

# **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF WAJIR**



**DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT**

## **WAJIR MUNICIPALITY**

**Annual Urban Investment Plan and Budget Financial  
Year 2023/2024**

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## **Introduction**

Wajir Municipality is a semi-autonomous County Government Agency under the Department of Lands, Spatial Planning and Urban Development. The municipality is mainly responsible for delivery of municipal functions and services as per the Urban Areas and Cities Act (UACA), 2011 as amended 2019 and Wajir Municipal charter in addition to implementing Wajir Town spatial plan, Wajir Municipal Integrated Development plan (2019-2024) that provides for the basis of preparing the municipality urban investment Plan. The plan is a tool for implementing the municipal integrated development plan and provides linkage with county planning framework.

The Wajir Municipal Annual Investment Plan and budget 2023/2024 has been prepared through a consultative process. It was prepared by representatives of the department of Lands, Spatial Planning and Urban Development, Wajir Municipality and Finance and Economic Planning. It was prepared from the discussion of the Citizen engagement forums held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 at ICT Hall for priority setting for FY 2023/24.

Various stakeholders representing the municipal residents, youths, women and persons representing special groups, the County Assembly, the County Executive and National Government (MDAs) were present at the forum.

The plan draws from the third Generation County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027 and the projects identified during the plan making process has been captured in the County Budget estimates for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

## **Background Information**

Wajir Municipality is the Wajir County headquarters and has a population of more than 90,116 according to the 2019 Kenya Household and Population Census. The municipality is the commercial and service hub of the county. It houses a number of financial institutions including Commercial banks and Saccos. There is a rapid urbanization and lacks basic infrastructure such as sewerage system although there is World Bank funded Water and Sanitation project implemented by Wajir Water and Sewerage Company (WAJWASCO) addressing this challenge.

The Municipality is also the constituency headquarters for Wajir East constituency and houses three wards namely Wagberi, Township and Barwaqo.

## **MUNICIPALITY PRIORITY AREAS**

The municipality lacks a number of infrastructures and social amenities and therefore the need during the public participation was immense.

### **Municipal Sub-Programme and Expected Outputs**

#### **❖ Municipal Waste Management**

The program encompasses improving the municipal waste management system by strengthening the policy and institutional capacity to provide adequate waste management services to municipal residents and areas.

The program seeks to undertake the following priority projects during the plan period.

**Construction of perimeter fence at Wajir Municipal dumpsite-** To enhance security and control access to the dumpsite the residents identified the project as a priority and further the significance of implementing the project successful to address the existing challenges, where animals free access to the dumpsite.

The proposed construction of plastic waste plant will resolve the plastic waste menace in the municipality which is an eye sore and poses serious environmental degradation leading to health challenges.

The stakeholders agreed the need to address the plastic waste as a major contributor to solid waste problems in the municipality.

#### **❖ Municipal Infrastructure Development**

The construction and upgrading of Wajir municipality access roads to bitumen standards and raised the need to improve municipal drainage system and put in place functional drainage system in place. Due to clogging of drainages by haphazard disposal of solid waste which resulted in flooding many parts of the municipality and particularly the Central Business District and its surroundings. To address this challenge the plan prioritized the rehabilitation existing of municipal drainage system to ensure smooth flow of rainwater.

#### **❖ Municipal Planning and Development**

The Municipal Board seeks to undertake annual review of the municipal strategic plan to align with municipal needs and emerging issues as well as to inform municipal planning priorities for the next year.

#### **❖ Municipal Administration and Support Services**

The municipal management will put in place mechanisms to improve service delivery that meets the desired expectations of municipal residents. In addressing municipal service delivery issues, the municipality will review and

develop human resource capacity and seek deployment for more technical staffs where capacity issues will be identified.

Continuous capacity building of municipal staffs will be undertaken to strengthen internal capacity and promote innovation and learning of best practices exchange visits will be undertaken with similar municipalities.

### **Municipal Programme Strategies**

| <b>Sub-Programme</b>                                | <b>Strategies</b>  |
|---|--|
| Municipal Human Resource Management and Development | Strengthening institutional capacity through training & capacity building<br>Ensure continuous human resource development through Re-training of existing staffs<br>Recruitment of additional technical staffs<br>Stakeholder sensitization on municipal policies and plans  |
| Improved Municipal governance and development       | Establish and strengthen municipal management & institutional governance structures<br>Improve coordination and response to disasters at the urban areas<br>Establishment of key urban infrastructure (markets, recreational centres, street lights and bus/car parks)   |
| Improved Municipality Environmental management      | Development of modern eco-friendly infrastructures<br>Expansion of garbage collection coverage<br>Public sensitization and education on waste management<br>Separation of solid waste and liquid waste management in the county<br>Ensure proper transfer of functions between WAJWASCO and Wajir Municipality on liquid waste management<br>Beautification of the municipality through afforestation and gardening works<br>Promote public-private partnership for solid waste management |
| Municipal Infrastructure Development                | Opening and upgrading of municipal access roads<br>Development of key municipal infrastructure<br>Upgrading and enhancing street lights<br>Institutionalize municipal disaster risk response mechanisms  |
| Improve Municipal planning and Management           | Develop and implement municipal governance instruments (municipal service charter and website, spatial plan, integrated waste management plan, Annual Review municipal strategic plan & Implementation of Gender Policy)   |

## Analysis of Capital and Non-Capital Municipal Projects

| Sub Programme  | Key Outcome                                 | Key Performance Indicators                                | Unit | Baseline (2022) | 2023/2024 | Estimated Cost (Million) |
|--|---|---|------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <b>Programme: Wajir Municipal Service Delivery</b>           |   |   |      |                 |           |                          |
| <b>Objective: Effective and efficient municipal services</b> |   |   |      |                 |           |                          |
| <b>Outcome: Timely delivery of services</b>                  |   |   |      |                 |           |                          |
| Solid Waste management systems                               | Clean and health environment                | Number of solid waste infrastructures constructed         |      |                 | 2         | 50                       |
|  |   | Number of public participation/citizens fora conducted    |      |                 | 4         | 4                        |
|  |   | Number of equipment/machines/plants purchased             |      |                 | 6         | 40                       |
|  |   | Garbage collection coverage reached (%)                   |      |                 | 50        |                          |
| Municipal infrastructure development                         | Develop to quality municipal Infrastructure | Number of KMs of roads constructed/opened                 |      |                 | 1.5km     | 5                        |
|  |   | Number of drainage constructed/rehabilitated              |      |                 | 2.5km     | 6                        |
|  |   | Number of street lights/high mast flood lights maintained |      |                 | 5         | 5                        |
| Municipal Planning & Administration Services                 | Trainings conducted                         | No of trainings conducted for boards & staffs             |      |                 | 5         | 5                        |
|  | Study tours                                 | Number of benchmarking and study tour carried out         |      |                 | 2         | 3                        |
|  | Municipal charter                           | Service delivery charter prepared/reviewed                |      |                 | 1         | 1                        |
|  | Municipal website                           | Municipal website developed                               |      |                 | 1         | 2                        |

|   |                                |  |  |   |                             |     |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|-----|
|   | Municipal Spatial Plans        | Number of plans prepared and approved    |  |   | 1                           | 10  |
|   | Policies                       | Number of policies prepared and approved |  | 2 | 1                           | 1   |
|   | Wajir Municipal Strategic Plan | Evidence of strategic plan prepared      |  | 0 | 1                           | 4   |
| Municipal Administration & Support Services | Staff Salaries                 | Timely payment of salaries               |  |   | By 25 <sup>th</sup> Monthly | 170 |
|   | Use of goods and services      |  |  |   | Bulk                        | 20  |

### **Agreed Projects**

Given the limited resources, the following projects are agreed upon to be implemented during the 2023/24 financial year.

- A) Municipal Waste Management
  - Construction of Wajir Dumpsite Wall
  - Construction of Plastic Waste plant
- B) Improvement of Municipal Infrastructure
  - Rehabilitation of town drainage systems
- C) Disaster Risk Management.
  - Renovation and improvement of Municipal Fire and Rescue Center

### **Procurement and Implementation**

The Municipal Board with support from the Municipality Manager and his staff will implement the above identified projects. The general public and the county government will interact with the projects as stakeholders. The County Executive Committee in charge of Lands, Spatial Planning and Urban Development will supervise the work of the board. The Procurement process will be guided by the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act.

### **The role of the Municipal Board**

The Municipal Board will take full responsibility in implementing the plans, programs and projects as identified in the Annual Urban Investment plan. The County Government will provide technical support and supervise the execution of municipal programs and projects. The municipal board will prepare and submit quarterly and annual

reports to the County Executive Committee in charge of Lands, Spatial Planning and Urban Development for onward submission to the County Executive and County Assembly.

### **Conclusion**

The Wajir Municipality Board will implement all programs, plans and projects identified under the annual urban investment plan and will continuously engage municipal residents and stakeholders on emerging issues and challenges experienced during the plan implementation period.