INTEGRATED STRATEGIC URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MANDERA ELWAK AND KOTULO

Land use planning refers to a set of actions aimed at reorganizing land use in order to improve the physical, social and economic environment of a place. The principles behind land use planning are spatial orderliness, aesthetics, health, convenience, functionality of spaces and sustainable resource use.

The preparation of the Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plans for Mandera El-Wak and Kotulo towns has been an achievement attributed to the concerted efforts of various actors/stakeholders who privided vital information from the inception to the completion phase of the plans preparation.

Objectives for the preparation of ISUDPs

- i. To create and promote orderly development
- ii. To promote aesthetics within the urban spaces
- iii. To enhance socio-economic development
- iv. To facilitate provision of infrastructure, utilities and services
- v. To eradicate conflict by ensuring land use compatibility

By fulfilling the above objectives, the ISUDPs for the three towns will transform the physical, social and economic landscape of Mandera, Elwak and Kotulo towns

Policy and legal frameworks for the preparation of the ISUDPs

The preparation of the development plans was guided by the existing Policies, Laws and Regulations of Parliament including but not limited to-

- i. Constitution of Kenya, 2010
- ii. County Governments Act, 2012
- iii. Urban Areas and Cities Act,2011
- iv. Physical Planning Act, Cap 286
- v. Kenya Vision 2030

The planning process

The existing laws and regulations give procedures to be followed in the preparation of development plans. This is to ensure that the process is participatory and mindful of the socioeconomic needs of the people. The planning process for the three towns is summarized in the below diagram;



Main Actors/Institutions in the planning process of the three towns

- Mandera County Government (Ministry of Lands)
- Mandera County Assembly
- National Government
- Non-Governmental Organizations

- Faith Based Organizations
- Youth and Women Groups
- Kenya Chamber of Commerce
- Neighborhood Associations

Scope of the urban plans

Urban Centre	Area (Km ²)
Mandera	133.09
Elwak	93.15
Kotulo	104

Mandera Detailed Land Use Plan



Elwak Detailed Land Use plan



Kotulo Detailed Land Use Plan

