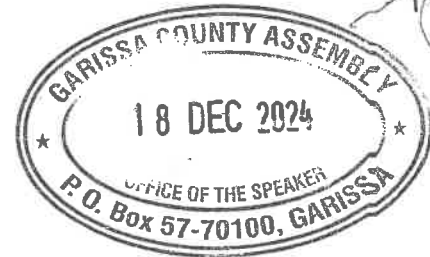


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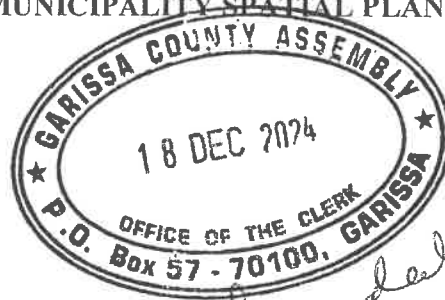
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COMMITTEE ON LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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REPORT ON THE PROPOSED GARISSA MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL PLAN



DECEMBER, 2024

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## 1.0 Executive Summary

The preparation of this Plan is guided by the County Government's decision to develop a plan for Garissa municipality, which has lacked one since independence. The primary objective is to establish a framework to guide the Municipality's development and serve as a foundation for creating the Garissa Municipality Land Use Plan. This has been achieved by rationally and appropriately allocating land for various uses within the designated area. The guiding principles in the development of this Plan include promoting optimal, efficient, and economic land use, as outlined in the National Land Policy; encouraging walkability, health, harmony, safety, and efficiency; fostering inclusive and coordinated governance systems; and structuring urban development to support environmental sustainability.

Lastly, the plan is envisioned to be fully implemented in order to achieve its objectives and align with Kenya's Vision 2030. This will be accomplished by adhering to the zoning standards and regulations provided, as well as complying with any other laws governing the development of urban areas and cities in Kenya.

### 1.1 Mandate of the committee

**Mr. speaker sir**

The committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development is one of the Sectoral committees of the Assembly established under standing order no 222(5) whose mandate, pursuant to the standing order 222(6) is to:

- a) investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of implementation;
- c) study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;

- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned department as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly.
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve except under Standing Order 184 (Committee on Appointments);
- g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible including recommendation of proposed legislation.

## 1.2 Committee Membership.

The committee on lands, Housing, physical planning and urban development was established pursuant to standing order 222(5) of the County Assembly.

The committee comprises of the following Members

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Hon Khadija Idriss Mohamed    | chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Abdirahman Muktar        | vice chair  |
| 3. Hon. Noor sheikh              | Member      |
| 4. Hon. Issa Aden Abdi           | "           |
| 5. Hon. Mohamed Sheikh Abdi      | "           |
| 6. Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed Ali   | "           |
| 7. Hon. Rukia Abdulahi           | "           |
| 8. Hon. Fatuma Aden Abdi         | "           |
| 9. Hon. Fakrudin Haji Sadik      | "           |
| 10. Hon. Ahmed Abdirahman        | "           |
| 11. Hon. Timira Bishar           | "           |
| 12. Hon. Fatuma Mohamed Shide    | "           |
| 13. Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim sigat | "           |

## 1.3 Committee secretariat

The committee is served by

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Khadija Abdi S, | Committee Clerk      |
| 2. Abdi s. Keinan  | Committee Researcher |
| 3. Omar I. Koriyow | Committee Researcher |
| 4. Abdi M. Hassan  | Hansard              |
| 5. Ahmed Hussein   | Sergeant at arms     |

#### **1.4 Committee Meetings**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

The committee held two meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to consider and review the proposed Garissa Municipality spatial plan. In one of the meetings, the committee made a resolution to conduct public participation on the proposed Garissa Municipality spatial plan on 16th December, 2024 from 9.00 am.

The members of the public were notified of the public participation forum through print media.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support extended to it in fulfilling its mandate.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

I wish to thank the Members of committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development for their effort in coming up with this report on the proposed Garissa Municipality spatial plan. I also wish to thank the committee secretariat who worked tirelessly to compile this Report.

**Mr. Speaker,**

I wish to thank Members of the public who sacrificed their time to attend the public participation exercise held at Garissa Primary School and gave their valuable views on the proposed Garissa Municipality spatial plan. Once again I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the residents of Garissa municipality for their constructive engagement during the public participation session on the proposed Garissa Municipality spatial plan.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

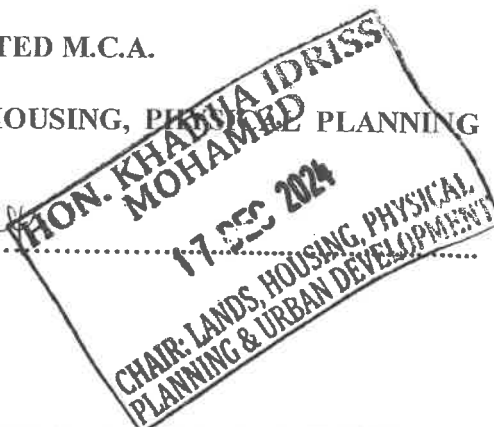
I wish to confirm that, the recommendations of the Committee in this Report were unanimous. It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Committee to table this report for consideration and adoption.

SIGNED: ..... 

**HON. KHADIJA IDRIS MOHAMED, NOMINATED M.C.A.**


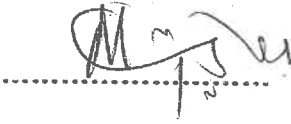

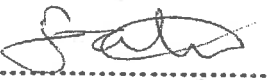
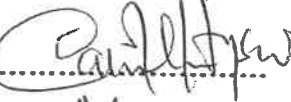
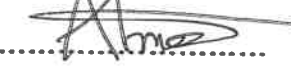


**CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.**

DATE: ..... 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

We, Members of the Committee on Lands Housing, physical planning and urban development have adopted this Report on Consideration of the proposed Garissa Municipality spatial plan and hereby affix our signatures to it to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity: -

NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1. Hon. Khadija Idriss Mohamed	Chairperson	
2. Hon. Abdirahman Muktar	Vice Chairperson	.....
3. Hon. Noor Sheikh	Member	.....
4. Hon. Issa Aden Abdi	"	.....
5. Hon. Mohamed Sheikh Abdi	"	
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13. Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Sigat	"	.....

### **3.0 BACKGROUND AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

#### **3.1 Background**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

Garissa Town is located at 0°27'25"S, 39°39'30"E, approximately 329 kilometres northeast of the capital, Nairobi. The Tana River, which originates from the Aberdare Mountains west of Nyeri, flows through the town and serves as its primary source of water. The first urban planning exercise for Garissa Town took place in the 1970s; however, the plan was never implemented. Since then, the town has grown organically, resulting in the urban sprawl observed today.

##### **3.1.1 Purpose and Objectives of the spatial plan**

The purpose of the plan is to;

1. Lay the groundwork for the development of a new organized and orderly modern Garissa municipality
2. Prevent land related conflicts.

The objective of the plan is to prepare a physical plan for Garissa Municipality that:

1. Define a vision for future growth and development of Garissa Municipality in accordance with vision 2030.
2. Provide a basis for coordinated planning and surveying of the planning area of the municipality land already in existing development
3. Provide a basis for programming of projects and budget, thereby serving as a downstream management tool for all areas of the Municipality.

The planning, surveying and development of Garissa new land use plan was necessitated by the following factors:

1. The emergence of LAPPSET project has a great impact on Garissa municipality
2. Garissa Municipality is a fast growing both in population and status.
3. This growth without proper planning has resulted into; poor service delivery, loss of revenue, land registration and administration difficulties
4. The current state of affairs has brought about conflict among residents.
5. Due to periodic droughts in the larger Garissa Trust Land, many residents have lost livelihoods like cattle rearing and have moved into urban areas like Garissa Municipality, thus becoming IDPs.



### **3.1.2 Scope of the spatial plan**

The planning and land surveying will cover approximately 4,711 hectares designated as Planning Areas I, II, III, and IV within Garissa Town. The plan will include an evaluation and assessment of development constraints and potentials, as well as the establishment of a framework for the future development and functioning of the scheme.

The plan discusses the current situation in the Municipality highlighting the sectoral and thematic constraints in the Municipality that inhibit the economic vibrancy, environmental sustainability and Community development. It also appraises significant spatial and development challenges in the municipality and proposes robust strategies with pragmatic sectoral programmes and investment to solve the identical constraints.

It also seeks to mainstream contemporary issues of climate change adaptation, disaster risks reduction, utilization of green renewable energy and gender parity.

## **3.2 Legal Framework**

### **Mr. Speaker Sir**

The following legal provisions have informed the resolutions and recommendations reached by the committee on Garissa Municipality Spatial plan;

#### **3.2.1 -The constitution of Kenya, 2010**

The Constitution of Kenya establishes the basis and principles for planning and provides aspirations to be attained through county spatial planning. Article 67 gives the National land Commission the mandate to have oversight responsibilities over land use planning. Article 66 provides explicit powers to the national and county governments to regulate the use of any land and property, in the interest of land use planning.

### **3.2 .2- The County Government Act 2012**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

Pursuant to section 104 of the County Governments Act, 2012, a county government has an obligation to plan for the county and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the county executive committee and approved by the county assembly. Such county planning should integrate economic, physical, social, environmental and spatial planning. Further the Act provides that the county government shall designate county department, cities and urban areas, sub counties and wards as planning authorities of the county.

Section 110 provides that, there shall be a ten-year County GIS based database system spatial plan for each County which shall be a component part of the County Integrated development plan (CIDP).

The spatial plan must integrate economic, physical, social, environmental and spatial planning issues. It requires the County spatial plan to set out basic guidelines for land use management system in the County considering any relevant guidelines, regulations or laws.

### **3.2.3- The Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 and amendment 2019**

**Mr. speaker Sir,**

The act covers among others; classification and establishment of Urban areas and cities; governance and management of urban areas and cities delivery services; integrated development planning; financial provisions and preparation of an integrated plan.

In accordance with this act, every city, municipality and town are expected to operate within the framework of an integrated development plan.

### **Kenya vision 2030**

The main aspirations of the vision 2030 are that all development projects undertaken within the Country across the thematic sectors should all aim to achieve the objectives set under the vision. The municipality spatial planning is designated to align to vision 2030 strategies of

provision of infrastructure, enhanced governance approach, sustainable economic and environmental growth as well as sustainable human settlement strategy.

#### **4.0 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **Address by Committee Chair**

The Chair of Garissa County Assembly Committee on Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development set the agenda of the public/stakeholder participation meeting by addressing the participants. She informed the stakeholders that pursuant to the Urban Areas and Cities Act, The County Government Act 2012, the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and vision 2030, Garissa municipality was in the process of establishing a spatial plan for Municipality.

The chair informed the participants that the Constitution of Kenya establishes the basis and principles for planning and provides aspirations to be attained through county spatial planning. She categorically informed members of the public that Article 67 gives the National land Commission the mandate to have oversight responsibilities over land use planning. She further clarified that Article 66 of the constitution provides explicit powers to the national and county governments to regulate the use of any land and property, in the interest of land use planning.

The chair informed the participants that spatial plan must integrate economic, physical, social, environmental and spatial planning issues. She divulged to the participants that spatial plan should set out basic guidelines for land use management system in the Municipality considering any relevant guidelines, regulations or laws.

The chair further informed the stakeholders that, the main aspirations of the vision 2030 are that all development projects undertaken within the Country across the thematic sectors should all aim to achieve the objectives set under the vision. Municipality spatial planning is designated to align to vision 2030 strategies of provision of infrastructure, enhanced governance approach, sustainable economic and environmental growth as well as sustainable human settlement strategy.

On behalf of the Garissa County Assembly, the Chair opened the forum for discussions on the proposed Garissa Municipality Spatial plan and urged the stakeholders to provide feedback that will contribute towards improving the plan.

#### **4.1 Submissions from Members of the Public during the Public Participation by the Committee.**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

Article 196(1) (b) of the Constitution requires the County Assembly to facilitate public participation on any legislative business. The County Assembly's Committee on Lands, Housing, physical planning and Urban Development through the office of the clerk placed an advert in one of the local dailies; the Standard, dated Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 inviting the stakeholders and the general members of the Public to present their views on the Garissa Municipality Spatial plan.

In fulfillment of this requirement, the County Assembly Committee on Lands, Housing, physical planning and urban Development conducted a public participation exercise on the proposed Garissa Municipality spatial plan on 16<sup>th</sup>, December, 2024 at Garissa primary for members of the public to give their views.

The following umbrella groups were also represented;

- i. Religious Leaders
- ii. Youth representatives
- iii. Business community
- iv. Civil society
- v. Women groups
- vi. PWD representative

At the time of compiling this report no memorandum had been received from the public, however the committee was able to collect the following views from the persons who attended the Public Participation.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

In support of the spatial plan, members of the public made the following proposals;

**On the importance of having a spatial plan for the Municipality**

Members of the public informed the committee that the plan has been in place since 1982 and is on track, as planning precedes development. Regarding topography, the department should prioritize matters related to plot assignments. Additionally, a lottery system should be employed when assigning plots. Members of the public proposed that there was need to prioritize development in underserved areas to ensure equitable access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and utilities.

**On infrastructure Improvements**

Members of the public suggested the need to upgrade road networks, drainage systems, and energy access infrastructure, emphasizing reliability and efficiency. Participants also recommended inclusion of a places of worship, feeder roads, water and power lines, as well as drainage systems in the plan. Additionally, they highlighted the importance of maintaining roads, such as bush clearing, and proposed the inclusion of streetlights in the plan.

**On Gender and disability Inclusive Planning:**

participants proposed that Roads should be accessible throughout the year. During road construction, consideration should be given to people with disabilities, ensuring the roads are disability-friendly. Buildings should also be designed to accommodate people with disabilities. Measures should be implemented to address the issue of double-parking. Participants urged the Municipality to design public spaces, streets, and facilities that prioritize safety, accessibility, and usability for women, children, and people with disabilities.

**Public Perspective on Affordable Housing Development**

The public emphasized the critical role of the municipality in addressing the rising demand for affordable housing. They proposed that the municipality should prioritize land allocation as a foundational step in the development of affordable housing projects. By identifying and designating suitable parcels of land within the municipality, the local government can significantly reduce costs associated with housing development, thereby making homes more accessible to low- and middle-income households.

### **On environmental Conservation**

The stakeholders emphasized the importance of preserving and expanding green spaces, and parks within the municipality as a vital step toward environmental conservation and sustainable urban development. By protecting these natural areas, the municipality can enhance biodiversity, providing habitats for various plant and animal species, while also creating a healthier environment for residents. These efforts collectively contribute to improving the quality of life, fostering community well-being, and promoting environmental resilience in the face of rapid urbanization and climate change.

### **On Public Participation**

Stakeholders requested the municipality to organize public forums, surveys, and workshops to gather community feedback throughout the planning and implementation process of the spatial plan.

### **On climate Resilience**

The participant informed the Committee that the municipality to identify and protect high-risk areas from flooding or erosion, and invest in climate-resilient infrastructure such as massive tree planting.

### **On public Transport in the Municipality**

The stakeholders proposed the Municipality to develop efficient and affordable public transport systems, including bicycle lanes and pedestrian pathways.

### **Overall View of the Public**

The public were generally receptive and in full support of the Municipality spatial plan. Members of the public urged the municipality to integrate these recommendations into the spatial plan to ensure it reflects the community's priorities and promotes sustainable, inclusive development. It was in their general view that the creation of the municipality spatial plan would be beneficial to the residents of the Municipality in terms of service delivery and the overall management of the municipality.

## 5.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The committee made the following observation in regards to the Garissa municipality spatial plan:

- a) The plan is intended to guide the Municipality's development for the next 10 years.
- b) The plan is GIS(Geographic Information System) based plan
- c) The plan covers all critical areas that would spur both economic and social development in the Municipality.
- d) The plan requires a wide stakeholder consultation, capacity building, sensitisation and awareness building to internalise the plan as legal document with its benefit, output, impacts and constraints for future development of the Municipality.
- e) The municipality need to strictly adhere to the plan proposals on environmental conservation by creating awareness on wildlife corridors to enhance tourism activities in the Municipality.

## 6.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

From the submissions made by the participants during the exercise, interactions with experts, the departmental officers and the committee deliberations, the Committee therefore, unanimously recommends that this House approves Garissa Municipality spatial plan with the following recommendations:

1. **That**, the Municipality to ensure that the spatial plan supports environment sustainable growth by incorporating green spaces, renewable energy solutions, and efficient waste management systems.
2. **That**, the Municipality shall focus on improving road networks by upgrading main and access roads into bitumen standards , drainage systems, and energy access..
3. **That**, the Municipality to protect historical sites, wildlife, forests, and water bodies to preserve the municipality's heritage and biodiversity.
4. **That**, the Municipality shall involve residents in the decision-making process through consultations, workshops, and feedback sessions to ensure that the plan implementation reflects their needs.
5. **That**, the Municipality to Plan for climate change adaptation by zoning areas prone to flooding or other natural disasters and integrating disaster response infrastructure.
6. **That**, the Municipality should focus on developing efficient public transportation systems while incorporating infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists to alleviate traffic congestion.
7. **That**, the Municipality to Identify and designate areas for industrial establishment and commercial markets to stimulate investments, drive economic growth, and generate employment opportunities.
8. **That**, the Municipality to establish benchmarks and timelines for implementing the spatial plan, with regular reviews to adapt to emerging challenges and opportunities.
9. **That**, any sector/development partner that want to partner with the Municipality must adhere to the laid down policies and practices of the Municipality.





PARTICIPANTS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE DOCUMENT



COMMITTEE MEMBERS PAID A COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE HEAD TEACHER GARISSA PRIMARY SCHOOL



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# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF GARISSA



## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF GARISSA

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HELD AT THE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S OFFICE ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 AT 11.50AM

#### Members present

1. Hon. Khadija Idriss..... Chair
2. Hon. Rukia Abdullahi Ali .....Member
3. Hon. Fatuma Shide..... Member
4. Hon. Fakrudin haji.sadik..... Member
5. Hon. Mohamed Sheikh.....Member
6. Hon. Timira Bishar.....member
7. Hon ahmed Abdirahman.....member
8. Hon. Fatuma Aden.....member

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Preliminaries (call to order, prayers, apologies, adoption of the agenda)
2. Confirmation of the previous minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Agenda: the adoption of the committee report on approval of spatial plan for Garissa Municipality
5. Any other business

### **MIN 17/12/2024: PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at 1150hrs by the Chairperson. The opening prayer was conducted in the manners prescribed in the standing order by Chairperson.

### **MIN 18/12/2024: READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTE**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved without any amendments.

### **MIN 19/12/2024: MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

### **Min 20/12/2024: THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF GARISSA SPATIAL PLAN**

The chairperson tabled the draft committee report for consideration by the committee; this was in regard to the consideration of Garissa Municipality Spatial Plan.

The committee discussed the report and resolved to adopt the report in its entirety.

**THAT** all the plans be approved as earlier examined and discussed.

The chairperson proposed the question for adoption of the report which was,

**THAT** "the reports of the committee on the consideration of the Garissa Spatial Plan 2023-2028 be adopted in line with provisions of standing order 209(1) be recommended for approval:

The report was unanimously adopted.

#### **Resolution:**

The Committee was satisfied that the Spatial Plan was in conformity with the laid down procedures and processes of its preparation which meets all legal requirements necessary for their approval.

Subsequently, it was adopted under, standing order 209(4) with the following recommendation:

**THAT:** The committee

1. **Proposes** to the County Assembly to APPROVE Garissa Municipality Spatial Plan pursuant to section 111(6) and 14 (3) of the County Government Act, 2012 and section 38 and 39 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011:
2. **DIRECT** the municipality board to develop bylaws that shall govern and regulate activities management and operations of this Municipality in line with functions and

powers bestowed upon the in section 56 of the urban areas and cities act 2011 and pursuant to the county assembly for approval.

3. **That**, the Municipality to ensure that the spatial plan supports environment sustainable growth by incorporating green spaces, renewable energy solutions, and efficient waste management systems.
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11. **That**, any sector/development partner that want to partner with the Municipality must adhere to the laid down policies and practices of the Municipality.

**MIN 21/12/2024: AJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1235hrs.

**Confirmed & signed by (chair) Hon. Khadija Idris Mohamed, lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committee**

Sign..........Date.....17/12/2024.....

Clerk to the committee.....Khadija Nodi.....Sign..........Date.....17/12/2024.....



# Activists held amid calls to end gender violence

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ers against femicide as 16  
Activism end.

ors and rights groups  
action on violence per-  
s and help for victims.

TEAM, NAIROBI

The 16 Days of Activism  
against gender violence  
came to an end ironically  
as police unleashed terror  
on activists in Nairobi.

calls on the government to  
perpetrators of violence are  
scores of rights activists,  
Amnesty International  
Executive Director Iruangu  
were teargassed and ar-  
participating in a peaceful  
side match in the city  
mpaign, which runs annu-  
November 25 to December  
ghts the impacts of gender-  
ence.

Protesters had begun their  
the Jeewanjee Gardens and  
present petitions to sev-  
entions among them at the  
Court, police headquarters  
of the President at the Ha-  
ouse.

and other protesters were  
at the Central Police Station  
still in the cells by the time  
press.

Sub-County Police Com-  
munications Officer, an officer who  
urged to talk to the media,  
organisers did not notify

several organisations, includ-

ing the Law Society of Kenya, con-  
demned the police action.

"This protest was a courageous  
stand against the killing of women, a  
demand for urgency in investigating  
these murders and a call for perpetra-  
tors to be held accountable," read the  
joint statement.

They demanded the release of  
those arrested, and asked the Inspec-  
tor General of Police Douglas Kanja to  
investigate the conduct of the police  
officers involved.

The groups called on authorities to  
punish culprits of femicide.

In Nyeri, Rhoda Wairimu, who lost  
her two arms in a quarrel with the  
husband, termed the physical and  
emotional toll from gender violence  
devastating.

"I live each day struggling to regain  
my independence and sense of self-  
worth. No one should have to endure  
such violence and loss," she said.

Despite the man being sentenced  
to life imprisonment, she said the  
government should ensure such cases  
are fast-tracked.

"We lived together with my hus-  
band for 10 years, but when I con-  
fronted him that I could walk out of  
the marriage, he started threatening  
me. We need more than words. We  
need concrete actions, legal reforms,  
and systems that ensure no one goes  
unheard or unprotected," she said.

Another survivor, Agnes Muthoni,  
recounted her experience. "My part-  
ner's fists became my reality for years.  
The physical bruises may have healed,  
but the emotional trauma remains. I  
lost my sense of safety, my confidence,  
and even my sense of self," she said.

The survivors called for "increased  
awareness, stronger laws and en-



Participants walk in Kisumu town in solidarity with women who lost their lives as they closed the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. They asked the police to take action against perpetrators. (Sammy Ombiga/Standard)

forcement, and more comprehensive  
support services for victims."

In Nandi County, a woman admit-  
ted to the Kapsabet County Referral  
Hospital claims her husband attacked  
her four days ago.



I live each day struggling  
to regain my independence  
and sense of self-worth. No  
one should have to endure  
such violence and loss."

Rhoda Wairimu, violence survivor.

"I came back home on Thursday  
afternoon and I was left with only  
Sh100 after sending Sh200 to my  
mother. My husband got annoyed.  
He wanted money for alcohol and  
food for himself," said Amida Jep-  
korir.

Medical Superintendent Shadrack  
Tanui said she was out of danger.

Njeri Myang'ali, an activist, called for  
multi-faceted approach, including ed-  
ucation, policy reform and a cultural  
shift that prioritises respect, consent,  
and the safety of all individuals.

"The courage of these survivors  
is truly inspiring, their willingness  
to share their stories is a powerful  
step towards dismantling the silence  
and stigma that too often surrounds  
gender-based violence. We must lis-

ten, we must act, and we must cre-  
ate a world where no one has to en-  
dure such trauma," she said.

According to Ann Wambui  
Wacheke, also an activist, a stra-  
tegic approach is needed to address  
gender-based violence. This in-  
cludes: providing accessible coun-  
selling, shelter, and financial assis-  
tance for survivors. Additional  
raising awareness in communities  
and challenge cultural norms that  
enable gender violence.

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proach that includes providing access-  
ible support services like counseling, sh-  
elter, and financial assistance for  
survivors."

[Report by Collins Kweyu, Ann  
Klarie and Edward Kosut]

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#### PARTICIPATION ON GARISSA TOWNSHIP SPATIAL PLAN.

Provisions of article 185 (4) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 as read together with part XI of the county government act 2012 and as well as Garissa County Assembly standing orders.

In furtherance of Garissa Municipality spatial plan, the committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development invites members of the public and stakeholders to present their views during the public participation on township Municipality Spatial Plan.

DOCUMENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE
GARISSA MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL PLAN	16 <sup>th</sup> DEC 2024	9:00 AM	Garissa Primary and ISS (Next to military Camp)

It may be made orally during the public hearing or by way of written memorandum to the office of the clerk, Garissa County Assembly

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through email address:  
secretary@garissacounty.go.ke between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on or before  
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SECRETARY/CEO  
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#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON GARISSA MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2028.

Pursuant to provisions of article 185 (4) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 as read together with part XI of the county government act 2012 and as well as Garissa County Assembly standing orders.

In furtherance of Garissa Municipality Integrated development Plan 2023-2028, the committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development invites members of the public and other stakeholders to present their views during the public participation on Garissa Municipality Integrated Development Plan 2023-2028.

NO.	DOCUMENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE
1	GARISSA MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN	17 <sup>th</sup> DEC 2024	9:00 AM	Garissa Primary and ISS (Next to military Camp)

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P.O. BOX 57-70100  
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## CANCELLATION OF ADVERTISED POSITION IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

This is to notify the public that the following position advertised on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 is hereby cancelled.

Position	University	No. of Vacancies
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration and Finance)	Kenyatta University	1

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