**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL IDEP REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 3RD MAY 2023 FOR THE PERIOD (2023-2027) AT PRISTIEGE HOTEL.**

**Date**: May 3, 2023

**Venue**: Prestige Hotel, Isiolo Town

**Subject**: Review and Analysis of the Integrated Development Plan (IDEP) – Annual Consultation

PRESENTS

**1. Opening Remarks:**

* **Chairperson’s Introduction**:  
  The meeting commenced at 9:00 AM with a welcome address by the Chairperson of the IDEP Steering Committee, who acknowledged the stakeholders and participants from various sectors. A special welcome was extended to representatives from government ministries, development partners, the private sector, civil society organizations, and local communities.
* **Purpose of the Meeting**:  
  The Chairperson emphasized that the purpose of the annual review meeting was to evaluate the progress of the Integrated Development Plan (IDEP) 2023-2027, assess its alignment with county priorities, and make recommendations for the upcoming year’s action plan.

**2. Review of IDEP 2023-2027 Implementation:**

* **Report on the Progress of IDEP (2023-2027)**:  
  The County Planning Officer presented a detailed progress report on the ongoing implementation of the IDEP. Highlights included:
  + **Key Achievements**:
    - Successful completion of priority infrastructure projects, such as road rehabilitation and water supply systems, in Isiolo, Town/Municipality
    - Implementation of key education and healthcare programs, with an emphasis on enhancing access in remote areas.
    - Strengthening local governance and public participation mechanisms, including regular community consultations and feedback loops.
  + **Challenges**:
    - Delays in infrastructure projects due to inadequate funding and the rising cost of materials.
    - Limited community participation in some areas due to cultural and geographical barriers.
    - Environmental concerns, such as drought climate change and water scarcity, affecting the implementation of some agricultural and water supply projects.
* **Financial Overview**:  
  The County Treasury presented the financial performance for 2023, focusing on the allocation and utilization of funds for IDEP projects. Key points included:
  + Disbursements from the national government and donor funding were on track, but county revenue collection remained below target.
  + The challenges of financing large-scale infrastructure projects were noted, with reliance on loans and external funding sources.

**3. Stakeholder Feedback and Discussions:**

* **Local Communities and Civil Society Organizations**:
  + **Community Engagement**: Stakeholders emphasized the need for more community-based initiatives and regular consultations with local leaders to ensure IDEP projects are fully aligned with grassroots needs.
  + **Gender and Inclusivity**: Participants highlighted the importance of ensuring that women, youth, and marginalized communities are more actively involved in the development process.
* **Private Sector and Development Partners**:
  + **Collaboration with the Private Sector**: The private sector stakeholders suggested improving collaboration with local businesses and industries to enhance the sustainability of projects, particularly in the areas of agriculture, trade, and housing.
  + **Donor Support**: Development partners commended the county for the progress made but emphasized that the focus for the next year should be on enhancing resource mobilization strategies and addressing environmental challenges, particularly related to climate change and water conservation.
* **Government Agencies**:
  + **Sectoral Coordination**: Several government ministries underscored the need for better coordination between sectoral departments, particularly in areas where cross-cutting issues such as youth employment, health, and education intersect. A collaborative approach, it was suggested, could address interdepartmental challenges effectively.
  + **Capacity Building**: The need for continuous capacity building for county government staff and local communities was emphasized to ensure effective project execution and management.

**REVIEW OF KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2024-2025 IMPROVE DETAILED INFORMATION**

The key priorities for the 2024-2025 phase of the **Integrated Development Plan (IDEP)** are aligned with the objectives of improving the livelihoods of residents, enhancing sustainable development, and addressing challenges faced by Isiolo County in various sectors. Based on the discussions during the 2023 annual consultation meeting, the following areas have been identified as critical focus points for the next phase of IDEP:

**1. Infrastructure Development**

**a. Roads and Transport:**

* **Objective**: Improve road networks to enhance connectivity, trade, and accessibility.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Upgrading Key Transport Corridors**: Focus on upgrading major roads connecting urban areas with rural villages, especially in Isiolo urban center. This includes rehabilitating critical access roads to facilitate better movement of goods and services.
  + **Feeder Roads**: Develop feeder roads to enhance access to agricultural production areas, markets, and educational institutions. These roads will be vital for local trade and economic growth, particularly in estate and markets.
  + **Public Transport Infrastructure**: Expand and modernize public transport systems to reduce congestion, improve safety, and provide affordable transportation. The introduction of bus rapid transit (BRT) systems or improved matatu services is envisioned as majo r plan for Isiolo resort city strategy

**b. Water and Sanitation:**

* **Objective**: Improve access to clean water and sanitation services, addressing the challenges posed by drought and water scarcity.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Expansion of Water Supply Systems**: Invest in both surface and groundwater supply systems to ensure access to water in underserved areas. Solar-powered boreholes and rainwater harvesting systems will be prioritized, especially in arid zones.
  + **Improved Sanitation Facilities**: Construction of modern sanitation systems in peri-urban and rural areas, focusing on environmentally sustainable waste management systems, such as the introduction of biogas toilets and composting waste systems.
  + **Water Conservation and Management**: Promote water conservation practices through community outreach, rainwater harvesting, and efficient irrigation technologies for agricultural use.

**c. Energy and Electrification:**

* **Objective**: Ensure widespread access to affordable, clean, and sustainable energy sources.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Solar Energy Projects**: Expand the use of solar energy, especially in remote areas, where grid connectivity is limited. Solar-powered street lighting, schools, and health facilities are a priority.
  + **Electrification of Rural Areas**: Work with national utilities to extend the national grid to underserved areas and incentivize small-scale solar installations for households and small businesses.

**b. Vocational Training and Skills Development:**

* **Objective**: Improve employment prospects by offering vocational training programs aligned with local economic needs.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Establishment of Technical Training Institutes**: Invest in technical training centers that offer courses in carpentry, masonry, agriculture, and other skills that match local market demand for urban youths through KenHA and other stakeholders.
  + **Public-Private Partnerships for Skills Development**: Collaborate with private businesses and industries to design curriculum and provide apprenticeship opportunities to equip the youth with practical, job-ready skills.

**4. Agriculture and Food Security**

**a. Agricultural Productivity and Diversification:**

* **Objective**: Increase agricultural productivity while diversifying the economy and enhancing food security.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Promotion of Climate-Smart Agriculture**: Introduce drought-resistant crop varieties, improve irrigation techniques, and enhance soil fertility management to ensure sustainable agricultural production even in the face of climate change.
  + **Value Addition in Agriculture**: Support the establishment of agro-processing industries to add value to raw agricultural products. This includes local processing units for dairy, meat, and horticultural products.
  + **Training and Extension Services**: Expand agricultural extension services to provide farmers with training in modern farming techniques, pest management, and business development skills.

**b. Livestock Development:**

* **Objective**: Enhance livestock productivity while addressing issues related to grazing lands and livestock health.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Improvement of Veterinary Services**: Expand veterinary services, focusing on disease prevention and control, and provide training for farmers on animal husbandry best practices.
  + **Improvement of Grazing Systems**: Establish managed grazing areas and water points for livestock to prevent overgrazing and land degradation.

**5. Governance and Capacity Building**

**a. Strengthening Local Governance:**

* **Objective**: Enhance the effectiveness and transparency of county government institutions and improve service delivery.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Capacity Building for Public Servants**: Invest in continuous training programs for county employees to improve service delivery, leadership, and administrative functions.
  + **Improvement of Public Participation**: Strengthen mechanisms for public participation in planning and decision-making processes, ensuring that citizens have a voice in shaping policies and programs.

**b. Anti-Corruption and Transparency:**

* **Objective**: Enhance accountability and transparency in public administration.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Digitization of County Services**: Implement e-governance systems to make service delivery more transparent and efficient, reducing opportunities for corruption.
  + **Citizen Oversight**: Establish community-based monitoring mechanisms to ensure that development projects are implemented as planned, with funds being used appropriately.

**6. Environmental Sustainability**

**a. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:**

* **Objective**: Build resilience against climate change impacts, including drought, floods, and changing weather patterns.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Sustainable Land Management**: Promote reforestation and sustainable land-use practices, especially in degraded areas. Encourage farmers and ranchers to adopt land conservation techniques to prevent soil erosion and desertification.
  + **Renewable Energy Projects**: Increase the use of clean energy sources, including solar, wind, and biogas, to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and mitigate climate change.

**b. Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystems:**

* **Objective**: Protect Isiolo’s natural resources and biodiversity.
* **Key Initiatives**:
  + **Wildlife Conservation Programs**: Support the conservation of local wildlife and natural ecosystems, including national parks and game reserves. This includes strengthening anti-poaching efforts and promoting eco-tourism.

**Conclusion:**

The **2024-2025 IDEP priorities** are designed to address Isiolo County’s most pressing challenges while fostering sustainable growth and development. Through these key areas, the county aims to enhance its infrastructure, improve the quality of life for residents, and create a more resilient and inclusive society. Effective implementation of these priorities will require strong collaboration between the county government, local communities, development partners, and the private sector