



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYAMIRA
NYAMIRA MUNICIPALITY



Citizen Forum on Improving Trading Spaces within Nyamira Municipality	
Venue	Kebirigo & Miruka Markets
Date	22 nd September 2023
Taking Proceedings	Paul Omanwa and Winnie Oseko
Time	10:30 AM

Members Present: As per the attached attendance list

Agenda

- ❖ Improving Trading Spaces in Nyamira Municipality

Introduction and Opening remarks from Director Administration

The Director in charge of Administration in Nyamira Municipality, Mr Daniel Atei, welcomed the chairman and market committee members, the municipality heads of units, and members of the public present, he thanked them for having made it to the meeting.

He recognized the pivotal role that trading spaces play in fostering economic growth and livelihoods within its jurisdiction; to enhance the trading environment and address the challenges faced by various traders, the Municipality had initiated a project aimed at revitalizing key markets. In Nyamira municipality, Miruka and Kebirigo markets were selected as pilot sites for this endeavour.

Plenary Session

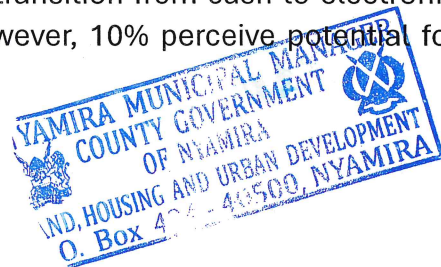
a) Kebirigo Market

- **Water Supply**

About 50% of traders rely on rainwater, 30% on river water, while the remainder uses water from wells and springs. The market possesses a non-functional borehole lacking a pump and a poorly covered well with a broken pumping pulley. Rectification of these issues could adequately supply water to traders and ablution blocks.

- **Revenue Collection**

About 90% of traders express contentment with the transition from cash to electronic revenue collection methods by the municipality. However, 10% perceive potential for improvement.



- **Backstreets:**

Traders report partial opening and poor condition of backstreets, especially during rainy seasons, impeding smooth navigation within the market. This observation was corroborated by the technical team.

- **Waste Collection:**

Collection Points- Five waste collection points exist with varying collection frequencies. However, points are poorly maintained, located near open drainage, posing health hazards. Lack of regulations against littering exacerbates the issue.

- **Street Lighting:**

Absence of Lighting, the traders noted the absence of streetlights in the market and surrounding areas, heightening insecurity. Consequently, early closure of businesses and security measures to safeguard goods occur.

- **Parking Slots:**

Lack of Designated Parking-Traders unanimously report absence of allocated parking slots, leading to roadside parking alongside hawkers. Technical assessment reveals ample space for parking slot allocation.

- **Toilets:**

Insufficiency and Poor Condition-Existing toilets are deemed inadequate and in poor condition, lacking running water, making sanitation challenging.

- **Market Stalls:**

Inadequacy and Need for Renovation majority of the trader's express dissatisfaction with existing stalls, citing inadequacy and necessity for renovation. Consequently, temporary structures proliferate.

- **Emergency Preparedness:**

Absence of fire emergency preparedness, extinguishers, fire assembly points, and obstructed evacuation points. Technical team highlights critical safety lapses.

- **Emerging Issues:**

Proposed Solutions:

- I. The municipality to liaise with the National government and construct a police post for enhanced security.
- II. Construction of a stage within the market to increase customers who visit the market. Enforcement officers to ensure traffic laws are adhered to prevent matatus from dropping passengers on the roadside.
- III. Modernization of the market to accommodate more traders.
- IV. Design of professional parking slots in collaboration with NTSA.

- V. Implementation of advanced solid waste collection processes and introduction of fines for careless dumping.
- VI. Construction and maintenance of drainages.
- VII. Provision of running water for various uses including ablution blocks.
- VIII. Expansion and renovation of toilet facilities.
- IX. Restoration of street lighting to extend trading hours.
- X. Opening and tarmacking of all backstreets for ease of navigation.
- XI. Call for diligent execution of duties by market leaders and county government employees to ensure market progress.

b) Miruka Market

• Water Supply

90% of traders rely on rainwater, while the remainder depends on water vendors using motorbikes.

• Revenue Collection

90% of traders express dissatisfaction with revenue collection due to unexplained rate increases, pilferage by collectors, and the need for additional collectors. However, the shift to electronic collection is praised.

• Backstreets

Accessibility Issues-Traders highlight the need for improving existing backstreets with murrum surfacing and street lighting to alleviate congestion on the main street, which also requires culverts. Technical assessment supports these observations.

• Waste Collection

Collection Points-Only one waste collection point exists, with municipal solid waste collection occurring twice weekly.

• Street Lighting

Absence of Lighting-Traders unanimously report the absence of streetlights, particularly high mast and solar lights, exacerbating insecurity. Consequently, businesses close early, and security measures intensify.

• Parking Slots

Lack of Designated Parking-Traders note the absence of allocated parking slots, resulting in roadside parking alongside hawkers.

• Toilets

Insufficiency and Poor Condition-the Existing toilets are inadequate and in poor condition, lacking running water, posing sanitation challenges. The mama mboga section lacks nearby facilities, and the cattle section's toilet is dilapidated.

- **Market Stalls**

Inadequacy and Need for Renovation Majority of the traders express the absence of stalls, necessitating expedited construction. Consequently, temporary structures proliferate.

- **Emergency Preparedness**

Deficiencies-Lack of fire emergency equipment, extinguishers, assembly points, and obstructed evacuation routes. Technical assessment underscores critical safety deficiencies.

- **Emerging Issues**

Proposed Solutions:

- I. Strategic placement of additional dustbins and collection points to facilitate solid waste disposal.
- II. Ensuring adequate lighting for extended trading hours.
- III. Securing consistent water supply for the market.
- IV. Construction of a stage for public service vehicles.
- V. Expansion and maintenance of toilet facilities, especially in the mama mboga section.
- VI. Construction of sufficient market stalls to eliminate roadside trading.
- VII. Training of revenue collectors for improved diligence.
- VIII. Proper demarcation of market land to prevent encroachment.
- IX. Murram surfacing of main and backstreets for ease of navigation, particularly during rainy seasons.
- X. Construction and maintenance of drainage tunnels.

MIRUKA MARKET ACTION PLAN

Element	Current Status	Issue	Recommendation
Water	Reliance on rainwater; one working tank, one faulty, one broken gutter	Insufficient water supply; faulty infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect piped water to the market. - Reinstate broken gathers to ensure adequate water collection.
Waste Collection	One collection point, two open dumping points;	Insufficient collection points; unregulated dumping of solid waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct two additional dumping/garbage collection points.
Toilets	Two toilets present; lack of water and maintenance	Inadequate facilities; poor maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reassign toilet maintenance to a dedicated individual. - Construct two six door additional pit latrines to accommodate peak demand.
Street Lighting	Present but non-functional	Lack of functionality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repair existing streetlights. - Install additional streetlights.
Market Stalls	None	Lack of stalls and storage facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct market stalls and storage facilities for traders' use. - Construct raised tables for food vendors to avoid contamination.
Emergency Preparedness	Absence of fire assembly points and extinguishers	Lack of disaster preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop an evacuation plan. - Install fire assembly points and provide extinguishers. - Training of traders on disaster preparedness
Parking Slots	No designated slots	Congestion and safety hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and clearly demarcate parking areas. - Construct a bus terminus for the PSVs plying the Kisii-Kisumu Route

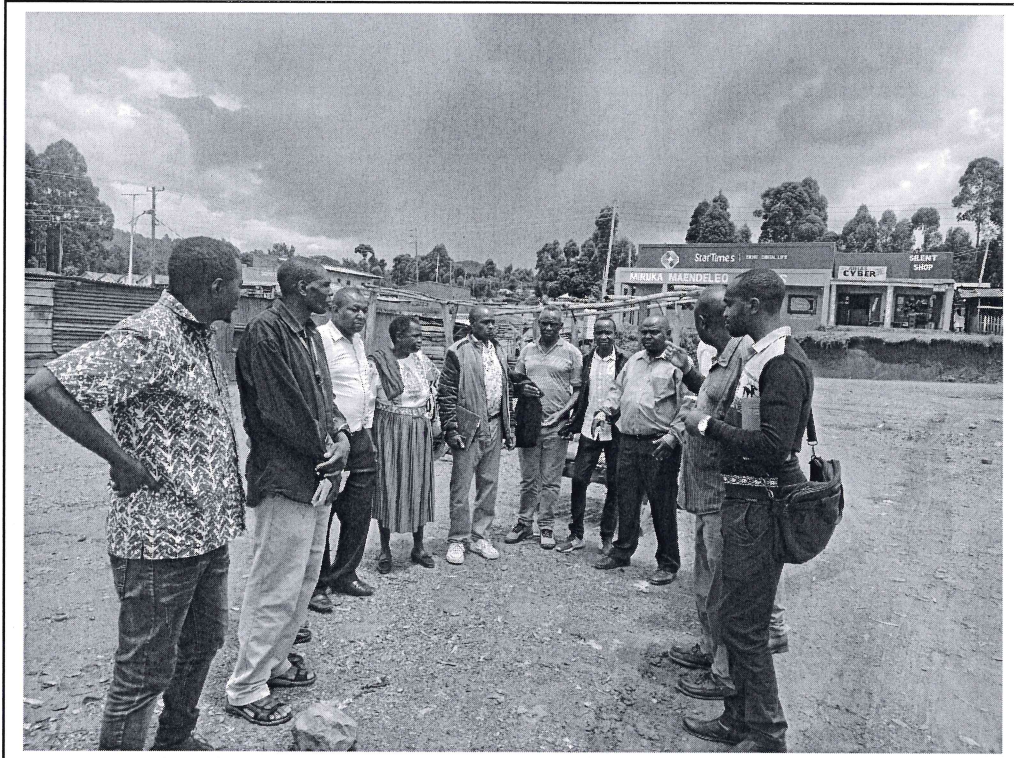
Backstreets	Some encroached, some closed	Accessibility and maintenance issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain backstreets. - Issue eviction notices for encroachments. - Reopen closed streets.
Emerging issues	Ineffectiveness of market committee	Disorganization and non-compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish market rules and regulations. - Enforce rules with committee oversight.

KEBIRIGO MARKET ACTION PLAN

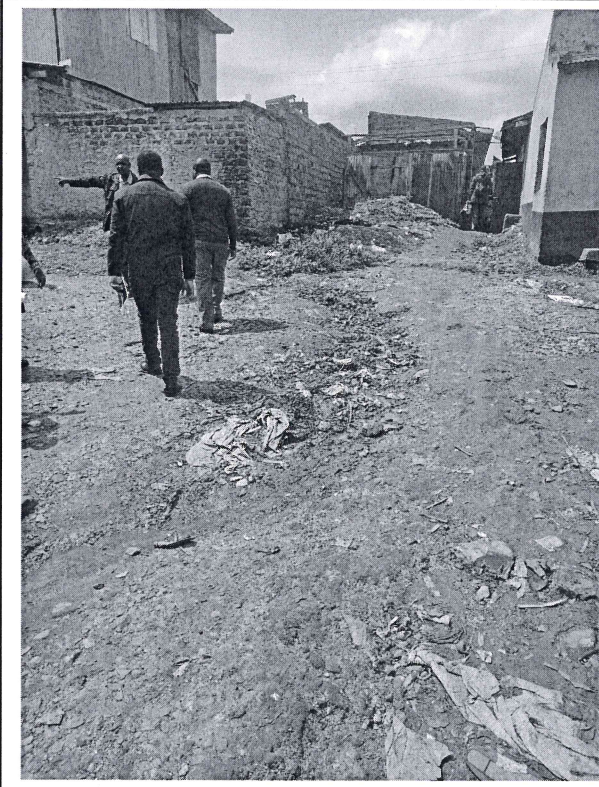
Element	Current Status	Issue	Recommendation
Water	Reliance on rainwater; Has a borehole and well which are not functional.	Insufficient water supply; faulty infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect piped water to the market. - Purchase of water pump for the borehole to be functional; properly cover the well and repair the pumping pulley.
Waste Collection	One collection point near an open storm water drainage.	Insufficient collection points; unregulated dumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct three additional dumping/garbage collection points.
Toilet	Two toilets present; lack of water and maintenance	Inadequate facilities; poor maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reassign toilet maintenance to a dedicated individual. - Construct one additional toilet to accommodate peak demand.
Street Lighting	Present but non-functional	Lack of functionality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repair existing streetlights. - Install additional streetlights.
Market Stalls	None	Lack of storage facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct market stalls and storage facilities for traders' use.
Emergency Preparedness	Absence of fire assembly points and extinguishers	Lack of disaster preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop an evacuation plan. - Install fire assembly points and provide extinguishers.

Parking Slots	No designated slots	Congestion and safety hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and clearly demarcate parking areas. - construct a bus terminus in the market to increase customers for the market
Drainages	One open drainage at the market front	Lack of storm water drainages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct storm water drainages at the backstreets in the market
Backstreets	Some encroached, some closed	Accessibility and maintenance issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain backstreets. - Issue eviction notices for encroachments. - Reopen closed streets.
Emerging Issues	Insecurity Ineffectiveness of market committee	Lack of safety for traders' goods Disorganization and non-compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct a police station to enhance security. - Establish market rules and regulations. - Enforce rules with committee oversight.

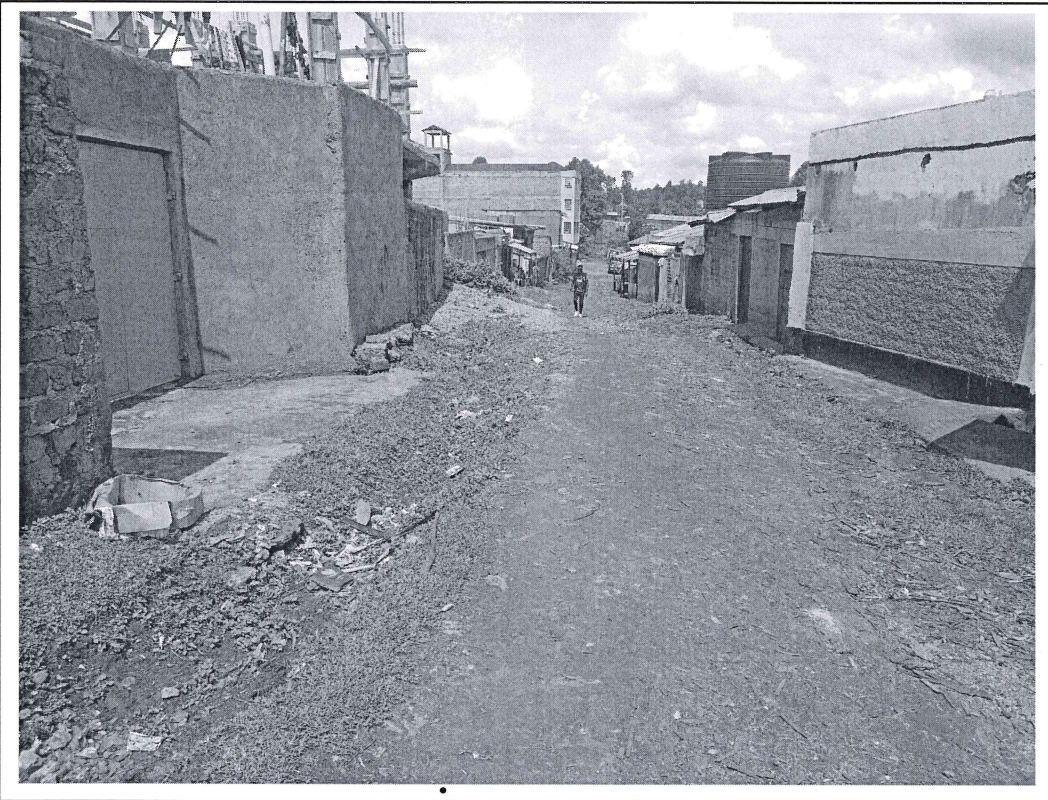
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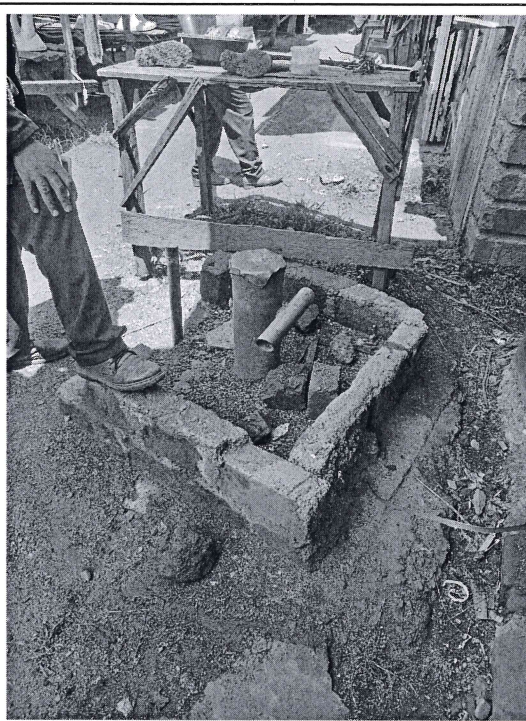
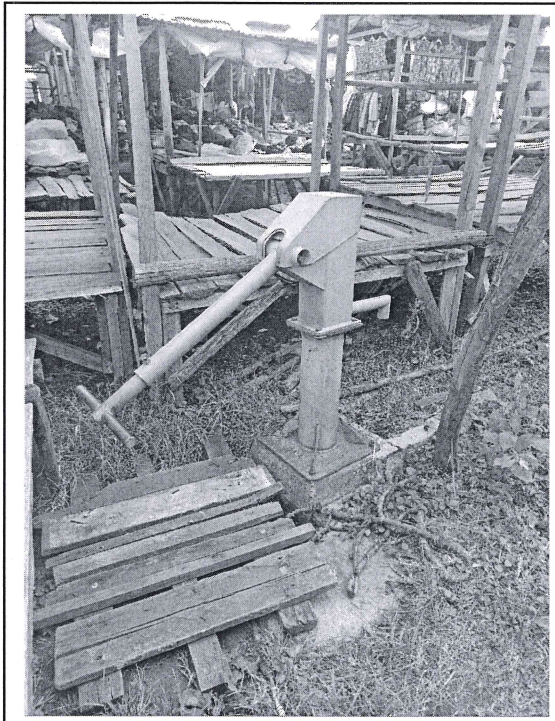
Consultations with market officials at Miruka Market



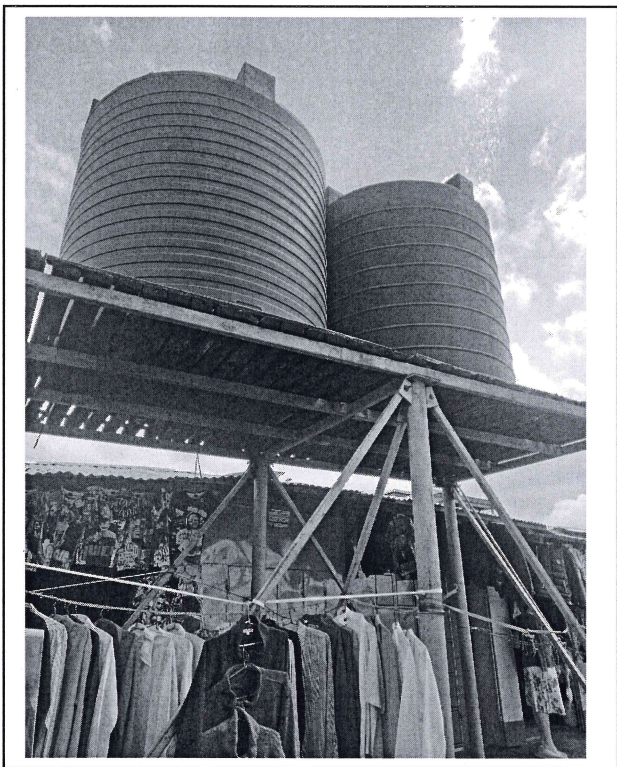
Indiscriminate dumping of solid waste and wastewater at Kebirigo Market



Backstreet at Kebirigo Market



A borehole and Well at Kebirigo Market



Water tanks and temporary market stalls at Kebirigo Market

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