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CITIZEN FOR REPORT FOR MIGORI MUNICIPALITY HELD ON 8TH MAY 2025 **AT THE ICT HALL, MIGORI.**

1.Introduction

The meeting was officially opened by the Municipal Board Chairman, who welcomed all participants and emphasized on the importance of citizen involvement in prioritizing Urban Development Grant (UDG) projects. He highlighted that inclusive participation ensures that development reflects the needs of the community and strengthens accountability.

2. Objectives

- To present proposed UDG projects for community review.
- To capture contributions from all participants without restriction.
- To ensure inclusivity and transparency in municipal planning.

3. Proposed Projects

1. Construction of a modern bus park.
2. Installation of solar street lighting.
3. Development of Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) facilities and walkways.
4. Construction of stormwater drainage systems.
5. Upgrading of roads to bitumen standards.

3.1 Contributions from Participants

3.1.1 Municipal Manager

- Stressed the need for strategic prioritization to maximize impact.

- Tabled the proposed UDG projects for prioritization by the participants and set them free to discuss and reach workable conclusion for implementation.
- Guided the project prioritization process.

3.1.2 Traders

- Supported the bus park project to reduce congestion and improve business opportunities.
- Stressed the importance of upgrading roads to bitumen standards to facilitate trade and customer access.
- Requested inclusion of market access roads in the plan.
- Requested for stall spaces around the modern bus park to enhance trade.

3.1.3 Bus Park Officials

- Strongly advocated for the modern bus park, citing safety, orderliness, and improved passenger experience.
- Noted that current facilities are inadequate and pose risks to both operators and commuters.
- Proposed that the current bus park be redesigned to accommodate private parking.
- Supported the construction of stalls around the bus park to enhance revenue collection.

3.1.4 Women and Youth Representatives

- Prioritized solar street lighting for improved security, especially for women and youth operating businesses at night.
- Advocated for NMT and walkways to enhance accessibility and safety for pedestrians.
- Requested youth involvement in project implementation for job creation.

3.1.5 Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs)

- Emphasized the importance of inclusive infrastructure, particularly accessible walkways.
- Supported solar street lighting for safety and mobility at night.
- Called for drainage systems that do not obstruct movement of wheelchairs and mobility aids.

3.1.6 Other Community Members

- Expressed concern about flooding and supported stormwater drainage construction.
- Highlighted the need for road upgrades to reduce dust and improve mobility.
- Encouraged phased implementation to balance resources and priorities.

3.2 Prioritization Outcome

Based on collective contributions, the following prioritization was agreed upon:

1. **Construction of Modern Bus Park** – flagship project for transport efficiency and business growth.
2. **Roads to Bitumen Standards** – essential for mobility, trade, and investment.
3. **Solar Street Lighting** – critical for security, inclusivity, and sustainability.
4. **Stormwater Drainages** – necessary for climate resilience and sanitation.
5. **NMT and Walkways** – important for inclusivity and safety, to be integrated progressively.

6. Recommendations

From the discussions, it was agreed that the Municipal Administration to:

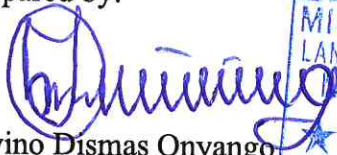
- Immediately allocate UDG funds for the bus park project construction.
- Do a phased implementation of roads and drainage systems based on available resources.
- Integrate NMT and walkways into future development plans with accessibility features.

- Conduct continuous engagement of citizens in monitoring and evaluation of project implementation.

7. Conclusion

The Citizen Forum reaffirmed the importance of participatory planning in municipal development. The meeting, officially opened by the Municipal Board Chairman, provided an open platform for all stakeholders to contribute freely. The prioritized projects reflect community needs and will contribute to sustainable urban growth, improved mobility, inclusivity, and enhanced quality of life.

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