

NANDI COUNTY CITIZEN MANIFESTO

A CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

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INTRODUCTION

Preamble

We the people of Nandi County have prepared this manifesto as a rallying point to speak in one voice and advocate for solutions to the challenges that we face as the citizens of the county.

It is our hope that our manifesto will act as a social contract between the County Government of Nandi and we the citizens of the Nandi. Furthermore, we hope and believe that we will be at the heart of all development programs that is undertaken in the sub-counties for the next five years.

We envision that the implementation of this manifesto will lead to an inclusive, equitable and progressive society through better service delivery by the County government. We implore that the county government to consign themselves to the support the execution of this manifesto in the development of county planning documents and the project priorities that will be implemented in the period of 2022 – 2027 so that we move forward to the future in a sustainable manner.

BACKGROUND

A citizen manifesto is a social contract between the citizens and duty bearers. It is aimed at enabling the citizens to rally and mobilize for their social, economic, and political aspirations in form of demands.

We the citizens of Nandi have conducted townhall meetings to discuss the priorities within the sectors and came up with our main priorities that should form part of the Nandi County projects in the next five years. The sectors that are presented in this manifesto include.



Education &
Vocational Training



Health &
Sanitation



Agriculture



Transport and
Infrastructure



Trades,
Investment, and
Industrialization



Lands, water,
and Natural
Resources



Special
Interest Group
Empowerment.

We, the Nandi County Citizens hope that all the issues pointed out in this manifesto will form a backbone of the development projects to be undertaken by the county.



EDUCATION

Education is the foundation for nurturing and empowering future generations that would ultimately result to a strategic investment for accelerated economic growth. Nandi County has 2462 Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centers, 832 Primary Schools, 169 Secondary Schools, 15 Vocational training centers, and 19 Colleges offering tertiary education.

We hope the implementation of the following priorities in the Education sector:

Early Childhood Development Education:

- Construction and equipping of 2 ECDEs center per ward per fiscal year.
- Increase the employment of ECDE teachers from the current 2,035 to 3,235 teachers.
- Improve the terms of service for the ECDE teachers and provision of schemes of service.

Bursaries

- Increase the allocation for bursary and revolving funds for needy TVETs, College and University students from 60 million to 120 million per financial year.
- Establish a scholarship fund.
- Provision of guarantorship to students going overseas to study.

Vocational Training Centers

- Purchase of modern training equipment for the vocational training centers in Nandi County.
- Employment of TVETs instructors.
- Allocate funds for advocacy and awareness around vocational training.

Education infrastructure

- In coordination with the National government, improve the infrastructure within the public primary schools in Nandi County.
- In coordination with the Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) renovate and equip the Kapsabet National Library and work towards having a mobile library that would promote the learning culture in all sub-counties.
- Support the establishment of community libraries.
- Support literacy programs through adult education.

Placement and Internship

- Enactment of internship policy by the county government.
- Provide a policy to incentivize placement and internship of students in Nandi County by the industries and businesses that operate in the county.
- Provide internship and placement opportunities for students in the County Government of Nandi.

Special Schools

- The county to work with the National government in increasing the number of special schools in the county.
- Provision of training and capacity building for sign language teachers.





HEALTH AND SANITATION

There has been an attempt by the County Government of Nandi to provide accessible health services. However, the challenge remains the need for affordable and quality health services. **Nandi County has 113 public health facilities, 14 Faith Based and 38 Private health facilities** and therefore emphasis should be placed on increasing health infrastructure and health workers.

We recommend the implementation of the following in the health sector:

- Construction and equipping of health facilities to ease access to health care. We recommend the establishment and equipping of one health center per ward.
- Provision of continuous and sufficient medical supplies to all the health facilities in Nandi County.
- Provision of incinerators for all sub-counties' hospitals.
- Upgrading of Kapkangani, Cheptabach, Siwo and Kaptumet dispensaries to the status of health centers.
- Enactment of community health act to operationalize the training and employment of Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) to be the first level of primary health care.
- Improve the provision of NHIF cards to persons living with disabilities.
- Improve basic health care including Maternal Childhood Health services, and minor operation services at the sub-county hospitals.
- Provide personnel for the constructed theater in Mosoriot, and Kabiet Mosop.
- Completion of the initiated infrastructure projects in the health

sector within Nandi County.

- Construction or renovation of health workers residence in the six sub-county hospitals.
- Accelerate health outreaches in areas that have poor access to health facilities using mobile clinics.
- Promote preventive health programs through advocacy and sensitization activities.
- Provision of youth friendly services within the health facilities.
- Provision of psychosocial support and counselling services to the citizens.
- Increase the number of health facilities with well-equipped maternity wing within all sub-counties.
- Provision of public cemetery land. The land behind Kapsabet General Hospital which was reserved for cemetery has been converted to dumping site.
- Training of sign language to health workers to help persons with disability in service provision.
- Provision of mortuary services to Eldai which currently lack the services and using traditional method.
- Improve waste management in all the sub-counties.



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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Agriculture is the main economic activity in Nandi County. The cool wet climate, complimented by the rich volcanic soil makes Nandi an ideal area for **tea, maize and sugarcane farming.**

We the citizens of Nandi County present the following as our priorities in the agriculture and livestock production.

- Training of farmers on modern agricultural techniques.
- Re-introduce agricultural extension officers to educate farmers.
- Provision of high-quality farming inputs including seeds, fertilizers and Artificial insemination.
- Assist farmers in farm produce value addition and marketing especially within the North Rift Economic Block and Lake Region Economic Block.
- Operationalize milk plants in sub-counties that have stalled such as that in Kaptel/ Kamoiiwo ward.
- Maintain the identity of Kaimosi farmers training college to continue providing training to farmers.
- Expansion of call centers for farming inputs especially the one providing AI services.
- Establish revolving funds for farming groups to ease access to credit facilities.
- Strengthen cooperative societies through mapping and provision of loans.
- Training of farmers on value addition and storage of farm products.
- Reintroduce Kapsabet Agricultural Show that last happened in October 2016.
- Provision of in-kind loans through livestock.
- Operationalize model farms through identification and support to the model farms to showcase skills and improve capacity of other farmers.
- Promotion of poultry farming.

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

A proper road network is a precursor to economic growth. Nandi county relies heavily on road networks since it lacks rail network and airstrips. The improvement of road networks will ease the transportation of farm produces and access to health services.

The following are our priorities when it comes to transport and infrastructure.

- Improvement of road network within all major town centers.
- Upgrade of roads to bitumen standard.
- Ensure the construction of pedestrian walk ways in main roads within town centers.
- Survey and beaconing of roads to avoid encroachment.
- Monitoring the construction of roads and blacklisting contractors with a record of developing poor roads.
- Enactment of road maintenance policy that will ensure that each financial year a certain percentage of road in Kms is maintained in each ward.
- Provision of public amenities in the bus terminal.
- Construction of an extra bus park in Kapsabet to ease congestion.
- Development and operationalization of county spatial plan that would provide a roadmap for infrastructure development.
- Privatization of garbage collection and disposal within Kapsabet town.
- Establish taskforce to regularize the Boda Boda sector.





LANDS, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Land and water are important factors in production. In Nandi County, land is commonly used for agricultural purposes, urban and rural settlement, natural reservoirs, water catchment, industrial operations, mining, infrastructure development, tourism and cultural sites, and forestry.

Our priorities include the following.

- Demarcation and registration of all community and public land in Nandi County.
- Provision of clean water for citizens in all sub-counties.
- Enactment of county policy on mining especially that of gold mining in Chemase in Tinderet sub-county.
- Enactment of quarrying policy to regulate sand harvesting in Ollesos, Tinderet, Aldai and Mosoriot and elsewhere in Nandi County.
- Protection and conservation of Kipron wetlands which is a water tower.
- Protection and conservation of forest and riparian reserves by conducting annual tree planting activities.
- Enactment of policy to channel 5% of the royalties from mining to the ward development.
- Mapping and protection of tourism and cultural sites within Nandi County.
- Regulation and control of charcoal burning in Nandi County.
- Outreaches and advocacy on alternative sources of energy for households dependent on charcoal.
- Implementation of Climate Change Act.

TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

Trade, investment and industrialization holds a vital key to the economic transformation and development of the county. The county has made strides to advance trades, investment, and industrialization especially within the agro-processing sector. The main trades and industries in the county focus on tea, coffee, milk, honey, and timber production.

We believe that there is more to be done to reduce the poverty margin within the county with the implementation of the following proposals:

- Provide ease of business registration in Nandi County.
- Provide accessible and affordable credit facilities to Micro Small and Medium sized enterprises.
- Creation of enterprise fund kitty to support youth, women and PWDs in businesses.
- Operationalization of annual trade fare and exhibitions.
- Renovation and maintenance of markets in all the sub-counties.
- Provision of public amenities within the markets.
- Enactment of friendly and incentivized policies to attract investors.
- Installation of light masts in all the markets.
- Provide opportunities for trade and investment through market linkages in the regional blocks and international markets.

YOUTH, WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES EMPOWERMENT

The special interest groups in Nandi County are critical to advance development agenda of the county government. Whilst inclusion and equal demographic participation of Nandi citizens in setting the development agenda is fundamental for the Nandi County. The engagement for citizen manifesto identified a general gap of marginalization with specific concerns being raised that impact on the special interests' groups. The citizen engagement highlighted the following issues and proposals to be incorporated and included into the 2023-2027 development cycle/agenda.

- In the private sector- the county government to support and provide business opportunities to the youth, women and PWDs while creating an enabling environment for conducting and transacting business.
- County government set aside funds for affirmative action
- County government to adopt the hustler fund model and develop policies around it to empower the special interests' groups.
- Empower the youth in sports (Rehabilitate and complete sporting facilities-Kipchoge Stadium and Nandi Hills)
- County government construct Amphitheatre to nurture talent among the youth
- County Youth Services-county government to make the service sustainable to create opportunities for the youth
- Devolve the disability sports to county and sub-county level.
- Development and identification of talent through sporting academies and incubation centers.
- County communication and information offices devolved to sub-counties.
- Disability friendly departments, infrastructure, county structural facilities that support PWDs accessibility and services.
- In coordination with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, County Government of Nandi to generate statistical data on PWD and mapping out the special interest groups
- Implementation of the 30% AGPO procurement tenders for the youth, women and PWDs and further support the groups to receive certification.
- Training of women groups, financial literacy, and management training.
- Establish rescue and rehabilitation centers for the street children and families.
- Establish drug and substance abuse rehabilitation and correctional facilities.
- Advocacy and sensitization programs on teenage pregnancies and early marriages.



CONCLUSION

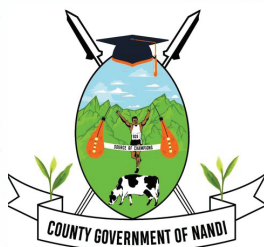
The Nandi County citizens have shown desire for inclusion in development agenda through development of the post-election citizen manifesto that collectively consolidates the development proposals, and needs to the government of Nandi County, Nandi County Assembly, policy makers and other development stakeholders. The citizen manifesto development emphasized the centrality of effective citizen participation in governance that is imperative for planning, intervention and development that correspond to the needs of Nandi County citizens.

This was through incorporating views and issues that citizens want addressed by Nandi County leadership. The citizen post-election manifesto development has increased good relationship between the Nandi County leadership and the citizens that should be sustained to enhance citizen-centered developmental approach that is fundamental to integration, cohesion and oversight for county level good governance and democratic practices.





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