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MARSABIT MUNICIPALITY.



REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE DELIVERY FUNCTIONS AS PER THE LAW

Pursuant to the provision of urban and cities act, 2011, section 3 of the Marsabit municipal charter, H.E. Mohamud Mohamed Ali, Governor, Marsabit county approved the transfer of the following 18 functions from the mother department of Urban development as well as other departments to the newly established Marsabit municipality board effective March 2020.

This report is therefore to review and analyze the efficiency in discharging of the functions.

1. Promotion, regulation and provision of refuse collection and solid waste management services.

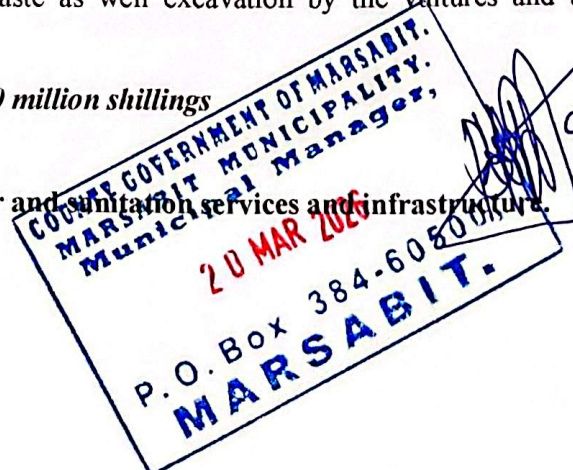
This is the maiden function of the municipality board and it has been taken up with ease. The municipality collects solid refuse waste six days in a week save for Sunday. The services have been outsourced and it is carried out by a contractor who engages members of the public mainly from the youths and women. The collection has been rated as very successful with the commercial and the residential areas observed to be fairly clean. A lot of sensitization by the office, local leaders and elders were done to ensure the management of the waste is an individual as well as collective responsibility.

The municipality has recently acquired five skips that will be positioned at strategic positions in order to manage the waste. Further, the solid waste management policy is available and provided necessary guidance, the board is currently working on the regulations.

However, the main challenge exists at the dumpsite due to poor management of the site and hazardous dumping of the waste as well as excavation by the vultures and the monkeys.

The activity has a budget line of 20 million shillings

2. Promotion and provision of water and sanitation services and infrastructure.



The above function is undertaken by Marsabit water and sanitation services, a sister organization mandated by the law. However, they work closely with the management and the board of Marsabit municipality.

The laying of the sewage system is underway at the tail end of completion with the piping and sewage treatment centre almost complete.

The activity is considered under the budget of Marsabit water and sewerage company with the technical and collaborative support of Marsabit Municipality with a projective budget of 40 million as per the water services regulatory board guideline (WASREB).

3. Construction and maintenance of the urban roads and associated works.

This too is a shared function with the department of roads and public works, this is mainly due to the complementary role of sharing the plants, equipment and the manpower.

However, the municipality has undertaken a great stride in improving the infrastructure works in the urban centres which include covering of over 1.4kms of the open drainage at a cost of over 42 million shillings as well of laying of cabros at the bus stage, street lights, construction of public toilets and associated works at a cost of over 53 million shillings.

The board has further improved road networks within the municipality to improve the accessibility.

Hence, the total budget for the activity is 95 million shillings.

4. Construction and maintenance of storm drainage and flood control.

As mentioned earlier, the board had improved the storm drainage network by covering drainage that was left open during the tarmacking of the urban roads, the open drainage posted a great risk to the pedestrians and other road user by causing accidents, breeding ground for the mosquitoes and a dumping ground. These was managed through covering of the drainage by the concrete slabs which has since served as walking paths, packing areas for the motor bikes as well a created spacious road coverage.

The board has allocated 42 million shillings from the 1st Phase of KUSP FUND to undertake the above activity.

5. Construction and maintenance of the walkways and other non motorized transport infrastructure.

The board has not done much on the above function so far due to financial constrains and competing needs safe for open drainage covering slabs that also serves as walkway for the pedestrians.

As mentioned above, due to the competing needs and priority, the activity will be considered in the future budget allocation.

6. Construction and maintenance of the recreational parks and green spaces

The board has not done much on the above function so far due to financial constrains and competing needs.

7. Construction and maintenance of the street lights

The board made a deliberate effort to ensure safety and safety of the urban dweller and their properties by construction street light in strategic centres as well as two giant flood lights in Marsabit town for the first time to illuminate enough lights to enhance long business hours. This has further reduced cases of burglary and robbery within the business centres. However, there is still more to be done in all the a reas as this has been seen as one of the projects with high impacts.

8. Construction, maintenance and regulation of the traffic control and parking facilities.

The construction of the parking areas in a modern style attracted a lot of fame and appreciation by the members of the public, the reclaiming of the swampy area during the rain season and transforming it to modern parking areas was cause of admiration, for the first time the municipality has a designated parking area with over 200 lots where it will generate revenue. These areas are managed by the enforcement officers for the maintenance and for the collection of the revenue by the revenue team.

9. Construction and maintenance of bus stands and taxi stands

The municipality has greatly improved on ensuring availability of the stands for the public services vehicles to ensure order and sanity of traffic controls. The designated areas are serving the members of the public as well as the business community with much ease. More efforts are under way to provide space due to growing demand.

10. Regulation of the outdoor advertisements.

The municipal board and the management are regulating the outdoor advertisement through the enforcement and the revenue clerks. The finance act highlights the charges

on the nature of the advertisement alongside the charges against the items. This is a constant revenue stream for the municipality. However, keen interest is given to the type of advertisement to avoid obscene and illegal advertisements.

The advertisements range from road shows, wall paintings, posters, bill boards among others. More efforts have to be made to ensure maximum collection of the revenue from the source as well thinking on more innovative means of advertisements including giant bill board and illuminating screen boards.

11. Construction, maintenance and regulation of municipal markets and abattoirs.

The county government of Marsabit has enormously invested in the construction of markets stalls, however, the state-of-the-art market that houses 490 stalls is a magnificent structure and flagship project for the government. The Saku modern market is managed by the Marsabit municipality generating revenue for the government. It is the desire of the municipality to ensure conducive working environment for the small, medium and large traders within the municipality.

The municipality has also one slaughter house that is managed through the association of the local butchers.

12. Construction, maintenance of fire stations, provision of fire fighting services, emergency preparedness and disaster management.

The construction of the municipal fire station is under way with the necessary infrastructure in place, the fire officers have been recruited and are undergoing training in fire fighting skills.

The municipality has acquired a modern fire fighting machine with an operator undergoing on job training. It is within the priority plan of the management and board of the municipality to have a 24 hour operational centre to prevent and manage any fire disaster.

13. Promotion, regulation and provision of municipal sports and cultural activities.

Currently, owing to financial and manpower shortages, the above activities are undertaken by the department of sports and culture respectively.

14. Promotion, regulation and provision of animal control and welfare

The municipality controls animal roaming in the urban areas by engaging the veterinary department especially the stray dogs, pets, and domestic animals. The finance act

guide on the penalties for allowing animals in town thus management and control is management within the established legislations,

15. Development and enforcement of municipal plans and development controls

the municipality has developed strategic plans, master plans for Marsabit town as well as integrated development plans to guide on the development plans and development controls. However, there is much to be done on the development of the building and development plans as guided by PLUPA regulations.

16. Provision of municipal administrative services (Including construction and maintenance of administrative offices)

The municipality is discharging its functions from an established offices where all the units are based, it also runs satellite light offices in town to ensure accessibility of services especially in issuance of business permits, revenue collections and enforcement.

17. Promotion of infrastructural development and services within the municipality.

The municipality has developed infrastructure like public toilets, market, stalls, parking areas, slaughter house, street lights to ensure better and conducive environment to work and do business in. But there is still much to be done going forward in order to meet the increase demand from the growing population.

18. Collection of rents. Rates, taxes, levies, duties, fees and surcharges on fees.

This is one of the critical roles of the municipality, it is also a sensitive duty as it involves resources. The team is increasingly improving on the collection of the above charges which are so far transferred to the CRF account. The plans are under way to fully automate the system in order to maximize on the collection and possible use at the source to ensure better service provision.