

7 KEY QUESTIONS TO INFORM CITIZENS DELIBERATIONS FOR CIDP FORMULATION

The County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) is prepared by all counties to guide development over a five-year period. The Public Finance Management Act provides that no public funds shall be appropriated outside a county's planning framework. The CIDP should contain information on development priorities that inform the annual budget process, particularly the preparation of annual development plans, the annual county fiscal strategy papers, and the annual budget estimates.

In preparing the CIDPs, county governments are required to consult with citizens and stakeholders. Effective participation requires a level of preparation on the part of citizens for them to propose the most responsive and viable programmes. Good budget proposals should be justified using data from credible institutions and or community experiences as regards state of service delivery in their locality as compared to globally accepted standards. Inequalities that exist from one County/ Sub-county/ Ward/ Location to another should also be cited and affirmative actions proposed to redress them.

Here are some questions that can help us deliberate and come up with responsive proposals.

1. What are the most pressing needs in our ward and what evidence do we have to support this? *(This could be data, photos and or experiences shared by majority of the community members)*
2. What do you feel the county government should invest in that will have a felt effect across most parts of, if not the whole county? What has been done in the last 5 years and what gaps are remaining? *(For example, expanding services in Dispensaries and Health Centre to reduce cases of citizens struggling to seek basic services in the sub-county and county referral hospitals. Think of the service delivery **holistically** i.e. if its beath sector-think of a working health system including the infrastructure and equipment, health personnel (including the most basic cadres such as CHVs), medical drugs, vaccines and commodities, leadership and governance structures and information management system; if it's water- think of development of water sources, water distribution, maintaining water quality, operation and maintenance/ sustainability of the supply and conservation of the water source etc. The rule of thumbs is to take a system-wide approach.*
3. What should the county government do to achieve equitable development in the County?
4. What opportunities exist for wealth creation in our community and County and what should the county government do to promote uptake of these opportunities?
5. What proposals do you have for the county government to improve own source revenue? What are the untapped opportunities in our communities?
6. From you experience engaging in budget formulation and implementation, what other issues limit budget implementation and service delivery and how do you want the county government to address them?
7. How should the process of CIDP formulation be done to ensure that there is fairness in how the final decisions are arrived at?

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