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REPORT ON COMMUNITY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EXERCISE FOR MANYATTA GALM GODANA VILLAGE ROAD EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT

LOCATION: GALM GODANA VILLAGE, DAKABARICHA LOCATION, MARSABIT CENTRAL WARD, MARSABIT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE MARSABIT MUNICIPALITY.
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Executive Summary

This report outlines the community public participation exercise conducted by the Office of the Marsabit Municipality regarding the expansion and improvement of the Manyatta Galm Godana Village Road. The initiative aims to enhance accessibility for residents, facilitate water connections, provide street lighting, and enable sewerage connections.

Introduction

The estate road serves as a critical access point for residents, but it has suffered from deterioration and insufficient capacity to handle current demands. Recognizing the need for improvement, the Marsabit Municipality sought input from community members to understand their needs and priorities.

Objectives of the Public Participation

- To engage local residents in discussions about the estate road improvement project.
- To gather feedback on essential services required in the area such as water connections, street lighting, and sewerage systems.
- To foster transparency and community ownership of the project.
- Ensure that local voices are included in the decision-making process.
- Strengthen partnerships between the municipality and community members.



Methodology

The public participation exercise was conducted through a series of community meetings and focus group discussions. The meetings were facilitated by municipal officials and included key stakeholders such as community leaders, residents, area Chief and Deputy county commissioner.

Key Findings

The public participation exercise yielded valuable insights from the community, which can be summarized as follows:

- **Accessibility Needs:** Residents expressed that poor road conditions significantly hinder transportation and limit access to vital services.
- **Water Connections:** A majority of participants highlighted inadequate water supply as a pressing issue, demonstrating a strong desire for improved access to clean water.
- **Street Lighting:** Community members voiced concerns about safety, particularly at night, and emphasized the importance of street lighting to deter crime and enhance security.
- **Sewerage Connections:** There was a consensus on the need for a proper sewage system to address sanitation concerns and environmental health.

Community Feedback

Feedback collected from participants included the following:

- Positive reception of the project plan, with many endorsing the idea of collaborative partnerships.
- Suggestions for including local labour in the construction phase to support economic development.
- Requests for regular updates on project timelines and milestones.

Positive Feedback

- **Community Support:** A majority of residents expressed support for the road expansion and improvements, emphasizing the need for better access to essential services.
- **Improved Accessibility:** Participants highlighted that enhanced roads would significantly ease transportation challenges, especially during rainy seasons.

- **Infrastructure Benefits:** Residents acknowledged the potential benefits of installing water connections, street lighting, and sewage systems, which are critical for public health and safety.

Concerns Raised

- **Environmental Impact:** Some community members raised concerns about the possible environmental impacts of construction activities and expressed the need for sustainable practices.
- **Cost of Services:** Residents expressed worries about the potential increase in utility costs associated with new connections and infrastructure.
- **Displacement Issues:** There were concerns regarding possible encroachment on their established residential spaces and consequences like, pulling down of their perimeter fences and demolition of some of their buildings that might be deemed to fall on the road reserve area, emphasizing the need for clear communication and planning.

Next Steps

Following the participation exercise, the next steps include:

- **Analysing all feedback received to refine project proposals.**
- **Conducting technical assessments to inform the design and budgeting of the project.**
- **Transparent Communication:** Develop a communication plan to keep residents informed about project timelines, costs, and any potential displacement.
- **Follow-Up Meetings:** Schedule follow-up meetings to provide updates on the project and discuss further community concerns.

Conclusion

The community public participation exercise was a crucial step in facilitating the expansion and improvement of the subject estate road in Marsabit Municipality. Engaging with residents allowed us to gather valuable feedback and build trust within the community. Moving forward, the municipality is committed to addressing community concerns and ensuring Further, the public participation exercise has successfully engaged the Marsabit community in the critical discussions surrounding the estate road improvement project. By aligning municipal efforts with

the needs of the residents, the project aims not only to enhance accessibility but also to improve overall quality of life through better infrastructure and essential services.

Recommendations

- Ongoing engagement with the community throughout the project lifecycle.
- Implementation of a grievance redress mechanism for residents to voice any issues that arise during construction.
- Collaboration with local stakeholders to ensure the inclusion of diverse community perspectives.

Appendices

Appendix A: Summary of Meeting Attendance