.

The forum provides a platform for residents, stakeholders and community groups to contribute to decision making processes affecting the municipality.

Maralal Municipality located in Maralal Samburu County organized the forum in line with constitutional requirements for public participation and the objectives of urban Areas and Cities Act (2011).

Objectives of the citizen forum

1. To provide residents with information on Municipal programmes and projects.
2. To collect public views on priority development projects.
3. To strengthen accountability and transparency in municipal governance
4. To promote inclusive participation in Municipal decision-making.

Participants

The forum was attended by representatives from;

1. Maralal municipal board
2. Community based organization (CBOs)
3. Youth groups
4. Women groups
5. Persons with disabilities
6. Business community
7. Religious leaders

8. Local residents

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks
2. Introduction of participants
3. Presentation on municipal programmes and projects.
4. Discussion on development priorities
5. Citizen feedback and recommendations
6. Closing remarks

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

1. Infrastructure development

Participants emphasized the need for;

- Improvements of urban roads
 - Storm water drainage system
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 - Street lighting with Maralal town
- #### 2. Water and sanitation

Residents raised concerns on;

- Limited access to clean water.
 - Need for improved sewerage and waste management system.
- #### 3. Economic Development

Stakeholders suggested

- Support for micro and small Enterprises (MSMES)
 - Development of markets and trading spaces
 - Promotion of tourism potential in Samburu County
- #### 4. Environment and Climate change

Key proposed include:

- Tree planting initiatives
- Solid waste management Improvement
- Climate resilient projects

CITIZEN PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

The following projects were prioritized by citizens;

1. Upgrading of municipal access roads
2. Installation of additional solar street lights

3. Operationalization of the Maralal modern market
4. Improvement of water supply infrastructure
5. Establishment of strategic waste collection points

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

The forum highlighted several challenges including;

- Limited Municipal resources
- Rapid urban population growth
- Inadequate Infrastructure
- Climate related risks such as drought, flooding

RECOMMENDATIONS

The citizen forum recommended that;

1. The Municipality should incorporate the identified priorities into municipal plans
2. Regular public participation forums should be held
3. Stakeholders should be involved in monitoring project implementation
4. Partnerships with development partners should be strengthened

CONCLUSION

The citizen forum successfully provided residents of Maralal Municipality with an opportunity to contribute to municipal planning and development processes.

The Feedback received will guide the municipality in prioritizing projects that address community needs and improve service delivery.

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PHOTOS OF THE ACTIVITY





