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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

NYAMIRA COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN(CADP)

FY 2026/2027

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Overview of the County

The County Government of Nyamira is one of the forty-seven devolved units established under Article 176(1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. Its roles and responsibilities are defined in the Fourth Schedule, which assigns key functions such as health services, agriculture, trade development, and early childhood education to county governments

1.2 Legal Framework for Public Participation

Public participation is both a constitutional right and a legal requirement in Kenya's devolved governance system. Article 1(2) of the 2010 Constitution affirms that sovereign power belongs to the people, exercised directly or through elected leaders. Article 10(2) recognizes public participation as a core national value, while the Fourth Schedule, Part 2(14) assigns counties the duty of facilitating community involvement in governance and building local capacity.

The County Governments Act (2012) reinforces this through Section 87, which outlines key principles of citizen participation—openness, inclusiveness, accountability, and timely access to information. Similarly, the Urban Areas and Cities Act (2011, amended 2019) under Section 184 mandates public involvement in managing urban areas. Finally, Section 125(2) of the Public Finance Management Act (2012) requires the county finance executive to ensure citizen participation in the budget-making process.

To enhance transparency and ensure citizen involvement in the County Annual Development plan (CADP) 2026/27, the County Treasury conducted public feedback sessions on the draft CADP. This public participation exercise, which was also advertised in the local daily, was held on Monday, 24th September 2025, at the venues listed below.

Table 1: Shows Evidence of the Public Participation Venues and Dates in The County

SUB-COUNTY	DATES	WARDS	VENUES	TIME
Borabu	24 th September 2025	Nyansiongo	Borabu CDF Hall	8.00am-5.00pm
Masaba North	24 th September 2025	Rigoma	Rigoma Market.	8.00am-5.00pm
Manga	24 th September 2025	Manga	Manga Social Hall	8.00am-5.00pm
Nyamira North	24 th September 2025	Ekerenyo	Ekerenyo Youth Hall	8.00am-5.00pm
Nyamira South	24 th September 2025	Bosamaro	Township MCAs Office	8.00am-5.00pm

1.3 Rationale for Public Participation in the FY 2026/27 CADP

Public participation is the engagement in governance whereby —people participate together for deliberation and collective action within an array of interests, institutions and networks, developing civic identity, and involving people in governance processesl. The importance of public participation cannot be understated. Its contribution in anchoring democracy is significant as it ensures inclusivity and transparency in governance, as citizens and government agencies share power among themselves. It ensures government responsiveness to citizen needs and increases the legitimacy of government’s decisions and institutions. Further, at the individual level, public participation increases patriotism, trust in public institutions, self-development, and commitment to the public good. This in turn increases social inclusiveness and social capital.

The main goals of public participation are to inform, engage, consult, collaborate and empower the citizenry. This occurs in different ways and environments, such as government, electoral, or civil society. However, the culture in public bureaucracy is not supportive of public participation, but leans on standard information exchange channels such as public hearing, which most of the times is one way and not oriented to problem solving, thus a there is need for transforming such culture and ensure that

citizens are partners and not just clients in governance through meaningful public participation.

Public participation in the integrated development planning (IDP) process is regarded as instrumental to promote partnerships between local government and communities in addressing local development priorities and concerns. The County Government Act Sections 94 and 95 provide that counties are to establish mechanisms to facilitate public communication and access to information with the widest public outreach using media.

1.4 Guiding Principles for FY 2026/27 County Annual Development Plan Participation

The identification and prioritization of community projects and programs for the financial year 2026/27 were guided by the following core principles:

- Equity and Social Justice: Efforts were made to ensure that the allocation of resources addressed existing inequalities and promoted inclusivity. Project prioritization aimed to reduce regional disparities by equitably distributing development initiatives across the two sub-wards per ward.
- High-Impact Interventions: Communities were guided to select projects with broad, long-term benefits. Emphasis was placed on initiatives that promise significant social or economic returns, serve a large population, or have a multiplier effect in improving livelihoods.
- Technical Soundness and Feasibility: Sector experts and technical officers at the county, sub-county, and ward levels provided professional input to ensure that community-proposed projects were viable, implementable, and aligned with budgetary limits and technical standards.

1.5 Objectives of the Public Forums

The main objectives of the County Annual Development Plan participation forums were to:
Provide feedback on county achievements for FY 2023/24 to FY 2024/25

- Identify and map interventions supported by development partners
- Prioritize proposed projects and programs for FY 2026/27
- Facilitate community envisioning and planning for future development

CHAPTER TWO

2026/27 COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Introduction

This chapter addresses the participatory in Annual Development Plan preparing approach, covering the process, work plan, stakeholders, communication and mobilization framework, as well as a summary of attendance at the forums.

2.2 Public Participation Approach

The public participation process for fiscal year 2026/27 has adopted a new model, developed after evaluating the county's previous approach. This revised framework offers significant improvements based on past challenges and new opportunities for enhancing development and service delivery. A key feature of the new model is the integration of online platforms and physical submissions for project proposals, using sub-counties to gather feedback. This hybrid approach increases accessibility, encourages broader participation, and creates a more efficient public engagement process. The updated model is guided by key elements, including feedback from county departments on project implementation, support from development partners, and community activities where residents identify issues, create slogans, and set goals. It aligns community priorities with the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) and ensures that budgets and projects reflect the community's needs, promoting relevant and effective development.

2.2.1 County Priority Focus Areas for Fy 2026/27

- Road maintenance-Ensuring that there is access to places across all ward through opening and murraming of roads
- Universal Healthcare- Strengthening healthcare infrastructure, enhancing service delivery, and ensuring access to quality medical care for all citizens.
- Youth Empowerment and Sports Development- Investing in sports, technical training, and entrepreneurship programs to equip youth with skills and opportunities that drive economic growth and foster self-reliance.
- Resource Mobilization, Fiscal Sustainability, and Private Sector Partnerships-Automating revenue collection, expanding revenue streams, and fostering partnerships to increase Own Source Revenue and ensure the County's financial stability.
- Decentralization of Services - Empowering local service units to enhance accessibility, governance, and public participation at the grassroots level.

2.2.2 Public Participation Outputs/Community Priority Project and Programs

The table below summarizes the key projects proposed by communities during public forums held at the Sub-County level on 24th September 2025. It reflects priority needs across sectors like health, education, roads, agriculture, and water. The table captures citizens' calls for better

services, equitable development, and completion of stalled projects, providing a useful guide for county planning and budgeting.

Table 2.1: Public Participation Outputs/Community Priority Projects and Programs for FY 2026/27

BORABU SUB-COUNTY

Sector	Project Priority
Education and Vocational Training	• Proposed construction of Rigena ECDE classes • Construction of ECDE classes and lavatories at Tinderet • Completion of Nyantaro ECDE classes • Proposed construction of ECDE classes for special school for the diabled pupils in Borabu sub-county
Health	• Construction of maternity wing and stsff quarters at Tinderet Health centre • Equipping of the labaratory, construction of the lavatories and upgrade of Nyansiongo level 4 hospital to Level 5 • Upgrade of the emergence/ accident ward at Nyansiongo Hospital • Increase of the bed capacity at all hospitals in the sub county • Renaming of Nyansiongo Hospital to Kijauri Hospital • Upgrade of Isoge Health centre • Deployment of more staff at all the hospitals in the sub-county
Agriculture	• Distribution of fingerlings to dams and farmers across the ward • Farmers training and education on agricultural matters to maximize yield across the wards in the sub-county • Proposed to be issued with high quality Artificial Insemination
Gender/Youth/Sports	• Introduction and prioritazation of women based projects across the wards • Establishment of youth development fund • Training of the youth on agricultural matters • Construction and equipment of a public library at Nyansiongo • Increase of the assessment centres for people living with disabilities and increase Registration exercises
Roads and Transport	Tindereti – Gesima – Riamaobe road to be opened. • Riensune primary - Bwondieki – Rianyandoro road needs murrarming. • Riomare – Bwogega road needs a bridge to be constructed. • Kijauri Roche road needs repair. • Kijauri backstreet is closed, not usable.

Trade	- Proposed construction of Metamaywa market sheds - Construction of market sheds at Nyaronde market - Budget Allocation to tourism sector - Construction of Nyansiongo market - Construction of a market at the Tinderet Public land
Water and Sanitation	Equipping and water supply of Kekinga borehole Desilting of Raitigo dam and water supply from the dam to the surrounding residents Spring protection and construction of Nyachieo Construction and upgrade of Riamakone dam and water supply from the dam to the residents
Lands	Stop the on-going encroachment and land grabbing of public lands in the following areas: Menyenya dam land, Tinderet, Matutu and Riamakone, Eronge cooperative society, Isoge Cooperative society at Esise ward, Riösebe, Riamanyura esibei, Riamanoti, Rianyambane, Bwoyugi, Orosase, Nyaronge Primary, Rionsando/Rianyamweya Beaconing and Fencing of Riasagini water catchment

MASABA NORTH SUB-COUNTY

SECTOR	Programme	Proposed Priority /Interventions Project/Activity
AGRICULTURE	Livestock	Construction of a slaughterhouse at Rigoma- Iwero; needed urgently
		Issuance of Milk coolants to Rigoma Society to support dairy
		Farmers Trainings on extension services in Rigoma, Gachuba and Gesima.
		Establish a agro processing industry for milk and banana within the subcounty
		Proposed provision of Improved chicken to farmers groups
		They also requested training on value addition of their produce i.e banana fibres and dairy value chain
		support of dairy goats to the farmers
	Crops	They requested Supply of hass avocado seedlings to the farmer groups
LANDS		Demarcation of Rigoma market, Rogoma society,

		Rigoma division to i.e National and county
KEROKA MUNICIPALITY		Construction of Rigoma central church bridge
		Installation of Nyakobe streetlights
		Repair of streetlights at Rigoma dispensary, Hotel kwa wote junction, Gekono Junction, D. O's office and chief's camp
		Construction of Boda Boda shades at Rigoma market and Gachuba centre
		Distribution of water from Biticha borehole to the locals
WATER, ENVIRONMENT, MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES	Water	Distribution of Piped water at Nyangori – Keroka to Rigoma locals, Gesima borehole, Nyabuya Borehole and Riamoni borehole. Distribution of Water from Sengera and Bocharia Boreholes
		Distribution of water in Wanda Primary
	Environment-streetlights installation	Repair of Highmast streetlight at Rigoma market and other streetlights Within Rigoma.
		Payment of electricity pending bills to enable water distribution and street lighting at Rigoma ward
GENDER		Construction of a rescue centre at Rigoma.
		Completion of Rigoma Social hall
		Construction of a stadium at Rigoma.
HEALTH	Public Health	Construction of kampini dispensary in Gesima
		Construction of Rigoma dispensary staff houses
		Improvement of Rigoma dispensary to a level 3 hospital
		Construction of the dispensary at Rigoma Secondary in Gachuba ward
		Construction of Morera Biticha dispensary.
TRANSPORT ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS	Roads and Public Works	
		Gravelling of all roads at Rigoma, Gesima, Gachuba
		Opening, Maintainance, grading and gravelling of roads across the Ward (Riabore-riakerabu-embaro , Riyabe-riamosiabano-edip,
		Backstreet-metamaywa , Mochenwa-eronge-masera-motamaywa ,Embaro corner S-embaro sda-mochenwa geta,
		Embaro egoroba-rianyanumba , Rionchwari-nyabara

		inye tea buying centre, Siara-director osoro , Botana-makaburu ,
		Improvement of Rigoma Ward roads through grading, gravelling, compaction and culverts installation
		Maintainance of Nyakongo-Iranya Road
		Maintainance of Gesima-Getare-Nyabogoye Road
		Maintainance of Mochenwa market-Secondary- Maranga junction Road
		Maintainance of Enchoro-Turo-Guko Uhuru-Geta Road
		Maintainance of Esani-Risa-Riamoni junction Road
		Maintainance of centre-Mosobeti Road
		Maintainance of Nyamokono-Nyaboraire-Road
		Maintainance of Omoyo-Getare Road
		Karantini-Kiamatengi-Nyamakoroto Road
		Construction of Rigoma market backsreet road
TRADE	Market repair	Construction of markets at Rigoma, Gesima and Gachuba
		Launching of Esani market
		Construction of toilets at Rigoma market.
		Construction of abolution block at Gesima
		Rennovation of market stalls at Gesima
		Construction of Rigoma market stalls especially for vegetables
EDUCATION, VCT AND ICT	ECDE	Construction of ECDE classes at Biticha,botana,chitago, Embaro,eronge,borabu, Itongo senger,kegogi, Kewanda,kierira,matangi, Metamaywa,mong'oni, Nyaiges,nyanchonori, Nyankoba,nyasore,nyatieko, Riabore,Rikenye,riomanga & Kenyerere in Rigoma, and Nyabigege and Kenani ECDE In Gachuba and all across Gesima Ward
	Vocational Training	Rehabilitation of Kiang'ende vocational Training centre.

NYAMIRA NORTH SUB-COUNTY

SECTOR	Priority /Interventions Project/Activity
HEALTH	Complete the construction of Ekerenyo Sub-County hospital
	Supply of enough drugs in health facilities
	Renovations of the following Riechieri, Magwagwa, Sere and Ikonge hospitals
	Fencing of Ikonge dispensary
	Operationalize maternity wing at Nyamusi hospital
AGRICULTURE	Establishment of Bomwagamo irrigation scheme
	Provision of AI services and be free to all farmers across the Sub-County
	Allocate more money for bull castration
	Inclusion of extension officers
TRADE	Construct toilets in all market centres in all the wards
	Construct the Market at Ekerenyo Divisional headquarters
	Construct boda boda sheds at Ekerenyo market
	Construction of Obwari market stalls
	Built up stall at Kiemuma and at Rianyamweno
	Organize County Trade Fairs and Exhibitions in all the wards
	Built Slaughter house at Obwari
	Built public toilets at Ekerenyo market, kioge Market
ROADS	Open up more roads and repair more roads across the sub-county
	Murram Ikonge primary- Nyaore – Bogisero road
	Riechieri – Nyankundi – Ekegogi road
	Obwari – Riagetagi – Kiamogake - Omorare road
	Maagonga – Kiamogake road
	Kea – Nyanderema – Kenyerere - Ekegogi
	Opening of backstreets at Ekerenyo – ELCK road, Nyamusi market
	Nyamatimbo – Omorare – Egetare road
	Opening of Nyamatimbo – Nyamotaro road
	Riechieri to Ombwari road
	Nyamusi – Egentonto road
	Nyamusi hospital – Omokenge road
	Nyamusi hospital – Omogonchoro – Edibu road
	Nyamusi hospital – Egentonto secondary school
	Nyamusi secondary – Kiabora
	Publicize road projects to locals before implementation
	The following bridges to be prioritized Nyaobe bridge, Nyageita bridge,
	Make a provision of lumps for the physically challenged people across the Sub-County
SPORTS, GENDER	Construction of a cultural center at Itibo – Bomwagamo ward
	Construct youth empowerment centre at Ekerenyo
	Provision of sports equipment Sere and Ekerenyo football clubs

	Reallocate funds to more necessities for people with disabilities i.e. hearing aids, sunscreen and white canes
	Rescue center to be built at Riechieri
	Rehabilitation center to be built at Kiamogake
	Levelling of the pray ground at Ekerenyo
ENVIRONMENT AND WATER	Do water piping to residents from Ekerenyo borehole
	Maintenance of water springs at Riamarieta spring, Nyanderema-Riamokua, Nyakobokia, Kebabe, Amatierio, Ekioma, Kiemuma
	Construct Nyameko, Rionyundo, Riamakori, and Riomwansa water springs in Ekerenyo ward.
	Complete Kiamogake bore hole
	Provision of piped water in Nyamusi market
	Put up four solar lights at Nyamusi level four hospital
	Installation of street lights at Nyamatimbo Market, Ritembo Centre, Omorare, Iyabe – Riechieri Road, Ekerenyo – Obwari road, Kea – Obwari road
EDUCATION	Built more ECDE classes at Kiemuma, mwancha, Gesweswe, Kenguso, Kea, Nyameko and Kebariga schools
	Built more ECDE classes at Bokeira ward
	Prioritize building toilets at Kebariga school and ECDE class
	Equip ECDE classes with reading materials in all Wards
	Equip Nyairanga and Mwancha Vocational Training Centres
	Feeding program to all ECDE classes across the sub county
	Have proper facilitation and planning of public participation

NYAMIRA SOUTH SUB-COUNTY

SECTOR	Priority /Interventions Project/Activity
EDUCATION	- Recruitment of workers to cater for feeding programme - Recruitment of more ECDE teachers at Ikobe primary and other schools - Bomondo VTC to be in use
HEALTH	- Construction of doctors residence at Bombaki dispensary - Construction of orthopedic hospital in Nyamira county
ROADS TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS	- Maintenance of Gesore sec- Henri resort road - Maintenance of Bombangi road - Construction of drainages in all roads across the ward - Renovation and murraming of Kiambere – Bosiango hospital road - Establishment of murrum dumping site in every ward for easy accessibility

	• Removal of electricity poles during road opening • Construction of bridges at Geseneno-Sironga road
	• Construction of culverts in all roads
AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES	• Visitation of Agricultural officers to farmers
TRADE	• Renovation of county markets to standard state to increase revenue collection
GENDER, YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE	• Renovation of Nyamaiya and Sironga fields for sports activities
WATER	• Gesore water projects to be in use
LANDS	• Beackoning of public land at ELCK church

MANGA SUB-COUNTY

S/NO	SECTOR	Programme	PROPOSED Priority
1	Environment, mining and natural resources	Street lights installation bore hole repair Water	Manga market (10 lambs) Borehole at manga hospital needs to be repaired, Borehole repair at ikobe dispensary Distribute water at manga hospital borehole Repair borehole at morako Rianyamwanda, mokubo, riakaburi nyansanda, riasanyo riagisiora and geteisaba water springs protection Put to use borehole at manga stadium/pipes to be installed Install/repair water kiosks at manga
		Street lights installation	
2	Agriculture		Upgrade gesonso AFC machine Fertlilser storage at manga Upgrade all societies Improve seedlings for food varieties AI services for manga region Change bean varieties Bring local breed for chicken Re-introduce pyrethrum Re-introduce fish fingerlings and

			education to farmers Regional balancing on agriculture education Harness soil testing Improve on extension officers(make them regular) Milk coolers for manga
3	Education		Equip morako polythecnic ECDE toilets at morako Renovate ECDE toilets at nyambaso,nyamare
6	Roads		Open moromba society-nyaisa catholic road,okendo-riosugo- morako,manga ebierera ritibo manga roads Murram manga stadium- riamoyogo road Murram nyabioto-bokondo road
7	Gender,sports	Sports	Amend sports fee Remove manga stadium wall to make the field bigger to measure (70*110) Levelise nyaisa,sengera morako playgrounds Equip/standardize manga social hall
8	Health services		Mortuary at manga phase two Manga hospital phase two Fence manga hospital Physiotherapy at manga hospital Open kiendege dispensary Cancer screening machine at manga Start nyaisa dispensary

CHAPTER THREE: CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Introduction

This chapter highlights the key lessons learnt, challenges encountered, and recommendations from the FY 2026/27 in County Annual Development Plan preparation

3.2 Challenges

Key Issues Identified During Public Participation Forums

- **Venue Selection and Accessibility:** Participants recommended that public participation forums be held at the ward level rather than the sub-county level to enhance inclusivity and accessibility.
- **Inadequate Feedback Mechanisms:** Community members expressed concern over the lack of consistent feedback from county entities regarding the outcomes of budget participation exercises.
- **Time Constraints for Project Appraisal:** There is insufficient time allocated for conducting thorough project appraisals and feasibility studies before implementation.
- **Limited Community Capacity:** Communities face capacity gaps in understanding and engaging with the participatory budgeting process effectively.
- **Lack of Transparency in Priority Changes:** Changes to community-prioritized proposals are made without proper citizen engagement, which has eroded public trust in the process.
- **Delayed Project Completion:** Some projects have remained incomplete for over a decade, such as Ekerenyo Hospital and Manga Stadium, raising concerns over resource management and accountability.
- **Inadequate Representation:** Not all wards were represented. For instance, Itibo Ward had no attendees, highlighting gaps in communication and early notification.
- **Insufficient Reading Materials:** Participants noted that reading and reference materials were not sufficient, limiting the effectiveness of participation.

3.3 Lessons Learnt

The key lessons learned from the public participation process were:

- **Centralized venues limited attendance:** Sub-County forums excluded many residents; ward-level meetings would improve access and participation.
- **Lack of feedback reduced trust:** Communities were not informed about how their input influenced decisions, lowering confidence in the process.
- **Insufficient time for feasibility studies:** Rushed timelines led to poor project assessments and unviable proposals.

- Low public capacity hindered participation: Limited understanding of budgeting processes weakened the quality of citizen input.
- Changed priorities without consultation: Altering proposed projects without engaging the public undermined transparency and trust.
- Long delays discouraged engagement: Incomplete projects like Ekerenyo Hospital and Manga Stadium demotivated citizens.
- Poor communication reduced representation: Late or limited announcements resulted in some wards (e.g., Itibo) being left out.
- Inadequate materials limited understanding: A Shortage of reading/reference materials made it difficult for participants to follow discussions.

3.4 Recommendations for the County Annual Development Plan preparation

The recommendations for the improvement of the participatory budgeting process in the future are;

- Strengthening Public Participation Structures: The county should enhance public participation by building capacity through ongoing training and regular community engagement.
- Capacity Development for Stakeholders: Targeted training should be provided for County Participatory Development Working Groups, Sector Working Groups, and Heads of Departments, focusing on participatory planning, budgeting, and integrating environmental and social safeguards.
- Improving Access to Information: The county should enhance information dissemination via websites, notice boards, media, and physical forums to promote transparency and informed participation.
- Financing Citizen Engagement: It is essential to fund civic education and public participation to ensure ongoing citizen engagement.
- Strengthening Decentralized Units: Decentralized units like sub-wards, wards, and sub-counties should be strengthened as key centers for service delivery and citizen engagement.
- Including Vulnerable Groups: The county should create forums aimed at vulnerable and marginalized groups, such as women, youth, and persons with disabilities, to ensure their active participation in governance and development.

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