

**MINUTES OF STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 AT A.C.K HALL, ENGINEER, NORTH KINANGOP SUBCOUNTY, NYANDARUA COUNTY**

**PRESENT** (see attached list of participants)

**AGENDA**

- ❖ Solid waste management
- ❖ Liquid waste management
- ❖ Inspection of residential plots
- ❖ Status of unbuilt plots within the town
- ❖ Closing remarks

**PRELIMINARIES**

The Municipal Manager called the meeting to order at 11.25 A.M followed by a word of prayer by Mr. Thuku (Physical Planner). The Municipal Manager welcomed the stakeholders, the County Government representatives and the Engineer Municipality Board members and later on gave a brief overview of the agendas, emphasizing the importance of inclusive participation in planning and development processes. She called upon the County Officers to elaborate more on the agendas to the stakeholders.

**MIN 01/07/08/2025: AGENDAS**

**Key issues discussed**

- ❖ Road Encroachment and Planning-Noted that several plot owners ignore the 6-meter road leave requirement and the general encroachment on public roads and spaces was identified as a significant challenge. There's need for enforcement of 9-meter road reserve as per the Land Use Plan.
- ❖ Land Use and Zoning-The Land Use Plan for Engineer Municipality was outlined, emphasizing spacing for services including: 1.5m x 1.5m for drainage and electricity lines noting that the standard minimum plot size set at 50ft x 100ft.Highlighting challenges with road encroachment and proposed solutions including: Proper zoning to enhance Infrastructure developments: drainage systems, sewer lines, and cabro paving.
- ❖ Land Use Act-the need for adherence to the zoning plan, highlighting issues related to ground garbage and improper use of plots
- ❖ Waste Management (Liquid and Solid Waste)-Noted concerns with liquid effluent being improperly disposed of. Emphasis was made on septic tanks within plots, containing liquid waste on-site to avoid environmental contamination, unfenced plots identified as illegal dumping and grazing zones
- ❖ Implementation of by-laws on sanitation and hygiene-Need to improve public perception on waste disposal and enforce cleanliness in and around plots. Proposal was made on designation of disposal site, creation of green spaces thus encouraging investor confidence through a clean environment

- ❖ Building Regulations and Enforcement-Emphasized the role of: Architectural planning, Plan approval, Implementation, Enforcement
- ❖ Safety measures for eateries-At least two exit doors, functional sink, two fire extinguishers (for different fire types), clean and well-kept attire for food handlers
- ❖ Purpose of Public Participation-expansion of Engineer Town through coordinated stakeholder input, Infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, urban safety and zoning compliance

## **MIN 02/07/08/2025 STAKEHOLDERS ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

### **Issues and Concerns Raised by Stakeholders**

- ❖ Mr. Muthanwa (Caretaker) raised concerns about persistent road encroachment by plot owners, which is hindering access and planned development. He called for the implementation of the proposed 6m to 9m road reserves to resolve ongoing disputes.
- ❖ Mr. Muthanwa, Mr. Macharia (Plot Owner), and Mr. Kariuki (Plot Owner) expressed concerns over:
  - ❖ Uncontrolled discharge of liquid waste into the environment.
  - ❖ Lack of containment measures such as proper septic tanks or drainage.
  - ❖ Need to implement a water recycling project to reduce pollution and water wastage.
- ❖ Mr. Kamau (Plot Owner) emphasized the importance of constructing drainage systems to mitigate flooding, particularly during the rainy seasons
- ❖ Mr. Macharia, Madam Monica, and Mr. Kamau all noted issues with vandalism, specifically: Damage to fences, water pipes, and other communal infrastructure, questioning how security and maintenance will be managed to prevent losses and discourage illegal activity.
- ❖ A local businessman pointed out a lack of awareness and enforcement of by-laws- requested access to the Municipal Charter and Acts that guide urban planning and environmental laws, suggesting the municipality should provide a simplified version of rules and regulations to plot owners and developers.
- ❖ Mr. Mwaura urged the creation of effective by-laws tailored to the current needs of Engineer Town and a proper drainage structure that supports sustainable development and helps prevent property damage from stormwater.
- ❖ Stakeholders expressed concerns about the gap between proposal and implementation emphasizing the need for timely action and follow-up on resolutions made in public forums. They requested segregation of responsibilities between departments for clarity and accountability.

## **MIN 03/07/08/2025 RESOLUTIONS AND WAY FORWARD**

Inspection of all plots to enforce zoning and sanitation standards.

Strengthen community awareness on: Waste disposal, land use, legal building practices, encourage fencing of plots to prevent misuse, development of a solid waste policy, support creation of green spaces and self-sustaining revenue sources for the municipality.

**MIN 04/07/08/2025 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting concluded with a commitment to continuous stakeholder engagement and enforcement of regulations to ensure the sustainable growth of Engineer Municipality.