



THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU
Department of Devolution
Public Participation Unit



LAMU COUNTY EXPERIENCE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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VENUE: ENASHIPAI RESORT

DATE: 4TH MAY 2023.

County Structure.

Public participation is domiciled at Governor's Office in the department of Devolution.

It is still a unit headed by deputy Director Administration.

Lamu County Public participation used to be done since 2014 when devolution started, but we were just relying on the Constitution 2010 which was too generalized and vast in terms of implementation.

There was no coordination, no harmony nor procedures followed especially on the feedback mechanism, civic education among other processes. PP used to be done strictly during budgeting only. no other program or plans underwent PP by then.

The above scenarios attracted COG under support from UNDP to come on the ground and facilitated the formulation of Lamu county Public participation and Civic Education Policy around 2019. the policy underwent validation and public participation pending executive approval. the policy then stalled at county executive approval until 2022 January where USAID-Kuza came in and facilitated both executive and county assembly in the sensitization and finally approved.

Immediately when the policy was approved by executive and later by the county assembly, the PPC Office embarked on serious plans to execute the policy.

Lamu County started to undertake PP on every plan, program, policy, bill among other processes right from the village all the way to the Headquarter level.

following methods were employed

- 1. IT based platforms**
- 2. town hall meetings**
- 3. budget planning and validation fora**
- 4. notice boards**
- 5. devt project sites**
- 6. County/subcounty/ward/village citizen participation Fora**

Others:

- 7. surveys**
- 8. interviews**
- 9. focus groups**
- 10. workshops**

Alternatives methods

- 11.town crier**
- 12.tv stations**
- 13.radio stations**
- 14.newspaper**
- 15.bronchures- with children friendly versions**
- 16. traditional methods, among others**

Lamu PPC with a Gender touch

The County PPC Policy has already set the stage for gender issues and it calls for special consideration on women, youth, elderly and PWD during PP events.

To give effect to the policy, earlier this year, the UNDP in conjunction with CAF(County Assembly Forums) came up to assist us in the drafting and validation of Lamu County Public participation and civic education Bill 2023.

The bill has already undergone PP and community, County stakeholders, special interest groups have expressed their views to be incorporated in the bill and most excitingly on gender issues where:

- 1. women to be given their special day for pp events.(with no mixture of men)**
- 2. disables to be given their special day(not to be mixed with ables.**
- 3. youth to be given their special day**
- 4. elderly be given their special day.**

The bill(with pp report attached) is now committed at Executive level awaiting approval before being taken to assembly for adoption.

way-forward.

Lamu county still needs training on ppc as we have not really being exposed to professional way of undertaking PPC despite having an established unit and willing officers to handle the same.

Lamu need assistance on formulating gender policy as we don't have any.

Lamu lacks presence of prospective donors/development partners as we are still suffering from travel advisory bans hence discouraging donors presence in lamu.

SUCCESS STORIES FOR LAMU PPC-MAARIFA CENTRE

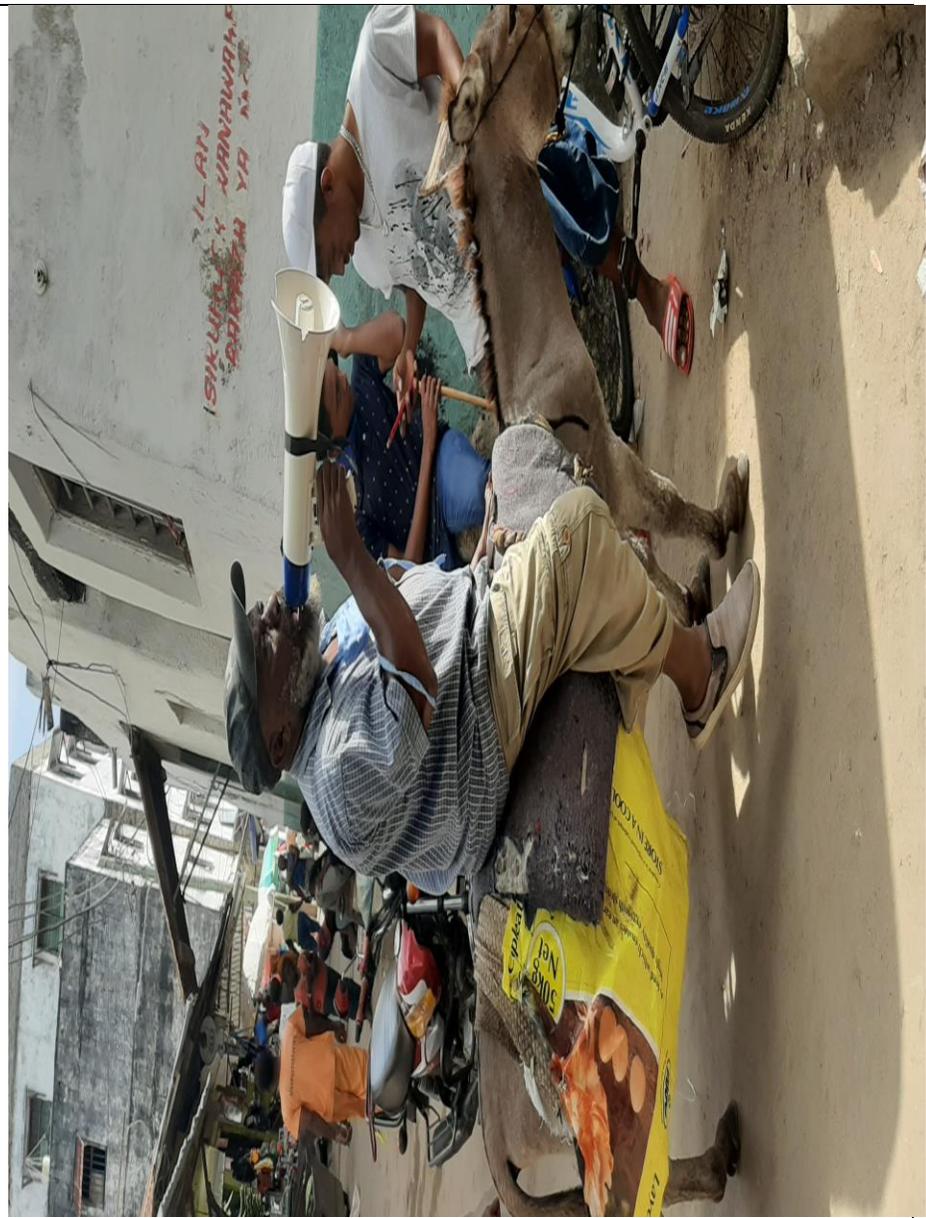
COUNTY	LAMU COUNTY
NAME OF INITIATIVE	DOOR TO DOOR APPROACH
SECTOR	INFORMATION SECTION
CONTACT PERSON	SHEE KUPI SHEE- 0726458022
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE	<p>The Program involves the use of our ward administrators and clerical staff countywide to pass the information to the community especially those living in marginalized and hardship areas.</p> <p>The program entails distributing of posters to every marginalized house so that each household is informed accordingly.</p> <p>The target group are elderly living in marginalized areas who cannot access any other mode of information sharing.</p> <p>The approach benefitted the sick people who cant step out, the Widows who by the religion are not allowed to step out and the elderly who are in doors given their physical strength, as well as people are on “stay at home order”</p>
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COUNTY	LAMU COUNTY
NAME OF INITIATIVE	WHASTUP GROUP APPROACH
SECTOR	INFORMATION SECTION
CONTACT PERSON	SHEE KUPI SHEE- 0726458022
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE	<p>The Program involves the use of Whasstup grouping in order to pass information through phone using whastup application</p> <p>The program entails sharing information to every person and especially youth who are always online through their android phone using whatsapp platforms</p> <p>The target group are Youth, county staff and middle aged people who are living in town that internet network is readily available,</p>
MEDIA	<p>The following Wards' cards distribution will begin on the stated dates at the specific Ward Admin' office and continue for the next 6 consecutive days:</p> <p>Witu Friday 12.06.2020</p> <p>Bahari Saturday 13.06.2020</p> <p>Hongwe Sunday 14.06.2020</p> <p>Mkunumbi Monday 15.06.2020</p> <p>Lamu East Wards: As from Tuesday 16.06.2020</p> <p>Shella Ward: 24.06.2020-.....</p> <p>National Government directives on COVID-19 will be fully enforced including wearing masks and sanitizing. Kindly let's adhere to the same, bare and be patient.</p> <p>Kwa wale waliojiandikisha, jitokeze upate Kadi yako kutoka kwa Mstahiki Gavana Fahim Twaha</p> <p>UHC Coordinator Lamu County Indigent NHIF Cover</p> <p>Mohd atik. jnr</p>

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NAME OF INITIATIVE	TALKING CAR APPROACH
SECTOR	INFORMATION SECTION
CONTACT PERSON	SHEE KUPI SHEE- 0726458022
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE	<p>The Program involves the use of our Official car from ICT Section that is installed and fitted with sound system harboring huge speakers that keeps advertising or sensitizing people across the streets of the major towns in the county.</p> <p>The program entails passing of information to every person on the streets of major towns on any incident or issue that requires targeted people to be informed on</p> <p>The target group are people living in town centres on the big streets and shops who may have no time to use their phones or radio in receiving information.so the talking car reach them out.</p> <p>The strategy has reached the larger part of lamu west subcounty where vehicles are commonly used and people are busy on the roads.</p>
MEDIA	 <p>The image shows a white van used for the 'Talking Car' initiative. The van has 'LAMU COUNTY COMMUNICATION UNIT' printed on its side. A person is visible in the driver's seat, and the van is parked in front of a shop with various items on display.</p>

COUNTY	LAMU COUNTY
NAME OF INITIATIVE	DONKEY RIDE APPROACH
SECTOR	INFORMATION SECTION
CONTACT PERSON	SHEE KUPI SHEE- 0726458022
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE	<p>The Program involves the use of a town crier who rides on a Donkey and moving from one estate to another with a portable speaker informing the community in those estate where cars can never pave in.</p> <p>The target group are people living on island that vehicles cannot access but only donkey transport since they are located on pavements where only donkey riders can access in.</p> <p>It is also convenient for the cryier to reach more people as the donkley can keep walking for long hours without getting tired.</p> <p>The approach has been so effective as many people are able to been covered by this idea as donkey cross from one street to another, one pavement to another in order to access all the frequented streets and pavements.</p> <p>The method allows people to stop the Donkey and ask the crier some pertinent questions on areas that requires more clarifications, and the crier is able to articulate issues with quick reference to near by offices.</p>

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COUNTRY	LAMU COUNTY
NAME OF INITIATIVE	BOAT SAIL APPROACH
SECTOR	INFORMATION SECTION
CONTACT PERSON	SHEE KUPI SHEE- 0726458022

BRIEF DESCR IPTION OF INITIA TIVE	<p>The Program involves the use of a Boat fixed with speakers that cruise through the seafront areas and island villages informing the community in those areas where cars can never pave in.</p> <p>The target group are fishermen and people living on island where vehicles cannot access but only boats transport since they are located on islands areas.</p> <p>The initiative has reached out to sea dwellers who always live in neglected lagoons and seasonal beaches for fishing activities</p>
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COUNTY	LAMU COUNTY
NAME OF INITIATI VE	FARM TRACTOR APPROACH
SECTOR	INFORMATION SECTION
CONTACT	SHEE KUPI SHEE- 0726458022
BRIEF DESCRIP TION OF	<p>The Program involves the use of a Tractor that carries the posters towards the bushy and forest areas where no other means of transport can be used.</p> <p>The target group are mainly farmers and gatherers (Boni community living</p>

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in the forest).

The tractor reaches all this category of people and provide them with posters that has all the information regarding Covid 19.

Apart from accessing the unpassable roads, tractor carries seeds and other amenities for farmers located far away from the roadsides.

The approach has been effective as all the farmers are now well informed especially at this rainy season where all the farms are actively engaged in farming activities.

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LAMU COUNTY USING A TOWN CRIER TO SENZITIZE LOCALS ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 2021

The County Government of Lamu used a town crier (a person employed to make public announcements in the streets or marketplace of a town) to inform the community on County initiatives such as Universal Health Coverage, County budget processes and COVID-19 mitigation measures in every Ward. The town crier rode on a donkey and moved from one estate to another with a portable speaker.

Why the use of a donkey?

Most Lamu residents are in neighbourhood where the streets are narrow, only donkeys

could access, and the criers reached more people as the donkeys could walk for long hours without getting tired. Also, it targeted the locals without radio sets and phones to receive information. The crier also redirected the *mwananchi* to the Ward administrators and County offices to seek further information and clarifications. Counties can customize the crier approach to their needs for passing information, for example, using a Public Address (PA) system to sensitise people across the streets of major towns on any incident or issue that requires targeted people to be informed about.



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