

Nakuru: Kaunti Kuimarisha Uendelevu

Information session recap



DATE: July 30, 2019

LOCATION: ACK Imani Guest House

TOTAL ATTENDEES: 99*; 40% women

including

34 individuals

25 community-based organizations

0 county government officials

10 private businesses

18 non-governmental organizations

0 youth groups

2 women's groups

1 cooperative societies

0 trusts

* Expect a discrepancy in the total – only a sample of participating categories is listed in this box.

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED DURING MEETING

Participants cited the following development challenges in order of priority:

- **Youth unemployment.** Participants attributed this to a skills mismatch. In Nakuru, youth unemployment has resulted in drug and substance abuse as well as insecurity.
- **Lack of social accountability/ governance.** Low public participation, corruption and lack of government accountability pose a challenge. Limited access to information on government/development matters has resulted in low social accountability.
- **Poor health services.** Health facilities and medicines are insufficient, medical personnel are few, usage of community health workers is low.
- **Other challenges.** These include poverty, water scarcity, agriculture and poor infrastructure

The following solutions were suggested:

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- **Youth unemployment.** Industrialization, formation of youth and women groups, creation of innovation centers, introduction of smart agricultural in both informal settlements and villages, provision of funds for self-employment, creating platforms for information sharing on relevant skills and advocating for conducive environment for employment opportunities to thrive were some of the solutions provided.



- **Lack of social accountability/ governance.** Civic education on the role of citizen in governance, public meetings in barazas and religious places for information dissemination and mobilization of citizens to participate in deployment forums were some of the suggestions for solving the governance problem in Nakuru county.
- **Poor health services.** Engagement of more health personnel and community health workers, availing adequate health commodities and increasing the number of health facilities were some of the suggestions to solve health problems and frequent awareness and screening of cancer.
- **Other challenges.** Building dams, encouraging water harvesting, underground water exploration, increasing water storage facilities and drilling boreholes to address water scarcity for domestic use and irrigation. Participants proposed linking farmers to markets to help address challenges in the agricultural sector and building/repairing drainage systems, road networks and ensuring connectivity for water and electricity to address the challenge of poor infrastructure.



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