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**REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF VILLAGE UNITS
IN KISUMU COUNTY 2019**

**COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
DELINEATION OF VILLAGE UNITS**

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CHAPTER ONE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Kisumu County Village Administration Bill, 2018 was enacted by the County Assembly and gazetted in May 2019 to be referred to as **The Kisumu County Administration (village units) Act, 2019**. The main objective and purpose of the Act is to provide for further decentralization of the functions and provision of services by the Kisumu County Government in accordance with Article 176(2) of the Constitution and Article 53 of County Government Act, 2012.

Part ii (4) - (8) of the Kisumu County Administration (village units) Act provides for the establishment of the Committee on Delineation of County Village Units, with clear mandate and composition. In Kisumu County, the decentralized units exist up to the ward level only, thus limiting community participation due to untimely information flow; low number of people attending public participation forums and ineffective involvement in County Government programs. Low levels of awareness on devolution and its structures are evident since the county still engages the National Government Administrative Units to reach the grassroots.

The process of delineation of village councils in the county started with the formation of Village Council Task Force, engagement of consultancy services and formation of a Technical Committee which harmonized both the Task Force and Consultant's reports to provide good implementation road map to the delineation committee.

Upon enactment and gazettment of The Kisumu County Administration (village units) Act, 2019, the Delineation Committee drew the road map for delineation of villages. This started with the engagement of key stakeholders in the county through public participation. They first met members of the County Assembly (MCAs) followed by Field Administrators and the General Public through the 35 ward meetings. The team employed group discussions, presentations and plenary sessions during the deliberations. As comparative studies were done and relevant literature examined, the analysis of the current administrative situation was also done, citing the gaps.

The main endeavors of the committee were to; hold consultations with interested persons in the county; develop a provisional County Village Units' Delineation Report; undertake civic education within all

units of the county; receive representations and memoranda from residents of the county and develop a Final County Village Units' Delineation Report. In determining the area of the village units and their names, the committee considered: population size, demographic and geographical features, local community interest, traditional classification, historical, economic and cultural ties; means of communication; IEBC boundaries; County boundaries determined in accordance with the constitution and any other factors deemed to be within the law.

The foregoing processes led to the development of this report whose key findings were; Government of Kisumu has the ability to establish Village Councils; the criteria for delineation of village units would be easier since national administrative boundaries are clearly demarcated; there is political and community goodwill and lastly, with the current County wage bill, it was agreeable in most of the wards that the county establishes two village units per ward (70 village units countywide) as a medium term plan to contain the recurrent expenditure budget.

The committee recommended that the establishment of the village councils should be fast tracked to exploit the existing political and community goodwill.

BACKGROUND

Introduction

The need to establish village councils is clearly outlined in the New Constitution of Kenya 2010 and County Government Act, 2012. Article 176(1) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, provides for the decentralization of power to County Governments. The County Government of Kisumu has therefore been established to provide services to its people by this provision. Kisumu County is designated as county number 042 amongst the 47 counties in Kenya. It has a population size of 968,909, according to the 2009 National Census and covers approximate area of 2089.9 km², 35.5% of which is Kisumu portion of Lake Victoria. The County has 7 Sub Counties namely; Nyakach, Seme, Muhoroni, Nyando, Kisumu East, Kisumu Central and Kisumu West with a total of 35 wards.

Upon assuming office in 2017, the Governor of Kisumu Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o established the Village Councils Task Force Committee to look into the need to create the village councils with the aim of decentralizing services. A consultant was hired to support the team. Reports from both the consultant and the Task Force Committee have provided good guidelines for further decentralization. The Committee made several recommendations, including engagement of village elders.

Later, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) also came on board to facilitate and support the establishment of Village Councils across Kisumu County through a process of public participation leading to the establishment of the Kisumu County Village Administration Bill, 2018. The Bill was enacted and assented into law as “**The Kisumu County Administration (village units) Act, 2019**”. This paved way for the formation of village councils. Upon its commencement, the County Secretary appointed the Delineation Committee in line with Section 4 Sub Section 4 of the Delineation Act. The Committee was charged with the responsibility of holding consultations with interested persons in the county; developing a provisional County Village Units delineation report; undertaking civic education within all units of the County and receiving representations and memoranda from the residents of the county.

Another Technical Committee was appointed to harmonize the reports from the consultant and the Task Force as well as analyze the Sub County reports on proposed village units and finally produce and present a harmonized report to the Delineation Committee for further delineation framework. The report provided several recommendations to the Delineation Committee including fast tracking the establishment of the village units, immediate commencement of operations by the Delineation

Committee including engagements with the publics through public forums, passing into law the Village Administration Bill among others.

Following the recommendations, the Delineation Committee jumped into action with several activities undertaken. Key among them is the consultations with the interested persons including community members at the local ward level through public participation meetings allowing residents to make submissions on their proposals in regards to the establishment of the village units clearly defining the boundaries. The forums have been held in all the 35 wards across the County with impressive support from Members of the County Assembly who joined the committee as Ex-Offio Members. The committee has also generated reports for each ward based on the proposals from residents as demonstrated in the following summaries per Sub – County.

CHAPTER TWO

SUBMISSIONS FROM THE WARDS PER SUB - COUNTY

KISUMU EAST SUB – COUNTY

Kisumu East Sub County is one of the sub counties in Kisumu County and comprises of five wards.

The following are the summaries per ward:

1. KAJULU WARD

Introduction

The Kajulu Ward consultative meeting on Delineation of Village Units took place on Friday 9th August at Gita Chief's Camp.

The Public Participation meeting organized by the Office of the Sub County Administrator for Kisumu East was attended by 51 participants including County Officials led by the Delineation Committee Members, representative of Area Member of County Assembly, Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Community Village Elders, and Religious Leaders.

Kajulu Ward is one of the 5 Wards in Kisumu East, Kisumu County. In terms of National Administration Boundaries, it is divided into two Locations that is Kajulu East and Kajulu West.

Discussions and Proposals

The public participation meeting provided a forum for the residents of Kajulu to engage with the various County and National Government Officials present during the delineation process. The meeting was called to order by the area Ward Manager Mr. Jaffrey James followed by a word of prayer and brief introductions by the members. This was followed by the Agenda upon which the Sub County Administrator moderated the remaining part of the meeting.

The participation of the people was enhanced when the Sub County Administrator took time to explain to them the critical role they play in identification of the current village units as managed by the traditional village elders. He then took them through articles in the Delineation of Village Units Act and immediately opened the floor for name proposals including boundaries.

A member of the community **Mr. Garrison Ojwang**, who stood on a point of order, said that that in Kajulu there are two locations; - Namely **Kajulu East** and **KajuluWest** and that the two should be retained. He was seconded by **Maureen Omondi**. At this point, all the people present agreed and it was unanimously resolved that the names of the two units should be as proposed.

Resolutions

After a brief moment of discussion, the people of Kajulu, having been represented by those who attended the meeting resolved that the two village units would be as follows:

- 1. Kajulu East Village Unit.**
- 2. Kajulu West Unit.**

NB:It is notable that these two are the equivalents of the two current Locations namely; Kajulu East and Kajulu West.

Event Pictorials

*A participant articulates his views in Kajulu ward
meeting on Village Council*

*Kajulu at a Q & A Session during the meeting on
purposed Village Units*

Conclusion

Mr. Ojwang' later demonstrated that the council would work together to help in the development of Kajulu Ward.

The meeting was successful after the people applauded the Governor for the good work done and that his legacy will remain forever.

2. KOLWA CENTRAL WARD

Introduction

The Kolwa Central Public Participation Meeting on the Delineation on Village Units took place on Thursday 8th August at Angola Social Hall.

The Public Participation which was coordinated by the Office of the Sub County Administrator for Kisumu East was attended by 36 participants including County Officials, led by Delineation Committee Member Hon. Nerry Achar, Area Member of County Assembly, Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Community Village Elders, Religious Leaders among other community members.

Kolwa Central is one of the 5 Wards in Kisumu East, Kisumu County. In terms of National Administration Boundaries, it is divided into Sub Locations; Nyalunya and Kasule Sub Locations.

Discussions and Proposals

The public participation meeting provided a forum for residents of Kolwa Central to engage with the various County and National Government Officials present during the delineation process. The meeting was called to order by the area Ward Manager followed by a word of prayer and members' brief introduction that was followed by the agenda. The Sub –County Administrator then moderated the discussions.

The Sub County Administrator begun by taking the participants through the articles in the Delineation of Village Units Act while explaining to them the critical role they play in the process. He then opened the floor for proposals and discussion.

A member of the community Mr. Vincent Kosewe being the first proposer suggested that one of the village units be **Nyalunya**, a point that was seconded by **Hilda Okumu**. The second proposer **Mr. Melkia Okoth** proposed that **Kasule** be another unit and was seconded by **Nelson Onyango**. At this point, all the people present agreed and it was unanimously resolved that the names of the two units should be as proposed.

Resolutions

After a brief moment of discussion, the people of Kolwa Central, having been represented by those who attended the meeting resolved that the two village units would be as follows:

- 1. Kasule Village Unit.**
- 2. Nyalunya Village Unit.**

It is notable that these two are the equivalents of the two current Sub Locations namely; Nyalunya and Kasule.

Event Pictorials

A participant (in green shirt) making his contributions during a meeting held in Kolwa Central ward.

County Minister for Finance and Planning Hon Nerry Achar addressing Kolwa Central ward members at a meeting on Village Council units

Conclusion

The meeting later demonstrated that the councils would work together to help in the development of Kolwa Central Ward.

The meeting was successful after the people applauded the Governor for the good work done noting that his legacy will remain forever.

3. KOLWA EAST WARD

Introduction

The Kolwa East Public Consultative Meeting on the Delineation on Village Units which was coordinated by the Office of the Sub County Administrator Kisumu East took place on Tuesday 13^h August at Angola Hall.

The meeting was attended by a total of 67 participants comprising of County Officials led by Director Administration Haggai Kadiri, Area Member of County Assembly, Area Ward Manager, Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Community Village Elders, Religious Leaders among other community members.

Kolwa East is one of the 5 Wards in Kisumu East Sub County, Kisumu County. In terms of National Administration of Boundaries, it is divided into three Sub Locations namely; Chiga, Buoye and Mayenya.

Discussions and Proposals

The people of Kolwa East who turned up for the meeting had a wonderful time engaging the County and National Government officials who took part in the delineation process. The deliberations commenced with a word of prayer, introductions and the agenda for the day. This was followed by a brief introduction of the articles in the Delineation of Village Units Act by the Sub County Administrator upon which the people clearly understood the importance of their role in the entire process.

The Area MCA who was present at the meeting also thanked everyone for coming and took time to explain the development projects already undertaken by the Governor and himself while appreciating the people of Kolwa East for their diligent participation so far.

The floor was then opened for proposals and discussion by the Sub County Administrator.

The people of Kolwa East noted that dividing the ward into two would be a tricky process bearing in mind its uniqueness.

One Mr. Willis Okatch, a resident of Kolwa East being the first proposer suggested that Greater Kawese be: Kakwema and Obino, he was seconded by Maurice Obwon and supported by 37 people.

The second proposer Mr. Simon Nyagol Okin proposed that Mayenya and Buoye be under Chiga Unit, this was seconded by James Onyango and supported by 7 people.

The third proposer Jack Nyumba proposed that the units be Upper and Lower Kolwa, he was seconded by Daniel Ogendo and supported by 3 people.

At this point, all the people present agreed and it was unanimously resolved that the names of the two units should be as proposed; Greater Kawese and Chiga.

Resolutions

After a long period of discussion, the people of Kolwa East Ward, having been represented by those who attended the meeting resolved that the two village units would be named as follows:

1. **Greater Kawese Village Unit.**
2. **Chiga Village Unit.**

Event Pictorials

Kisumu County Director of Administration Mr. Haggai Kadiri address Kolwa East ward residents who turned up for the consultation meeting on Village Council units.

Kolwa East Ward MCAS Hon Steve Owiti makes his speech on proposed Village Council units in his ward

Conclusion

The meeting was successful after the people applauded the Governor for the good work done.

4. MANYATTA B WARD

Introduction

The Manyatta 'B' Public Participation Meeting on the Delineation on Village Units took place on Wednesday 7th August at Kuoyo Dispensary. The meeting was attended by 60 participants including Community Leaders including the County officials led by Director Administration Haggai Kadiri, Area MCA, Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Party Officials, Community Village Elders, Religious leaders among other community members.

Manyatta “B” Ward is the equivalent of Manyatta Sub Location and falls under Kolwa West Location. It is a unique Ward with only one Sub Location as opposed to Wards like West Seme in Seme Sub County with ten Sub Locations.

Manyatta B consists of two major village units namely;

- i. Kuoyo Unit consisting of: Auji –Flyover –Kuoyo Dispensary – Bata toast – Nairobi Road.
- ii. Kanyakwar Unit consisting of: Auji – Carwash – Magadi Road – Koyango.

Discussions and Proposals

The people of Manyatta ‘B’ who turned up for the meeting had a wonderful time interacting with the officials who took part in the delineation process even as they were made aware of the critical role played by their involvement in the delineation process.

The meeting was opened by the Ag. Ward Administrator Mr. Kennedy Ochieng and followed by a word of prayer after which he asked everyone to introduce themselves. This was followed by a brief introduction of the agenda and official handover of the meeting to the Sub County Administrator as the moderator.

The Sub County Administrator then went ahead to explain the role of the people in identification of the current village units as managed by the traditional village elders. He also took time to take the participants through the articles as they are in the Delineation of Village Units Act after which the meeting was opened for unit name proposals including their boundaries.

The session was kick started by **Mr. Enoch Ochieng’ Ojulu** who proposed that the units that were previously in place be retained i.e.; Kuoyo/Kanyakwar upper and lower. This was seconded by **Mrs. Rebecca Otieno**. Upon voting, 26 members supported the proposal with 11 members opposing it.

Resolutions

After intense deliberations, the people of Manyatta ‘B’, having been represented by those who attended the meeting resolved that the two village units would be named as follows:

- 1. Kuoyo Village Unit.**
- 2. Kanyakwar Village Unit.**

Event Pictorials

Manyatta 'B' residents during the consultative meeting on Village Units

Conclusion

The area MCA Madam Pamela Akinyi emphasized on the importance of the village units noting that they will enhance scholarship distribution among other community-based activities. She reiterated that the council would work together to help in the development of Manyatta 'B'.

The meeting was successful after the people applauded the Governor for the progress made so far.

5. NYALENDA A WARD

Introduction

The Nyalenda 'A' Public Participation Meeting on the creation of Village Units held at Kowino Market in Nyalenda on Friday 2nd August 2019.

The meeting being coordinated by the Office of the Sub County Administrator for Kisumu East was well attended attracting total of 84 participants. Those who attended included County officials led by Chairman of delineation committee and Director Administration, area MCA, Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Community Village Elders, Religious Leaders among other community members.

Nyalenda A is one of the 5 Wards in Kisumu East Sub County, Kisumu County. It is the equivalent of Nyalenda “A” Sub Location and is among the few Wards in the County whose jurisdiction is the same as the Sub Location.

Discussion and Proposals

The people of Nyalenda “A” Ward who turned up for the meeting had a good time to share knowledge and deliberate with the County Government officials, the National Government officials and among themselves. The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from the Ward Manager followed by brief introduction and sharing of the days’ agenda. He then invited the area MCA who appreciated the people for attending the meeting and explained to them the purpose of the meeting which was the need to establish two units. He later invited the sub County Administrator to moderate the deliberations session.

On his part, the Sub County Administrator thanked everyone for finding time to attend this important meeting, where the people were expected to deliberate on how to govern them as is envisaged in both the Constitution and the legal instruments in Kenya.

The participants were more active and interested after the Sub County Administrator explained the role of the people in identification of the current village units as managed by the traditional village elders. He took time to take the participants through the articles as they are in the Delineation of Village Units Act after which the meeting was opened for unit name proposals including their boundaries.

The following were the proposals from participants;

1. One Mr. Sospeter Onyango, a resident of Nyalenda A proposed the need for two units i.e. Dago/Kanyakwar as a Unit and Kowino/Central/Western and Capital as another Unit.
2. Mr. Jerry Mujiji proposed Dago/Kanyakwar as a Unit and Kowino/ Western ABC/Libeto as another Unit.
3. Miss. Ruth Helidah proposed Dago/Kanyakwar/Kowino as a Unit and Central/Capital/Western as another Unit.
4. Mr. Alloys Jombo proposed Dago/Kanyakwar/Kowino as a Unit and Central/Capital/Western as a Unit.

Resolutions

After a brief moment of discussion, the people of Nyalenda “A”, having been represented by those who attended the meeting resolved that the two village units would be as follows:

1. **Dago/ Kanyakwar Village Unit.**
2. **Kowino/Central/Western/Capital Unit.**

Event Pictorials



Kisumu East Sub-County Administrator Mr Peter Abiero (right) addresses Nyalenda 'A' Ward residents during ward consultation meeting on Village Council.



A resident (wearing yellow shirt) gives his views regarding village councils during the consultation meeting at the ward.

Conclusion

The meeting was successful after the people applauded the Governor for the good progress.

SEME SUB –COUNTY

Seme Sub County is one of the sub counties in Kisumu County and comprises of four wards.

The following are the summaries per ward.

1. Central Seme Ward

Introduction

The Public Participation meeting to deliberate on the creation of Village Units in Central Seme Wards took place on Wednesday 7th August 2019 at Seme Central Ward C.D.F Ground.

The meeting that attracted 123 participants was attended by the community members from Central Seme Ward drawn from all the sub-locations, stakeholders from the National and County Government Administration, Representatives from the County Assembly led by the area M.C.A and leadership of Task Force Committee on village councils, the Delineation Committee Joint Secretary/Director Administration Haggai Kadiri among other notable attendees.

Central Seme Ward is one of the 4 Wards in Seme Sub County, Kisumu County. It comprises of one location that is South Central Seme divided into two villages. These are sub divided into six sub locations namely; West Kanyadwera, East Kanyadwera, Upper Kombewa, Lower Kombewa, East Othany, and West Othany.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from Pastor Vitalis Opala. The Ward Administrator welcomed all members and thanked the community for taking their time to participate in the process.

He welcomed the Sub County Administrator who introduced the various leaders attending the meeting. He then tabled the agenda of the meeting.

The Sub County Administrator informed the participants that the formation of the village units is one of agenda in the Governor's Manifesto. He appreciated the community members for their engagement during the policy formulation and appreciated the area MCA for her legislative role pointing out that the village units will be the medium through which devolution will be felt at the grassroots.

The area MCA Sally Opudo on her part thanked the residents for turning out in large numbers throwing her support for the Executive to enable it realize the Governor's dream as per the Manifesto. She urged the residents to get involved in all public participation to push for development.

The session began by members of the Task Force committee providing an overview of what the process involves. They reminded the residents of the Governor's commitment to devolve services to the lowest level.

Director Administration Mr. Haggai Kadiri pointed that the creation of the village units will go a long way in the realization of devolution putting emphasis on the Governor's Manifesto, a key tool in the realization of optimum service delivery. He pointed out that the County Government of Kisumu will start with the creation of two village units per ward. The members were then invited for a plenary session where the following proposals were made.

1. Mr. Dan Aot proposed that the ward be divided into two villages **Upper and Lower Central Village** and the boundary to be the tarmac road.
2. Mrs. Rose Aluoch proposed that the ward be divided into two villages that is **Upper and Lower Central Village**. She proposed **Upper Central Village** to be composed of **three Sub locations: Upper Kombewa, East Kanyadwera and West Kanyadwera sub locations and Lower Central Village** to be composed of **three sub locations: Lower Kombewa, East Othany and West Othany** sub locations. She proposed that the National Administrative Boundaries to be used.

Resolutions

Members unanimously agreed to have **two villages:**

- **Upper Central Seme Village** composed of Upper Kombewa sub location, East Kanyadwera, Sub location and West Kanyadwera sub location based on National Administrative Boundaries.
- **Lower Central Seme Village** composed of Lower Kombewa Sub Location, East Othany Sub Location and West Othany sub locations based on National Administrative Boundaries.

Event Pictorials



County Director of Administration Mr.Haggai Kadiri (Top left), City Board Chair Elijah Adul (Top right), and Residents of Central Seme Ward (down left) and a resident (down right) take part during the consultative meeting.

Conclusion

The participants went ahead to make future proposals should the village units be split into smaller units providing the names as follows;

a) Three Village Units.

- i. Great Kombewa village
- ii. Great Othany village
- iii. Great Kanyadwera village

b) Four Village Units

- i. Great Kombewa village
- ii. Great Othany village
- iii. Great Kanyadwera village
- iv. Kombewa Township village

c) Six Village Units

- i. They shall adopt six sub-locations as villages.

d) Seven Village Units

They shall adopt six sub-location and Kombewa Township as their villages.

2. EAST SEME WARD

Introduction

The Public Participation meeting on the creation of village units for East Seme Ward was held on Friday 2nd August 2019 at Kitmikayi Social Hall.

The meeting drew 100 participants coming from different sectors including Party Officials, Clan Elders, Opinion Leaders, Youth and Women Leaders, Location Peace Committee, Ward Development Committee, various Nation and County Government Officials from Selected Sectors e.g. Education, Water, Governance, The County Assembly, led by the area MCA, County Officials led by the Director Administration/Delineation Committee Joint Secretary Haggai Kadiri, Religious Leaders among other Community Members.

East Seme Ward is one of the four Wards in Seme Sub County, Kisumu County. It consists of two locations namely; Otwenya and East Seme. These are sub divide into seven (7) Sub Locations e.g. East Kolunje, West Kolunje, Kaila, Kitmikayi, Koker/Kajulu, West Kakelo and East Kakelo.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from Mr. Oyola. The Sub County Administrator, Mr. Angirah then called the meeting to order by introducing the agenda of the day.

After the introductions, Mr. Angirah welcomed area MCA Hon, Seth Okumu to take the members through the Kisumu County Administration (Village Units) Act 2019 for the Establishment of the Village Units and Creation of Village Councils. The MCA narrated the rationale of adopting the Act and urged the meeting to take the day's exercise seriously, it being a key item in the Governor's Manifesto.

The MCA then allowed for questions and reactions about the Act and allowed the Sub County Administrator to moderate the session.

The first chance was given to the area Chief Mr. Achola who urged for the adoption of the existing National Government administrative boundaries in delineating the Ward into village units. The Chief's proposal was supported by majority of the participants.

Several other Opinion Leaders also gave their proposals which were thoroughly discussed as members gave different opinions. After a wonderful debate, members agreed on the following clusters for prioritization and adoption.

Members gave their proposals to a maximum of 5 village units for future delineation. However, the Sub County Administrator reminded the meeting that, the meeting was to delineate the ward into two villages due to the high wage within Kisumu County.

Mrs. Caroline Njunja was then given a chance to propose names for the two village units and the boundaries. Her proposal was that, **Kitmikayi Sub Location** combined with **Kajulu/Koker Sub Location** to form one unit known as **Lower East Seme Village** while the three sub locations names; **Kaila, East Kolunje** and **West Kolunje** to form the second unit, **Upper East Seme Village**. Her decision was seconded by everyone in the room and was unanimously adopted through acclamation.

Resolutions

Following the unanimous agreement by members present, the team resolved that the two village units will now be named as displayed in the table below;

Delineation Units	Sub Locations	Combined sub locations	Village Unit
2	Kitmikayi	Kitmikayi and Kajulu - Koker	1. Lower East Seme Village Unit
	Kajulu-Koker		
	Kaila	Kaila, East Kolunje and West Kolunje	2. Upper East Seme Village
	East Kolunje		
	West Kolunje		

The five units proposed for future delineation included;

Delineation Units	Sub Locations	Combined sub locations	Village Unit
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2	Kitmikayi	Kitmikayi and Kajulu Koker	1
	Kajulu-Koker		
	Kaila	Kaila, East Kolunje and West Kolunje	1
	East Kolunje		
	West Kolunje		
3	Kitmikayi	Kitmikayi	1
	Kajulu-Koker	Kajulu-Koker	1
	Kaila	Kaila, East Kolunje and West Kolunje	1
	East Kolunje		
	West Kolunje		
4	Kitmikayi	Kitmikayi	1
	Kajulu-Koker	Kajulu-Koker	1
	Kaila	Kaila	1
	East Kolunje	East Kolunje and West Kolunje	1
	West Kolunje		
5	Kitmikayi	Kitmikayi	1
	Kajulu-Koker	Kajulu-Koker	1
	Kaila	Kaila	1
	East Kolunje	East Kolunje	1
	West Kolunje	West Kolunje	1

Event Pictorials

East Seme MCA Hon. Seth Okumu addresses participants at the Village Delineation Meeting at Kitmikayi Hall Social Hall.

Residents of East Seme Ward participate in the Village Delineation Meeting at Kitmikayi Social Hall.

Conclusion

After the ratification of the two delineation village units, the Director of Administration Mr. Haggai Kadiri noted that before employment of Village Administrators and appointment of Village Councils, Ward Development Committee will be established and strengthened in every Ward.

He also made it clear that the successful operation of the Village Administrators and Village Councils will be a great achievement in the top ten agenda in the Governor's Manifesto.

3. NORTH SEME

Introduction

The Public Participation Meeting for North Seme Ward on Delineation of Village Units took place on Tuesday 13th August 2019 at Bar Korwa Market Centre North Seme Ward.

The meeting had the largest turn-out of 210 participants. The delegation comprised of County Officials led by Director of Administration Haggai Kadiri, National Officials, ODM Party Officials, Community Leaders and Opinion Leaders, Village Elders, Special Interest Groups among other Community Members.

North Seme Ward is one of the four Wards in Seme Sub County, Kisumu County consisting of two locations; North Central Seme and Otwenya. These are sub divided into six sub locations comprising of East Katieno, Kadero, West Katieno and North Kowe, all in North Central Seme and South Kowe, North Ratta and South Ratta all in Otwenya location.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was called to order by the Ward Administrator and started with a word of prayer by Mr. Alex Olongo. This was followed by brief introduction of participants per sub location led by the Ward Administrator while confirming attendance as per the seven (7) sub locations.

The participants were then taken through the Kisumu County Administration Act (2019) to enable them understand components of the Act that governs the establishment of the village units and key roles of the stakeholders.

The Sub County Administrator Mr. Rawlings Angirah highlighted to the participants that the County Government is only able to create two (2) village units per ward due to financial constraints.

He further explained that the two units were only for a start adding that the County Government intends to increase the number of Village Units in future. He reminded the residents that the creation of village units was among the thing ten in the Governor's Manifesto. This was followed by an invitation of the residents to make suggestions on how they wish the two units to be created with boundaries and names to be adopted.

The following proposals were made from the long deliberations by members;

- a) **Peter Omedo Auma** suggested the first village to include: Kadero sub location, East Katieno and West Katieno sub locations.

He proposed the second village to include: North Ratta, South Ratta, North Kowe and South Kowe sub locations

- b) **Roseline Auma Olocho** proposed South Ratta, North Ratta and South Kowe East Katieno, West Katieno, Kadero and North Kowe sublocations

- c) **John Mingala Obure** proposed that East Katieno, West Katieno, Kadero, North Kowe, South Kowe and North Ratta

- d) **Peter Ogutu Odongo** suggested Kowe Great (North & South Kowe) and Ratta Great (North and South Ratta)-KORA Village
Katieno Great (East Katieno & West Katieno) and Kadero-KATIEKA Village

- e) **George Ouma Osonga** suggested Katieno Great and Kadero to form one village
Ratta Great and Kowe Great to form another village

- f) **Oguny MCkongos** proposed North Ratta, South Kowe and North Kowe to form one village
South Ratta, Katieno Great and Kadero to form the second village

- g) **Joseph Abuya** proposed Ratta South and Katieno Great to form one village
Kowe Great, Kadero and North Ratta to form the second village

- h) **Dickson Muga Obuny** suggested Ratta Great to form one village

Kadero, Katieno Great and Kowe Great to form the second village

- i) **Willis Obala** proposed Ratta Great to form one village
Kadero, Katieno Great and Kowe Great to form the second village
- j) **Christine Otieno** suggested that Katieno Great and Kadero to form one village
Kowe Great and Ratta Great to form the second village
- k) **Otada-Joseph Otieno** was of the opinion that South Kowe and Ratta Great to form one village
North Kowe, Katieno and Kadero to form the second village
- l) **Henry Ogecha** proposed Ratta Great and South Kowe to form one village. Katieno Great, Kadero, North Kowe to form the second village.
- m) **Martin Pande Amen** proposed that South Kowe and Ratta Great form one village,
Katieno Great, Kadero, North Kowe to form the second village.
- n) **Rtd. Chief Jackton Awino** suggested Kadero, Katieno Great –Western Unit one village,
Kowe Great and Ratta Great-Eastern Unit to form the second village.
- o) **Prof Duncan Outa Ochoro** proposed that Ratta Great and Kowe Great form one village, Katieno Great and Kadero to form the second village.

Resolutions

After intensive deliberations there was a general agreement from the participants that the two proposals that came out strongly through acclamation (proposals 1 and 2) be determined by way of voting. The team later agreed on the following possible units;

Proposal 1

Ratta Great and Kowe Great to form one village

Katieno Great and Kadero to form the second village

Proposal 2

Ratta Great to form one village

Kowe Great, Kadero and Katieno Great to form the second village

Through a free and fair voting process, proposal 1 carried the day with 107 votes against proposal 2 at 89 votes.

This resulted into the adoption of the first proposal of creating 2 village units with the following names of constituent Sub locations;

1. **North Seme East Village Unit**(comprising of North Ratta,South Ratta,North Kowe, and South Kowe sub locations)
2. **North Seme West Village Unit** (comprising of East Katieno, West Katieno andKadero sub locations)

Event Pictorials



North Seme residents and Delineation Committee members during the meeting



Seme Sub County Ward Administrator address North Seme residents during the meeting

Conclusion

The County Director of Administration finally outlined the County Government's achievement in terms of projects and programs implementation in the ward emphasizing on the County Government's commitment to complete the incomplete projects to ensure that devolution positively impacts on the living standards of the people of North Seme.

4. WEST SEME WARD

Introduction

The Public Participation meeting to discuss the creation of two Village Units in West Seme Sub County took place on Friday 9th August 2019 at Manyuanda Chief's Camp Hall.

The meeting which was convened and chaired by the County CEC for Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Mr. Dixon Obungu was attended by members from across board led by the area MPDr. James Nyikal, area MCA George Abaja, Seme Central MCA Sally Okudo, Director of Administration Haggai Kadiri among other relevant stakeholders including; National Government Administrators, County Government Administrators, National Village elders, ODM Party officials, Church Leaders, Women Leaders, PWDs, Youth Leaders, Former Civic leaders, School Management Board Representatives resulting to a total of 165 participants.

West Seme is one of the four Wards in Seme Sub-County in Kisumu County. In terms of National Administrative Boundaries, West Seme is divided into two locations that; West Seme and South West Seme. This is split into ten 10 sub locations including West Ngere, East Ngere, East Reru and West Reru all in West Seme, and North Alungo, South Alungo, East Kadinga, Alwala, Angu'ga and West Kadinga, all found in South West Seme.

Discussions and Proposals

The session was moderated by the Ward Administrator who took participants through the Kisumu County Administration (Village Units) Act of 2019 elaborating on the full content and interpretations as appearing in the said Act.

The floor was then opened for an open discussion and proposals by the participants.

Public Views and Comments on the Act

After extensive discussion on the Act, the public raised the following key issues;

1. Number of Villages allowable per Ward: The Public were unanimous that the number of villages allocated for West Seme Ward were too few, considering the area's geographical coverage and population.
2. Public opinion during collection of views before the Act was published; Participants expressed their dissatisfaction that their views collected during the initial stages were NOT considered.

The Delineation Chairman, who is also the CECM for Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development responded to the residents indicating that he has taken seriously their concerns and request for more Village units. He however advised the participants to contend with TWO village units since it was what the budget could allow at the moment.

Delineation Discussion and Proposals

The session which was moderated by the Sub County Administrator allowed participants to share their views by writing down their proposals. The following proposals for were put forward;

1. The first proposer Consolata Diang'a proposed that the ward be divided into two, with each side having FIVE sub-locations. Each side of equal sub-locations will then form a Village Unit. This was seconded by Edwin Ochieng Onyando. The proposal was taken to the voting stage.
2. John Omollo Odote suggested dividing the ward through Awach River. Each side of Awach will then form a Village Unit. The proposal was not seconded and was defeated at the proposal stage.
3. Jane Achieng Omollo proposed to have West Kadinga sub-location from South West Seme location to West Seme location. Each location will then have five sub locations each. Each Location will then form a Village Unit. This was not seconded and thus was defeated at proposal stage.
4. Nelson Amol being the 4th proposer that each Major clan; Ka-Nyabong'o and Ka-Dulo in West Seme to form a Village Unit each. This again was defeated as it was not seconded.
5. Festus Olang'o Amol on the other hand made a proposal to have the current locations maintained; West Seme and South West Seme, each location to be made a Village Unit. This was seconded by Elija Akello and was able to proceed to voting stage.

The 1st and the 5th proposals were then taken through a voting process which was carried out through by Acclamation and Proponents of a proposal were to carry their hands for physical counting in-case of lack of clarity during acclamation method.

Proposal number FIVE got the majority support while by a Show of hands; Proposal number ONE received 8 votes against proposal number FIVE that garnered 142 votes. 13 participants DID NOT cast their votes

Resolutions

By voting proposal number **FIVE**, and by acclamation by the majority participants, the participants agreed to divide West Seme Ward into **TWO** Villages, namely;

- 1. West Seme Village**
- 2. South West Seme Village**

Event Pictorials

Assistant Chief East Kadinga Mr Dickens Owalla address West Seme ward participants at a meeting on village council units

West Seme MCA giving his views during the delineation meeting.

Conclusion

After agreeing on the Village Units boundaries, the public recommended the following;

1. That for effective administration and service delivery, there is urgent need to divide the Ward in to FOUR more village units.

KISUMU CENTRAL SUB – COUNTY

Kisumu Central Sub County is one of the sub counties in Kisumu County and comprises of six wards. The following are the summaries per ward.

1. MARKET MILIMANI WARD

Introduction

The Market Milimani Ward meeting on delineation of village units was held on 1st August 2019 at the Rotary Vocational Centre.

With an attendance of 74 participants, the meeting attracted stakeholders from across board including officials from both the National and County Government led by Haggai Kadiri, the ODM Party officials, the Clergy, the County Assembly led by the area MCA among other Community Members.

Milimani Market is one of the Six Wards in Kisumu Central Sub County comprising of one location known as Town location with Seven Sub Locations including CBD, Anderson/Ondiek, Nyamlori, Nairobi Area, Upper Milimani, Lower Milimani and Lower Railways.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting started with a word of prayer from Mr. Ochieng, a resident of Milimani Market Ward. The Ward Manager Mr. Zeddy Kwach welcomed the residents and thanked everyone for finding time to attend the meeting. This was followed by remarks from various speakers led by the Sub County Administrator who joined the Ward Manager in welcoming the residents to the meeting. He went ahead to explain to the participants the purpose of the meeting and gave the objective of forming 2 villages per ward.

The administrator also informed the public that for a start, the county government would begin with two village units per ward given the burden of the wage bill. He further pointed out that each village would have a council of between 3 to 5 members.

The area MCA Seth Kanga reminded the meeting of the boundaries of Market Milimani Ward from Kachok junction through Lumumba Hospital, Anderson, Posta flats, Patel flats, Vunduba area, Aga Khan Primary, then through Awuori house, the entire Milimani estate and along Impala Park up to

Yatch Club. It then runs from COTU, through Joel Omino School and health center along Ring Road on Milimani estate side up to Kachok junction.

He also pointed out that there was disconnect between the members of the public and the County Government due to the fact that the County did not share the Act with the public.

The Director of Administration Haggai Kadiri on his part clarified that the constitution 2010 gives people the power to discuss on village unit formation. He pointed out that the number of villages within a county should be manageable emphasizing that the village formation should be conducted through consensus. The meeting was then opened for a plenary session.

Proposals on Boundaries

The following proposals were made on the boundaries:

1. **Caleb Otieno Ouma** proposed that the ward be divided into two villages from Nairobi Road running from Aga Khan Hall Roundabout all the way to Kachok Roundabout.
2. **Fred Misachi** proposed that the ward be divided into two distinct areas; the residential areas and the business areas.
3. **Ruth Owuor** suggested that the ward be divided into four as the ward was populous. She wanted the boundaries to run from K-City, Sai filling station through Goan Oginga Odinga street all the way through Standard Chartered Bank Roundabout

Resolutions

1. The members unanimously agreed to go with the first proposal from Caleb Otieno which proposed the division of the ward into two with Nairobi road being used as the boundary running from Aga Khan Roundabout all the way to Kachok Roundabout.
2. The second proposal by Fred Misachi was not adopted because the meeting felt that there was no distinct boundary between residential areas and the business areas. It was seen that the businesses overlapped the residential areas.
3. The third proposal by Ruth Owuor was not adopted as the ward had to be divided into two units but not four units.

Proposed names for Village Units for Market Milimani Ward:

The following proposals were made;

1. **Martin Oduor** proposed the names of the two villages to be **Market Village** and **Milimani Village** respectively
2. **Japheth Ojuok** proposed the names of the two villages as **Southern Unit** and **Northern Unit**.

Resolutions

The second proposal by Japheth Ojuok was unanimously agreed upon by the public with Nairobi Road as the boundary. The proposed names for the village units are:

1. **Southern Village Unit** (Aga Khan Primary, Vunduba areas, Patel flats, Posta flats, Ondiek Estate, Nyalenda railways and jubilee market areas)
2. **Northern Village Unit** (Kachok junction through Grace Ogot, entire Milimani and parts of CBD).

Event Pictorials

Market Milimani ward residents take part during the proceedings on Village Council meeting at Rotary grounds.

County Director of Administration Mr Haggai Kadiri addresses residents of Market Milimani Ward during a construction meeting on Village Council units at the Rotary grounds.

2. NYALENDA B WARD

Introduction

The Delineation meeting on the formation of Village Units for Nyalenda B was held on 2nd August 2019 at Joel Omino Community Hall in Nyalenda.

The meeting attracted a total of 66 participants drawn from the political class, Officials from the National Government, a representative of the Delineation committee, the ODM Party Officials, the Clergy, Community Opinion Leaders and other relevant stakeholders, Area MCA, Ward Administrators among other Community Members.

Nyalenda B Ward is one of the six wards in Kisumu Central Sub County consisting of Nyalenda B Location. The location is sub divided into seven sub locations namely; Kolwa West, Dunga, Nanga/Nyalenda B Kapuotho, Got Owak, Kilo/Western and Katuoro.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from Mr. Mitto Milambo followed by the Ward Administrator welcoming residents to the meeting. The Ward Administrator took the members through the introduction session.

The meeting then went straight to remarks by various speakers starting with the Sub County Administrator who explained to the residents the purpose of the meeting outlining the objective of forming two village units. He informed the public that the County shall begin with two village units with each college having 3 to 5 members.

The area MCA pointed out that the assembly had already passed the Village Delineation Act and that now it was the executive's turn to implement it. He added that the village administrators would be employed on merit on the qualifications set by the Kisumu County Public Service Board.

Members were then invited to a plenary session to share their views and proposals.

After intensive discussions, the following were the proposed as the boundaries;

1. **Anita Nyagaya** proposed that the ward be divided into two from Kilo junction to Pikadili road through to 5 Ways junction.
2. **Leslie Okura** proposed that the ward be divided into two from the tarmac road starting from Kilo junction all through to Nanga Bridge.

Resolutions on Boundaries

1. The meeting unanimously agreed to go with the first proposal from **Anita Nyagaya** which proposed to divide the ward into two with Kilo Pikadili road through to 5 Ways junction. This was agreed on as it divided the ward into two units with almost the same population.
2. The second proposal by **Leslie Okura** was not adopted because the public felt that the tarmac road did not divide the ward into two equal parts by population as one unit was more populous.

Proposed names for Village Units for Nyalenda B:

1. **Zeddy Tunya** proposed the names of the two village units as Upper Nyalenda “B” Unit and Lower Nyalenda “B” Unit respectively.
2. **Erick Okioma** proposed the names of the two villages as Western Unit and Dunga Unit respectively.
3. **Habil Otieno** proposed the names of the village units as Western/Pharmacy Unit and Kilo/Dunga Unit respectively.
4. **Oginga Jaramogi** proposed the names of the villages as Pandpieri Unit and Dunga Unit respectively

The stalemate on the names of the proposed village units resulted into voting. The first proposal by **Zeddy Tunya** attracted 36 votes, the second proposal by **Erick Okioma** had 5 votes, whereas the third proposal by **Habil Otieno** attracted 8 votes and finally the fourth proposal by **Oginga Jaramogi** garnering 2 votes.

Resolutions

It was agreed that the ward be divided into two from Kilo junction to Pikadili road through to 5ways junction being the boundary of the proposed two villages within Nyalenda “B” Ward.

Proposed names for the village units;

1. **Upper Nyalenda “B” Unit** (Comprising Kilo 2, Western B1 and Western B2).
2. **Lower Nyalenda “B” Unit** (Comprising Kilo 1, Got Owak, Nanga/Kapuothe and Dunga).

Event Pictorials



Nyalenda B residents take part in the Delineation Meeting at Joel Omino Community Hall

Conclusion

Having agreed on the two names of the two village units, the meeting was adjourned.

3. MIGOSI WARD

Introduction

The public participation meeting for Migosi Ward on the Delineation of Village Units took place on 9th August 2019 at Ezra Gumbe Hall attracting 63 participants.

The meeting was well attended with representation from the National and County Government, the Political Class led by ODM Party Officials, representative of the Delineation Committee, the Ward Manager representing the area MCA, Community Leaders, Opinion Leaders, the Clergy and other Community Members.

Migosi Ward is made up one location, Kondele location which is further divided into 11 sub locations namely; Migosi, Upper Migosi, Lower Migosi, Sigalagala, Central Migosi, Carwash, Lolwe/Kenya Re, Afya/Maua, Ezra Gumbe, Obola and Aliwa.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting commenced with a word of prayer from Mr. Harrison Okello. The Ward Administrator then welcomed all the members to the meeting.

The Sub-County Administrator called the meeting to order informing the residents of the agenda as he mentioned the various units that exist within Migosi Ward which the members concurred with.

The following are some of the contributions from residents;

1. **Mr. Elly Angira** proposed the formation of three villages arguing that Migosi Ward is populous and the two village would not be adequate. He proposed the boundaries of the two villages as;
 - i. North unit to consist from Lapaz-Kogonyo-Lake Basin-Railways
 - ii. South Unit to consist from Lapaz-Carwash-Kenya Re-Lolwe-Aliwa

2. **Joash Ocholla** concurred with Mr. Angira on his proposal for three units owing to the size and demographic features of the ward. He proposed Upper Sigalagala and Central to be combined to one Village forming Upper Unit. Lower, Lolwe and Kenya Re to be the second Unit. Forming Lower Unit. The boundary he said should be the from Migosi junction to 44 Carwash.

3. **Winnie Ogot** proposed that the ward should be divided as;

- i. Upper/Sigalagala/Central as one Village Named –Upper Unit
- ii. Lolwe/Lower/Kenya Re as one unit-Lower Unit

4. **Mr. George Kopallah** proposed the use of Forems-Lila-Kenya Re road as the separation boundary for the two units proposing the names as Upper Migosi and Lower Migosi.

5. **Mr. Tom Abuor** proposed to have 2 units as:

- i. Upper Unit consisting of Lolwe/Sigalagala/Upper
- ii. Lower Unit consisting of Lower/Central/Kenya Re

Mr. Angira went ahead to suggest that when the village units are being constituted, the elders should be selected in public to ensure that the slots are filled by true residents of Migosi Ward.

Resolutions

After an intense voting process, majority of the members agreed to form two village units as a start.

The public unanimously agreed to separate the ward into two Village Units using the Migosi Junction-44-Carwash junction as the boundary as follows;

- 1. Upper Migosi, Sigalagala and Central Migosi area as [**Upper Migosi Unit.**]
- 2. Lolwe, Lower Migosi and Kenya Re to be [**Lower Migosi Unit**]
- 3. The main road from Migosi junction to 44-Carwash junction to be the boundary of the two units.

Event Pictorials (Migosi Ward)

A section of Migosi ward members taking part at the ward delineation meeting



Conclusion

The team then adjourned the meeting following the unanimous agreement by all the members.

4. KALOLENI SHAURIMOYO WARD

Introduction

The meeting on Delineation of Village Units for Kaloleni ShauriMoyo ward was held on 5th August 2019 at Kaloleni Social Hall. It attracted 83 participants consisting of Opinion Leaders, National and County Government Officials led by Director Administration Haggai Kadiri, The Clergy, the Political Class and the Community Members.

Kaloleni Shaurimoyo is one of the wards in Kisumu Central Sub County with one location known as Town location which is split into two locations i.e. Kaloleni and Shaurimoyo sub location.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting begun by a word of prayer from Mr. Mahad. The Ward administrator Mr. Felix Guya welcomed the residents before handing over to the Sub County Administrator.

The Sub County Administrator went straight to explain the purpose of the meeting outlining the objective of forming of two village units. He informed the public that for a start the county government would begin with two village units per ward due to the high burden of the wage bill.

- The Director of Administration Haggai Kadiri emphasized to the residents that the formation of the village units should be done through consensus. He further noted the proposals on delineation should emanate from the people noting that the numbers would be increased in future.

The area Chief reminded the meeting on the boundaries of the ward from Mamba hotel, through Star hospital, to Stadium, to the fly over, back to Arina estate through the Kondele-Nairobi road highway, to police dog, to Tom Mboya back to Mamba through the Kondele-Aga Khan highway.

He later suggested that the **ward be divided into two through the road from Star hospital to Winam law courts (Lower Kibuye), to Prinias hotel Junction, to Brilliant, to Love bar to Kondele-Fly over Highway**. The upper part to be the first village while the lower part to be the second village.

The area MCA Prisca Misachi informed the residents that the decision to have two units was influenced by the burden of high wage bill. She supported the suggestion by the area Chief that suggested the first village (Upper) to be named **Kibuye Village** and the second (Lower) be named as **Kaloleni Village**.

Members were then invited to make their contributions through a plenary session and contributed as follows;

- i. Mahad Abdi supported the MCA's proposal
- ii. Gordon Nyawara also supported the MCA and the Chief
- iii. Maalim Mohamed requested that the ward be divided into three thus Kaloleni, Stadium and Kibuye villages.
- iv. Julius Okello Johera supported Maalims idea of three units.
- v. Calvince Omondi representing the youth supported the MCA's position.
- vi. Alice Sweta representing the women, supported the MCA's proposal
- vii. Brian Aguko supported the MCA's proposal
- viii. John Abonyo supported the MCA's proposal
- ix. Maalim Issa supported the idea of three units as suggested by Julius Johera.
- x. Timon Gumbe who is the Youth Chairman supported the MCA and area Chief's proposal.

Resolutions

The members unanimously agreed with the first proposal from the MCA and the Chief which divided the ward into two by the said road from Star Hospital to Kondele-Flyover Highway.

The members also agreed on the names of the two village units as follows:

- i. **Kibuye Unit** (Arina, Shaurimoyo, Kibuye Market, Tom Mboya, Robert Ouko and Kibuye Estates)
- ii. **Kaloleni Unit** (Makasembo, Nubian, Polyview, Lumumba, and Kaloleni Estates).

Event Pictorials (Kaloleni/ Shauri Moyo Ward)



*Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Prisca Misachi
addresses participants during the Village
Delineation Meeting at Kaloleni Social Hall.*



Residents of Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward take part in the Village Delineation Meeting

Conclusion

The meeting was then closed by the Director of Administration Haggai Kadiri who in his closing remarks reminded the members that the Governor will set up the Kisumu Road Maintenance Team through the village councils to ensure proper maintenance of all the roads.

5. KONDELE WARD

Introduction

The Kondele Ward public participation meeting on Delineation of Village Units took place on Thursday 8th August 2019 at Kosawo Hall. The meeting that was coordinated by the Office of the Sub County Administrator for Kisumu Central attracted 102 participants including Officials from both the National and the County Administration led by Director Administration Haggai Kadiri, The County Assembly represented by the area MCA, Community Opinion Leaders and Elders, the Women and the Youth among other Community Members.

Kondele Ward is one of the six wards within Kisumu Central in Kisumu County. It is situated in one Sub location Manyatta A; within Kondele location. It is further divided into 10 different villages.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was officially opened by a word of prayer from Mrs. Pamela O. Wasonga. The Ward Administrator then welcomed the residents for the meeting before handing over to the Sub County Administrator who began by introducing all the Ward Administrators present.

The Sub County Administrator proceeded to explain to the participants the purpose of the meeting clearly introducing the objective of forming two village units. He continued to provide the participants with background information on the entire delineation process from its inception.

After his brief remarks, he welcomed the County Director of Administration Haggai Kadiri to give his remarks. The director informed the participants that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 gives them the power to discuss the formation of village units reminding them the process should be carried out through consensus.

He further noted that the County Government would start with two village units per ward and the proposals on delineation should be derived from the people hence the reason for the meeting.

The next Speaker who was the area MCA made it clear to the participants that the process was purely a function of the County Government and no one is expected to politicize it thus the people should be provided with the right environment to freely state their desires.

He categorically stated that Kondele Ward would not allow non-residents to be appointed to the positions of both the village administrators and village council members.

His remarks were followed by a plenary session through which the participants presented their views and proposals on the names of the two units which they did as follows;

- a) Mr Anayo- The Chair of O.D.M Party –Kondele Ward urged the residents not to politicize the Boundary issue but to look into the matter and mark out a boundary that would be easy to follow. He however requested the residents not to lose track of the name Kondele so as to retain the cosmopolitan nature of the ward.
- b) Benard Otieno, also resident of Kondele and member of the Village Council Task Force informed the members that during their Task Force visits they noted that there are bigger wards than Kondele but for purposes of equality all wards will start with two villages. He cited that he was aware of the

request by the residents to create more villages, a request he said would not be granted due to financial constraints. He concluded by persuading the residents to divide the ward into conflict free units once the village administrators are appointed.

c) Ms. Esther Olang- representing K.E.F.A.D.O encouraged women to participate in the exercise and ensure their inclusion into the village council.

d) Mzee Simira Ali- of Kona Mbuta unit proposed as follows:

KONA Legion- Baraka Road to be used as a boundary to divide Kondele into Lower Kondele and Upper Kondele.

e) Lucas Ojuang suggested that the divisions be based on existing village units but did not give a proposal.

f) Damaris Odeny requested that existing boundary units be defined to enable them make proposals.

This prompted many speakers to provide an outline of the village units used by the local national administrators.

The Following six (6) distinct village units were defined: **Magadi, Meta, Kona Mbuta, Gonda, Kondele and Flamingo.**

g) Thomas Ademba proposed as follows

-Meta Meta-Magadi –Kona Mbuta to form- Lower Kondele

-Flamingo –Gonda - Kondele- Upper Kondele.

h) Akinyi Betty proposed as follows citing population challenges that may arise:

-White House Road- Kona Mbaya- Kona Legion Road to be the boundary for the two proposed units.

i) Isaya Omondi pointed out that there is no way the division would achieve equal populations citing lack of accurate demographic figures. He proposed as follows;

-Kona Mbuta –Meta- Magadi- Manyatta A Unit

-Kondele –Gonda- Flamingo- Kondele Unit.

j) Jacob Ayatta supported Betty Akinyi's proposal but preferred the names to be South Kondele and North Kondele Village Units.

k) Ayub Said – supported Betty Akinyi's proposal and named the units as follows:

-Kondele-Flamingo Arina- Russian Quarters- Upper Kondele

- Meta- Magadi- Kona Mbuta- Lower Kondele

- l) David Ger told the meeting to embrace the existence of the County as a distinct government arguing that people should stop using the provincial administrative boundaries for the exercise and threw his support for Simira's proposal.
- m) Dalmas Odera proposed that Magadi- Gonda Kona Mbuta to form a Unit-Kondele - Meta - Flamingo another Unit.
- n) Mama Grace Wafula said she would support what the meeting agreed on but asked that the naming be directional.
- o) Mzee Martin Otieno suggested the use of Kona Mbuta – Baraka road as a clear land mark to divide the ward.

After the submissions, members agreed to proceed with three proposals that were taken through a voting process. These included;

- i. Use the Kona Legion- Baraka road
- ii. White House-Kona Mbaya, Kona Legion Road.
- iii. Gonda-Magadi-Kona Mbuta Village Units as **Lower Kondele** and Kondele, Meta Meta, Flamingo units as **Upper Kondele**.

Resolutions

Following an intensive voting process for the three proposals, majority of the participants voted for Option ONE giving birth to-Kondele, Gonda, Flamingo as a Unit
Meta Meta –Kona Mbuta -Magadi as another Unit

On naming members felt that a directional naming be adopted as Upper and Lower might seem demeaning to some people.

The Administrator was tasked to get expert opinion as to either North and South or East and West as the ground situation would dictate.

This was followed by a unanimous was agreed to divide the ward into two units. The village units to be named as follows:

1. **Kondele East Village Unit** (Meta Meta-Kona Mbuta- Magadi village units)
2. **Kondele West Village Unit** (Kondele- Gonda and Flamingo village units)

They also agreed that the **Kona legion –Baraka Road** be the distinct boundary for the two villages.

Event Pictorials



Kondele MCA Hon Joachim Oketch addresses his ward members on Village Council Units.

Residents of Kondele ward in Kisumu Central sub-county take part in consultation meeting on Village Council Units.

Conclusi

on

There being no any other business, the Director of Administration closed the meeting brief remarks where he highlighted that the Governor would use the village units when forming the Kisumu County Road Maintenance Team at the village wards.

6. RAILWAYS WARD

Introduction

The Delineation of Village Units public participation meeting for Railways Ward was held at the Kisumu Works Yard on Monday 5th August 2019.

The meeting was organized by the Kisumu Central Sub County Office was attended by 47 participants being representatives of different sectors. Key among the participants were the ODM Party Officials, the area MCA David Arao, the County and National Government Officers, Ward Opinion Leaders, the Youth, Women and People with Disability among other Community Members.

Railways ward is among the 6 wards in Kisumu Central Sub County. It consists of one location, Kondele location comprising of two sub locations namely; Kanyakwar and Nyawita sub locations.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from Mr. Joshua Ochieng. The Ward Administrator then welcomed all members to the meeting followed by self-introductions before handing over to the Sub County Administrator.

The Sub-County Administrator then proceeded to explain to the people the main agenda as he outlined the various units existing within Railways Ward.

The Sub County Administrator then invited the participants to make their contributions.

The contributions were as follows;

- a) **Mr Nyariaro Moses** expressed his concern for the division of the ward into two units due to its vast nature. He then suggested the creation of four (4) village units. He further suggested boundaries for the ward in the case of two village units as shown below;

Usoma-Pipeline-Public Works-Industrial-Kombedu-Kotur-Kudho-Olago-St Paul Tarmac Road – Kondele-Entebe-Nyawitta.

- b) **Olum Betrude** proposed that the ward should be divided into three villages due to its size and demographic features. Her proposal for the village units were as follows;

- i. Manyatta Arabs, Tom Mboya, Jua-Kali, Street, and Industrial to form one Village
- ii. Kanyakwar, Nyawitta, Obunga, Kamakowa to form the village.

- c) **Mama Philgona (Mama Kizito)** suggested the formation of three village units with the following names;

- i. Kudho and Obunga to form the first village under the name: Obudho Village.
- ii. Kama-Kowa and Nyawitta as the second Village under the name Nyakama Village
- iii. Tom Mboya-Street –Manyatta Arabs and Industrial to form the third village with the name to be discussed later.

- d) **Mr Omondi** proposed that residents of Railways Ward use the Flyover as their separation boundary for the two villages suggesting the names be Upper Railways and Lower Railways.

- e) **Mr. Jaggy Okello** seconded the views of Mr. Omondi but differed on naming as suggesting the names as Upper Kanyakwar Village and Town Village.

- f) **Emmanuel Ayiecho** seconded views by Betrude adding that the third Village Should be named as Middle Railways Village as reflected below;

- i. Kanyakwar Village, Tom –Mboya as **Upper Railways Village**.
- ii. Jua-Kali and Robert Ouko as **Middle Railways Village**.

g) Mr. Ombwayo Odiero proposed for a single unit as a name to avoid losing the identity in old names in Railways Ward.

He also noted that the members to the Village Councils should be selected in public to ensure that the slots are filled by the true residents as opposed to handpicking.

Resolutions

The resolutions were arrived at following a vigorous voting process where the majority agreed to form two village unit as a start citing the outcry on the high wage bill by the County Executive.

The members also unanimously agreed to separate the ward into two Villages with the flyover as the boundary. They agreed on the following names;

1. Kanyakwar, Nyawitta –Obunga down to Public Works area as **Upper Railways Village**.
2. Tom-Mboya, Robert Ouko, JUA-kali Street Kotur Old AirPort, Railways, Oil Libya to be named as **Lower Railways Village**

Event Pictorials

*Railways Ward MCA Hon David Arao (right) address
participants during the meetings on Village units*

Conclusion

*A lady from Railways Ward participates during
Village Units consultation meeting*

The meeting ended with brief remarks from the Director of Administration who highlighted to the members that the Governor intends to use the village units to devolve services at the grassroots.

NYAKACH SUB – COUNTY

Nyakach Sub County is one of the sub counties in Kisumu County and comprises of five wards. The following are the summaries per ward.

1. WEST NYAKACH WARD

Introduction

The meeting on Delineation of Village Units in West Nyakach Ward took place on Thursday 8th August 2019 at Kodingo Hall and was attended a total of 96 participants.

The meeting attracted different stakeholders coming from the ward and outside the ward. These included National and County Government Officials led by Director Administration Haggai Kadiri, the Kisumu County Assembly represented by the area MCA, The ODM Party Officials, Community Village Elders and Opinion Leaders, Women, Youth and People with Disability.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was officially opened by a word of prayer from David Otieno Ouko, a resident of the ward. The Ward Administrator then took over to welcome the team from the county headquarters led by Director for Administration Mr. Haggai Kadiri and later invited the Sub County Administrator to moderate the rest of the sessions.

The Sub County Administrator quickly welcomed the delegation and allowed for self-introduction before deliberation on the subject matter started.

The next presenter was the area MCA Hon. George Ogutu who briefed the audience on the various developments regarding administrative units that have taken place in the ward since independence urging them to consider the proposal to create only two village units.

Mr. Ogutu was followed by the Director Administration Mr. Kadiri who explained to the members that the Task Force on the Delineation of Villages had recommended the creation of two village units per ward because they would be more sustainable and again to avoid stretching the already burdened county wage bill.

He was followed by the ODM Chairman for West Nyakach Ward Mr. Okinda Aduda who proposed that the ward should be divided into 4 Village Units with each of the 4 Locations forming a unit. He rejected the proposal to create 2 units, a stand that was seconded by the local Provincial Administrators present with the exception of West Nyakach Senior Chief Mr. Jacob Otieno who pleaded with members to exercise soberness saying the creation of two units were good for a start.

After further discussions, majority of the members agreed to divide the ward into two units as a start but recommended the creation of more villages in future giving priority to Anding'o Kasaye location.

Members' proposals on the two village units were as follows;

a) **Pastor Julius Anyona** proposed the names as;

- Thurdibuoro/Bolo
- Anding'o Kasaye/West Nyakach

b) **Mr. Peter Oranga** proposed;

- Thurdibuoro/West Nyakach
- Anding'o Kasaye/Bolo

c) **Cllr. Simon Akach** proposed

- Thurdibuoro/Anding'o Kasaye
- West Nyakach/Bolo

d) **Mr. James Ochieng'Agembo** proposed

- Kasaye Village
- Kajimbo Village

Resolutions

The meeting resolved almost unanimously that the ward be spilt into 2 village units comprising of;

a) **Thurdibuoro Location** and **West Nyakach Location** (Kodingo Village Unit)

b) **Bolo Location** and **Anding'o Kasaye Location** (Bolo Village Unit)

Event Pictorials

Residents of West Nyakach listen keenly during the deliberations

West Nyakach MCA George Ogutu responds to the audience during the meeting

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned following members' unanimous agreement.

2. CENTRAL NYAKACH WARD

Introduction

The Central Nyakach Ward Public Participation meeting on Delineation of Village Units took place on 19th August 2019 at Nyalunya Community Hall. The event that was attended by a total of 152 participants provided a forum where the residents could engage with the representatives of the County Government and the National Government. Key among the participants were Director of Administration Haggai Kadiri, area MCA, the Sub County Administrator, the Ward Administrator and the area Ward Manager.

Central Nyakach is among the five wards in Nyakach Sub County and has five locations that are further sub-divided into eight sub locations.

Central Nyakach Ward covers ground of 76.0sqKm with estimated population of 31,952 (2018 projection, CIDP 2018-2022). The five locations include; Pap Onditi, Nyalunya, Kandaria West, Central and Kabodho West, and the sublocations; Kabodho East, Moro, Olembo, Kabodho North, West Kandaria, Jimo West, Olwalo and West Kabodho. These are further divided into 52 smaller community units headed by village elders.

It is sandwiched between the up lying Nyabondo plateau escarpments and the low-lying Lake Victoria, making it ideal for an array of Agricultural activities. It is also traversed by several seasonal rivers like Asawo, Omondo, Ochuoga, Kibwon and Ragen, bringing along with them sand from the higher area which support thriving sand mining sector.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting started at 10:30am with a word of prayer from Apostle Apollo Ojienda, followed by an introduction session of the participants and agenda of the day.

The Sub-County Administrator, Mr. Vincent Orayo, while representing Director Administration, took the participants through the Village Administration Act, indicating the journey that Kisumu County Government has gone through towards making this Constitutional requirement a reality. He highlighted the work that had been done by the Village Unit Task Force, The County Assembly together with other stakeholders, which collectively informed the decision of starting with two (2No.) Village Units per ward in the entire Kisumu County. He emphasized to the meeting that once formed, the villages will have the Village Administrators and Village Councils put in place, which will ensure that services are taken closer to the people as compared to the current ward level arrangement.

The team then immediately moved into the proposal session which was presided over by the area MCA Hon Philemon Ojuok, assisted by the five (5) Chiefs and four (4) Assistant Chiefs present at the meeting.

Upon their deliberations, the participants made two proposals to guide the delineation, upon which voting was done and a consensus reached.

The proposals were as follows;

No.	Proposal	Factors Considered	No. of Votes
1.	Have 4 Sub-locations per village	-Equal administrative divide for equal bargain -Perceived population balance	54
2.	Use River Omondo as the 'boundary' of the villages (the areas to the West to form one unit and those to the East	-The river traverses the ward and divides the land area into 2 relatively equal portions -The population on either sides tend to have stronger social ties (intermarriages) and a	58

	one unit)	lot of shared common resources (Markets, health facilities, schools among others) -Initial boundary of the two wards before they were merged into one ward.	
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Resolutions

After lengthy and fruitful discussion, the participants adopted proposal no. 2 as in the table above, which was voted for by the majority.

The proposed units were formed and agreed upon as follows:

S/No	Proposed Village Name	Areas Covered
1	Pap Onditi Village Unit	East of River Omondo {Moro, Olembo, Kabodho East Sub-locations}
2	Central Nyakach Village Unit	West of River Omondo {Kabodho North, West Kandaria, Olwalo, Jimo West and West Kabodho Sub-Locations}

Event Pictorials

*Residents of Central Nyakach Ward take part in the Delineation
Public Participation Meeting at Nyalunya Hall*

Conclusion

Following the participants' unanimous adoption of the two village units and having covered the agenda of the day, the meeting ended thereafter at 2:30pm.

*Central Nyakach Ward Hon. MCA Philemon Ojuok
address participants in the deliberations.*

3. NORTH NYAKACH WARD

Introduction

The consultative meeting on Delineation of Village Units for North Nyakach Ward was held on Friday 16th August 2019 at Kowire Hall. The meeting was attended by 82 participants drawn from all the 13 Sub Locations together with all the Chiefs/Assistants. Key among the guests were County Officials led by the members of the Delineation Committee on Village Units e.g. Haggai Kadiri, the Area MCA, Village Elders, Opinion Leaders among other Community Members.

North Nyakach is one of the five ward in Nyakach Sub County and remains as the largest ward in Kisumu County in terms of size. It has a total of seven (7) locations further divided into 13 locations with nine (9) clans or settlements.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting begun with a word of prayer from Mr. Lukio Ondiek. The area Ward Administrator then welcomed members and commended them for keeping time. He then introduced members per Sub Location

This was followed by the Sub County Administrator Mr. Orayo taking members through the Act on; Qualification and appointment of Village Administrator, Function and powers of Village Administrator and the Village Council before introducing the area MCA Hon. Rashid Miruka.

Hon. Miruka explained to members of the public the role of County Assembly in the Delineation of Village Units and later introduced the County Director of Administration Mr. Kadiri who took members through; the role of the Delineation Committee on Village Units, Composition of the Committee and finally criteria for determination of village units,

Members having been taken through the Act and the need to have the devolved units, had a series of questions about the new structure which were fully answered by the Director Administration, area MCA, Sub County Administrator and the Ward Administrator.

Having been presented with a background on the process, the participants then embarked on the village units and boundary demarcation. Here, Mr. Evans Otieno, a member of the Task Force Committee informed members that in their report, they recommended 12 village units for North Nyakach Ward after considering its size (111Km²) and Population (33,000) but later agreed that the Village units per ward would be limited to two due to the high wage bill. This was followed by members forwarding their proposals on the village units and their boundaries.

The following were proposed village units by members.

- a) ***North Nyakach (Gem), Rangul and Asao*** locations to be in one village while ***Agoro West, North East Nyakach, Jimo East and East Nyakach*** locations to be in another village. This was proposed by Mr. John K. Nyakore and was **unanimously supported** by members and area Chiefs
- b) ***Rangul, Asao, Jimo East and East Nyakach*** locations to be in one village while North Nyakach (Gem), Agoro West, North East Nyakach locations to be in another village. This was proposed by Mr. Dominic Owiti Awino and was **unanimously rejected** by members and area Chiefs

Resolutions

Members unanimously agreed on the first proposal (***North Nyakach (Gem), Rangul (Wasare and Kasaye and Asao (Kabudho)***) locations to be in one village while ***Agoro West(Agoro), North East***

Nyakach (Agoro), Jimo East (Jimo) and East Nyakach(Kandaria) locations to be in another village) and that Agoro West location to be in Katito Town.

On naming of the village units, Mr. Opiyo (Ogai Wasare) proposed that the villages be named;

1. **North West Nyakach Village** comprising of - (*North Nyakach (Gem), Rangul and Asao* locations).
2. **North East Nyakach Village** comprising of - (*Agoro West, North East Nyakach, Jimo East and East Nyakach* locations).

Mr. Opiyo was seconded by Mr. Samwel Oyare (Ogai Gem Rae). The proposal was unanimously agreed by members present.

Event Pictorials

North Nyakach MCA Hon. Rashid Miruka addresses participants during the meeting.

North Nyakach Residents listen keenly during the Delineation Meeting at Kowire Hall.

Conclusi

on

In conclusion, many participants felt that North Nyakach being the largest Ward in Nyakach and the entire Kisumu County should be divided in three units. In this case therefore, several members advocated for Katito Town to include Agoro West Location and to have its own administrative unit.

4. SOUTH EAST NYAKACH

Introduction

The consultative meeting on Delineation of Village Units for South East Nyakach Ward took place on 6th August 2019 at Kodonga Hall. The meeting was attracted 132 participants including Officials from the County Government of Kisumu led by Director Administration Haggai Kadiri, the National Government led by the area Chiefs/Assistant Chiefs, the County Assembly led by the area MCA Hon. Johnson Guya, Community Opinion Leaders and Village Elders, ODM Party Officials and other Community Members.

South East Nyakach is one of the five wards in Nyakach Sub County with four (4) locations including Sigoti, Koguta, South Nyakach and South East Nyakach. The locations are also dub divided into seven (7) sub locations.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was brought to order by the Sub- County Administrator at 11:32am followed by a word of prayer from Solomon Otieno Mbuge.

The participants were then taken through an overview on the delineation process by The Sub County Administrator Mr. Vincent Orayo who welcomed the community members to the meeting, he congratulated the community members for turning up in large numbers. He briefed the participants on the agenda of the meeting and explained that the meeting had only one main agenda which was the

formation of Village Units as envisaged in Kisumu County Administration (Village Units) Act, 2019 and the County Government Act 2012.

He explained to the public that the process of delineation of village units started immediately following the swearing in of Kisumu Governor H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang Nyong'o who formed a task force to look into it. The task force recommended a total of 288 village units. This was then followed by a consultant who was contracted to provide a report on the same. The consultant recommended 280 village units.

Based on the two reports and putting into consideration the rising wage bill in the county, the Sub-County Administrator informed the meeting that the executive proposed that each and every ward to be given two village units across the board and therefore it was now the work of the community members to propose the names and give the boundaries for the two village units.

He concluded by asking the community members to deliberate on the issue soberly and that they should feel free to air their views.

The area MCA Hon. Guya informed the members that the proposal read by the Sub County Administrator does not stop members from giving their views suggesting that the ward is too big geographically and should be given at least 4 village units with each of the 4 locations being turned into a village unit even as he urged members to debate soberly

The County Director of Administration Mr. Haggai Kadiri put forward his thought and elaborated to the people how the County arrived at the two wards per ward saying that a number of factors had been considered, key among them being the rising wage bill, and the availability of resources within the county that will enable easy management of the villages. He requested the community to take note that irrespective of how many villages are formed 100% satisfactions among the community members will never be achieved as people will always demand for more, hence the need to have a starting point.

Kadiri concluded by appealing to the members to consider the creation of two units per ward as proposed by the County and identify the boundaries that will bring utmost satisfaction among community members.

The brief remarks were followed by a plenary session where participants presented their views as follows;

1. ODM Chairman Mr. Francis Okano suggested that the two proposed villages were not adequate for South East Nyakach considering the geographical expansiveness of the ward. He proposed that each of the 4 locations be divided into two to give 8 villages for the ward.

2. Mr. Ogutu representing Persons living with Disability pointed out that based on history, some clans within the ward have never been in good terms therefore it would be prudent for them to be given separate villages. He urged the government to at least consider giving each location a village. However, based on the proposed 2 villages per ward, he proposed that the names be given as South Nyakach Village and Sigoti Village. He further proposed that in future when the number of wards are increased, the ward should be divided into four villages i.e. South Nyakach, South East Nyakach, Sigoti and Koguta Village.
3. Mr. Waluanga Okumu- Supported the proposal by Mr. Ogutu
4. Mr. Ghari Oguk opposed the idea of two villages and suggested that the ward should be given 5 villages with the introduction of Sondu as the fifth village apart from the already suggested 4 from each location.
5. Mr.-Charles Odongo from Sigoti location supported the introduction of two villages and requested the community to accept the two villages for a start as more will come.
6. Mrs. Carolyn Apollo. She said that the community is not ready for two village units urging the government to consider giving the ward 6 villages as earlier proposed to the Task Force Committee.
7. Messrs Paul Raj, Solomon Ocholla, Joshat Omune, and Chris Amadi all supported what Mr. Ogutu had proposed but requested that in future the ward should be given 4 villages with each location being turned into a village. They also proposed the introduction of Sondu as the fifth village
8. Chief David Onyisi said that devolution should move closer to the people and the proposal to have two villages in the ward will not make the community feel the importance of devolution. He suggested that the ward should be given at least 4 villages with each location being turned into a village.

Resolutions

After intensive deliberations and agreeing to form two village units, members unanimously agreed that the names be given as

1. South Nyakach Village to cover (South East Nyakach and South Nyakach Location)
2. Sigoti Village to cover (Koguta Location and Sigoti Location).

Event Pictorials



A resident of South East Nyakach giving his views during the meeting.



Residents of South East Nyakach attending the consultative meeting.

Conclusion

- The members agreed that in future when the number of villages are increased, the name would be; South East Nyakach Village, South Nyakach Village, Sigoti Village, Koguta Village and Sondu/Agai Village.
- Members also agreed that there should be another meeting to confirm their discussions and proposals.

5. SOUTH WEST NYAKACH WARD

Introduction

The Public Participation Meeting for the Delineation of Village Units for South West Nyakach took place on 9th August 2019 at Oboch Hall. The meeting attracted 151 participants drawn from the area Sub Locations and Officials from the County Government of Kisumu led the Joint Secretary of the Delineation Committee/Director Administration Haggai Kadiri, the National Government including area Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs. Other key participants included, the ODM Party Officials, Village Elders and Opinion Leaders, among other Community Members.

South West Nyakach Ward is one of the Wards in Nyakach Sub County, Kisumu County. The ward is made up of two (2) locations; Oboch and South West Nyakach. These are further divided into three (3) Sub Locations namely; Kajimbo, Gari and West Kadinag'a Sub Locations.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting started with a word of prayer from Mzee Raphael Owaka at 12.30 pm followed by a warm welcome to all the participants by the Ward Administrator. He recognized the presence of the Director Administration, Members of the Task Force on formation of Village Units present, the Sub County Administrator and the Area MCA among other dignitaries.

The MCA welcomed everybody to the occasion and reminded them that it is part of the implementation process of the Kenya Constitution 2010 mentioning that the Task Force on formation of Village Units had moved round and collected views from the public in every ward. He also informed participants that in South West Nyakach, the members had proposed eight (8) villages explaining that the Task Force consulted widely and even went for benchmarking in other Counties which had created village units. They then presented a report that informed the enactment of The Kisumu County Administration (Village Units) Act, 2019.

The members of the Task Force present took members through the entire process of collection and collation of public views on village units and village council. They mentioned that initially they had proposed a total of 288 village units in the County with each Ward having about eight (8) units. However, this number was not possible given the current economic situation. They assured the meeting that HE the Governor was keen in fulfilling his promise of formation of village units so that services are brought to the grassroots.

The Director Administration emphasized the Constitutional requirement that the people must be involved in decision making hence the public participation. He took the meeting through section 7 of the Act that indicates the criteria for determination of village units. He informed the meeting that given the current economic situation in the County, only two (2) village units are possible per Ward. More may be created in future as resources increase.

The Director then allowed for the proposals on the village units.

After some discussions among the members, there was a unanimous agreement to divide the Ward as per the two Locations – South West Nyakach and Oboch, having Kadiang’a and Kajimbo clans respectively. With that in mind, members made their proposals as follows;

1. **Chief Caleb Owako** of South West Nyakach Location proposed that the village be called Nyamarimba Village Unit. He was unanimously supported by the residents of the Location. They observed that this name will unite all the residents including those who are not from Kadiang’a clan.

2. **The Assistant Chief for Kajimbo Sub** Location proposed that the name of the village unit for Oboch Location be Oboch. He was supported by Jacob Obonyo Okombo.
3. Luke Weldon made a second proposal that the Village Unit for Oboch Location be named Kajimbo Village Unit. He was supported by Tom Okumu. The two proposals were then subjected to a vote where those for Oboch garnered 44 votes against those for Kajimbo 63 votes. By the power of the majority, members agreed that the village will be named as **Kajimbo Village Unit**.

Resolutions

There will be Two Village Units in South West Nyakach Ward;

1. **Nyamarimba Village Unit** – Covering South West Nyakach Location
2. **Kajimbo Village Unit** – Covering Oboch Location

Conclusion

After the unanimous agreement on the two village units, members suggested that the County Government should consider creating more village units in the Ward so as to address the following important issues;

- Difficulty in accessing certain regions because of the topography
- Very large geographical area
- Hardship areas that are seriously marginalized like Apondo and Anding'o Bware

Event Pictorial



Residents of South West Nyakach and some of the Task Force Members airing the Village Delineation Meeting at Oboch Hall.

KISUMU WEST SUB – COUNTY

Kisumu West Sub County is one of the sub counties in Kisumu County and comprises of five wards.

The following are the summaries per ward.

1. WEST KISUMU WARD

Introduction

The Public Participation Meeting on the creation of Village Units and Boundaries for West Kisumu Ward took place on 2nd August 2019 at Huma Chief's Camp and was attended by 41 participants.

The attendance was a good representation of members from all the five (5) Sub- Locations in the ward namely; North Kapuonja, South Kapuonja, Upper Kadongo, Lower Kadongo and Newa.

West Kisumu Ward is one of the five wards in Kisumu West Sub County and consists of one location subdivided into five sub-locations as mentioned above.

In attendance was, The CEC of Lands, Physical Planning and Housing Kisumu County Mr. Dickson Obungu who is also the Chairman – (Delineation of Villages Committee at the County Government of Kisumu), Samuel Oron, Sub County Administrator – Kisumu West, Ward Administrator Kisumu West, Madam Beatrice Ochuka, Area Chief Madame Mary Odhiambo. The MCA of the area gave an apology but said he was positive about the meeting and his message was delivered by the ward manager Mr Dominic Okech plus many ward residents who came to participate and give their opinion on the boundaries of the ward village units.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from Deacon Martin Komenya at 11.00a.m.

The Sub County Administrator Samuel Oron welcomed the members and explained to the gathering the purpose of the meeting being follow up of the initial meeting which was held in the ward in November 2017 during which they participated by submitting their opinions to the Task Force Committee. He went ahead and explained the objective of decentralization of administration to the lowest level as outlined in the Kenya Constitution 2010.

He further briefed the meeting on how the County arrived at the two village units per ward highlighting some issues that were considered by the technical team including the number of units'Visa Vis the number of people, village administrators to be engaged with their council members and the wages.

This explanation resulted into arguments with speaker after speaker saying West Kisumu Ward is vast and varied and should be given more village units as a result of the diversity of the people in each sub location. This prompted the Sub County Administrator to present an example of the former administrative unit called Kisumu District which was initially one but was later split into smaller districts, the current 7 Sub Counties urging members to consider starting with two village units as proposed by the County Government as they wait for further divisions in future. His sentiments were echoed by the Chair of Delineation Committee CEC Dickson Obungu who assured members that additional units will be put into place once resources are made available.

Mr. Obungu further informed the members on the roles of the Village Council saying they will be headed by one person as the Village Administrator and a Council Committee of between 3 to five persons.

The ward MCA through a message delivered by the Ward Manager Dominic Okech said that fairness should be exercised as the public engages in establishing the two units even though they would have wished for more as a start. He however advised the residents to consider the creation of two units as proposed by the County Government. He further asked the Delineation Committee and the County Public Service Board to only employ people who are qualified when filling the positions of Village Council members.

The CEC Mr. Obungu admitted that the views presented by Kisumu West Ward residents were also expressed in other areas such as Market Millimani Ward and North Nyakach Ward that are unique in many ways but had to accept the proposals to start with two units.

After exhaustive deliberations, participants were finally convinced with the information provided and agreed to start with two units. The following proposals were made for unit boundaries;

1. Deacon Martin Komenya accepted the two units proposing that North Kapuonja and South Kapuonja should form one unit called Kapuonja Unit. The other sub locations of Kadongo Upper and Lower to joined together with Newa to form the other unit.

2. Jane Juma from Newa wanted Newa to be given its own unit and the rest to be merged to form the second unit. She was seconded by Michael Owino Okore.
3. Samuel Achola proposed to have North and South Kapuonja consolidated to form Kapuonja, then Upper and Lower Kadongo be consolidated together with Newa considering their geographical placement to form the second unit to be fair in the distribution.

Most of other participants who gave their opinion talked about the two variants. Kapuonja Unit and Kadongo/Newa Unit.

The proposals were then subjected to a vote process and the team was able to arrive at an agreement.

Resolutions

The members agreed that the two units be named as follows.

1. **Kadongo/Newa Village Unit.**
2. **Kapuonja Village Unit.**

Event Pictorials

*West Kisumu Ward residents during the ward
meeting at Huma Chief's Camp*

Conclusion

There being no other business, the discussions were brought to a close with a word of prayer from Deacon Martin Komenya.

2. SOUTH WEST KISUMU WARD

Introduction

The meeting for South West Kisumu Ward on Delineation of Village Units and Boundaries took place on 2nd August 2019 at Obambo Chief's Camp attracting 81 participants.

The meeting was well attended with representation from all the sub locations. Key among the people who attended included Officials from the County and the National Government, Area Member of County Assembly Hon. Brick Agola, Village Elders, Opinion Leaders, ODM Party Officials, Special Interest Groups among other Community Members.

South West Kisumu Ward is in Kisumu West Sub County with one location known as South West Location divided into three sub locations namely; Ojola, Kanyawegi and Osiri.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting begun with a word of prayer from one Elder Martin Obondo followed by introductions carried out by the Ward Administrator Mr. George Onyango who welcomed members for the meeting. He then invited the Sub-County Admin who introduced the agenda to the members. He went further to providing a brief background on the entire process from inception and adoption of the Kisumu Delineation Act.

He noted that the ward comprises of 5 village units and requested the members to provide a way forward on how to create two units since the ward comprises of 3 sub locations. He pleaded with the members to consider the administration boundaries requesting them to begin with two village units.

One William Aum Ndalo questioned the committee on why they were availing the information on the day of the meeting thus requesting the team to return when the MCA will be present.

Former Deputy Mayor Mr. Ben Odondi sought to know if the committee considered interfering with the three sub locations.

Aloys Onguko asked if the village Administrators will exceed the Asst. Chief's in terms of jurisdiction areas citing that it might not be easy to govern.

The Sub County Administrator responded to the questions saying that the numbers were reduced due to financial constraints. He added that the situation might prompt the consolidation of two village units for

the time being and allow the County to create more once resources are made available. On the issue of jurisdiction, he advised that residents should not compare the two levels of governments.

Members were then invited to provide their proposals which they provide as follows;

- a) William Ako Omino suggested Ojolla and Kanyawegi to be united and Osiri to be one unit
- b) Richard Okello suggested Kanyawegi be united with Osiri as a unit and Ojolla be left also as a unit
- c) Collins Ngwara seconded William Ako to unite Ojolla & Kanyawegi as a village unit and Osiri be a second village unit
- d) Ben Odondi proposed 2 village units, Osiri and Kanyawegi be merged with Ojolla but members agreed later on Osiri Location and South West Location.
- e) Athembo argued that no location will be created, he however agreed that Ojolla is more populous than the other Sub-Locations.
- f) Mr. Rabilo seconded the Deputy Mayor saying brothers be brought up together i.e Osiri as a unit and S.W Kisumu as another unit.
- g) Paul proposed that the Government works with the population questioning why Ojolla cannot served as a unit.
- h) Josephine seconded Osiri's proposal to merge Kanyawegi and Ojolla to form one unit.
- i) William Abuom suggested the use of population data on dividing the units and supported Osiri on merging Kanyawegi and Ojolla to form one unit. While William Aum suggested that Kanyawegi be given a unit and Ojolla another unit, he however made very unpleasant political statements that offended majority of the participants. The Sub-County admin intervened and requested members not to politicize the meeting and explained that county works differently with National Government. He stressed that the County Government work in the line of development and gave an example of road maintenance team promised by the government to be supervised by the village administrators.
- j) Joseph Otieno Oyugi said that South West Kisumu consists of 2 communities majorly Omwa and Owidi therefore Osiri cannot be merged with the 2 since they intermarry.
- k) Tobias Mitula supported the County's proposal and said that Kanyawegi has been the headquarter for the ward for a long time and it should be given a unit and Osiri also be given a unit of its own.
- l) Maurice Aol suggested that Osiri be merged with Kanyawegi as a village unit and Ojolla remains on its own since Osiri Sub-location came out from Kanyawegi sub-location, a point that was seconded by Olango Leonard and Aloyce Onyango Awiti.

- m) Joash Andiego said population data consideration is very important and therefore Ojolla should remain as a village unit and Kanyawegi and Osiri be another unit.
- n) Abungu Okoth asked the basis the experts used to reduce the number of villages from 5 to 2 and ignored the basis of population density. He requested the government to give the experts the basis of argument before giving them any job.

The Sub-County Admin answered Mr. Abungu saying all were based on equalization of resources within the ward and that no science was used to derive to the numbers. He then took the members to vote of whereby Osiri/ Kanyawegi village unit and Ojolla village unit was supported by 55 votes against Osiri village unit and Ojolla Kanyawegi village unit which had 7 votes.

Resolutions

The meeting then agreed to create two village units known as

- **Ojolla Village Unit**
- **Osiri/ Kanyawegi Village Units.**

Event Pictorials

South west ward MCA Hon Eric Otieno Agola addresses his people at Obambo Chief's Camp

Conclusion

The MCA applauded members for their effort by attending the meeting in good numbers from all the sub-locations within the ward, Ojolla, Kanyawegi and Osiri Sub-locations.

He assured the members to advocate for more village units within the County when resources are made available even as he urged the members to consider minorities when the time comes for selecting members to the village council.

3. NORTH KISUMU WARD

Introduction

The meeting on Delineation of Village Units for North Kisumu Ward took place on 1st August 2019 at Nyahera Resource Centre. The meeting was well attended by participants from all the 5 sub locations of the ward. In attendance were the Area MCA Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro, the CEC of Lands, Physical Planning and Housing Kisumu County Mr. Dickson Obungu who is also the Chairman – (Delineation of Villages Committee at the County Government of Kisumu), Mr. Kadiri the Director of Governance and Administration at the Kisumu County and also a joint secretary of the Delineation Committee.

North Kisumu Ward is in Kisumu West Sub County and is divided into two locations, East Kisumu and North Kisumu. The two locations consist of five (5) sub locations namely; Bar A, Bar B, Nyahera, Dago and Mkendwa.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from Rev. Wilson Omwa at 11.50a.m. The Sub County Administrator Samuel Oron thereafter welcomed participants to the meeting and went ahead to explain the purpose of the meeting as being follow up of the initial meeting which was held in the ward on 17th November 2017 during which they participated to give their opinion to the Task Force Committee. He explained the objective of decentralization of administration to the lowest level as outlined in the Kenya Constitution 2010. He reported that the Task Force report indicated that that Kisumu residents wanted 288 village units which was later reduced to two per ward or 70 units in the entire county following consideration in relation to the wage bill.

This explanation enlisted a lot of argument with Speaker after Speaker saying Kisumu North Ward is vast and should have been entitled to more units.

The members requested to be considered in a special way to get 3 units as opposed to 2.

The Sub County Administrator responded to the concerns by giving an example of the former administrative unit called Kisumu District which was one initially but with time was split into smaller districts that are now 7 sub counties of Kisumu County. He pleaded with the gathering to take what the county is offering at the moment that more will come with time.

Another speaker wanted the content of the Task Force Report be read as it is with others lamenting that people from Kisumu North should have been included in the Task Force to accommodate and make their views more representative. They said that their recommendation to the Task Force when they visited was 10 units and giving them only two units will not be adequate.

The Chair of delineation committee CEC Dickson Obungu explained that this number two given per ward is just for a start, and that there will be additional units once more resources are availed to the County. HE concluded his remarks by explaining to the gathering the roles of the Village Council, he said they will be headed by one person as the Village Administrator and a council committee.

Mr. Kadiri the County Director of Administration on his part supported what Sub County Administrator and the CEC said to stress that formation of Village Units was in the Governor's manifesto.

The area MCA, Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro told the gathering the challenges they had as Members of Kisumu County Assembly and the varied interest which each and every MCA had but finally agreed that they accepted 2 for a start.

The participants were finally convinced with the explanation given and agreed to take the two units given by the county and immediately proceeded to present their proposals which were as follows;

1. Francis Pande Proposed that the ward be divided into two units using the tarmac road from Ulalo Market boundary to Kiboswa. HE proposed the names as **Upper Unit** and **Lower Unit**.
2. Pastor Wilson Omwaproposed that theUnits be divided into Nyahera A and Nyahera B. Nyahera A to comprise Bar A and Bar B and part of Nyahera upto Robert Ouko's home and then take the marram road up to Mamboleo Market.
Nyahera B to take from the marram road up to Mamboleo Kasanda Market, the road leading to Aora Saa, downstream to cover Akingli, Kogony Dago and Mkendwa sub locations.
3. Ramadhan Bilalisuggested the use old ward boundaries i.e. East Ward comprising Dago and Mkendwa sub-locations and Nyahera, Bar A and Bar B sub locations.

4. Winnie Ogandesupported Francis Pande’s proposal to divide the 2 units along the road.
5. John Oukosupported Bilali’s proposal to use old ward boundaries.
6. Daniel Ombijacalled for more time for further consultations from Nyahera side but this was straight away rejected.
7. Thomas Didisupported old boundaries but asked for more units for Upper Dago and Lower Dago.
8. Abik suggested that the units be divided into 2 along Aora Saa but his proposal was rejected outright.

Just before the voting process, the area MCA suggested that the participants be allowed to make proposal for 3 units if their proposal to create three units is granted to avoid another public participation. It was agreed if another unit is added, then one will go to Bar A and Bar B, second one will be left to Nyahera and the Third one to Dago and Mkendwa which members agreed to unanimously.

During voting 87 people agreed to divide the 2 units into East(Mkendwa and Dago sub locations) and North (Nyahera, Bar A and Bar B)

7 people wanted the units divided along the road and the river.

Resolutions

Members unanimously agreed that North Kisumu Ward be divided into **North Village Unit** and **East Village unit**.

Conclusion

There being no other business, the meeting was closed by a word of prayer from Rev. Wilson Omwa at 2.55p.m.

Event Pictorials (North Kisumu Ward)

Residents of NorthKisumuWard durina the Delineation Meetina at Nvahera Resource Centre



4. NORTH WEST KISUMU WARD

Introduction

The Public Participation Meeting for the Delineation of Village Units for North West Kisumu Ward took place on 19th August 2019 at Marera Resource Centre. The meeting that was well attended attracted 125 participants majorly from the sub locations. Also present at the meeting were County Officials, area MCA Vincent Jagongo, Village Elders and Opinion Leaders among other Community Members.

North West Kisumu Ward is in Kisumu West Sub County. It consists of one location, North West Location with four sub locations e.g. West Karateng, East Karateng, Sunga and Marera Sub Locations.

Discussions and Proposals

The meeting was called to order by the Ward Administrator at 11.10am with a word of prayer from one of the community members. This he followed by confirming equitable representation for the whole ward per sub location which were well represented. He then introduced the agenda for the meeting outlining the requirement and need to create and clearly define two village units in North West Ward.

The overview by the Ward Administrator was followed by the area MCA elaborating on the concept of village administration where he explained to the gathering that an Act of Kisumu County Assembly was passed into law giving the way to create and operationalize the lower levels of devolution.

The community members were then allowed to make suggestions where a number of them requested the County Government to consider increasing the number of village units to three with suggestions that Maseno Township have on its own village unit. Proposals on the village units included;

The Ward Administrator began the meeting with confirming the equitable representation of the whole ward. All the four sub locations in the ward were very well represented.

The agenda was explained to the members, outlining the requirement that there is need to create and clearly define two village units in North West Ward.

The area MCA further explained the concept of village administration. An Act of Kisumu County Assembly was passed into law giving the way to create and operationalize the lower level of devolution.

On open session by the members of the community, the following suggestions came forth:

- A number of members requested the County Government to consider increasing the number of village units to three with suggestion that Maseno Township being on its own village unit.
- The two-village unit were proposed as
 1. Marera / Sunga sub location forming Marera village unit.
East Karateng / West Karateng sub location forming Karateng Village Unit
 2. Marera / Sunga sub location forming North West Village Unit
East Karateng' / West Karateng' sub location forming North East Village Unit
 3. Marera / Sunga forming North West Kisumu Village Unit
East Karateng' / West Karateng' forming North East Kisumu Village Unit
 4. West Maseno Village Unit
East Maseno Village Unit

Resolutions

After a lengthy deliberation, the two village units were created and named as follows:

- a. **North West Village Unit** comprising of Marera and Sunga Sub Locations
- b. **North East Village Unit** comprising of West Karateng' and East Karateng' Sub Location

Event Pictorials



North West Ward Administrator James Mbogo (far right) addresses residents at Marera Resource Centre

North West Ward MCA Hon. Vincent Jagongo addresses residents at Marera Resource Centre

Conclusion

The meeting was brought to a close following the unanimous agreement by the members.

5. CENTRAL KISUMU WARD

Introduction

The Public Participation Meeting for the Delineation of Village Units for Central Kisumu Ward was held on 15th August 2019 at Rainbow Chief's Camp attracting 51 participants. Present at the meeting were Community Leaders, Officials from National Government, Special interest groups including youth, women and People with Disability, representatives of the Delineation committee among other committee members.

The meeting started by a word of prayer from Mzee Joel Ominde. The Sub County Administrator for Kisumu West our Sub County Administrator Samuel Oron welcomed the participants and informed them why he was chairing the programme. He provided an overview of the delineation process from inception highlighting that a Task Force was formed sometime last year 2018 to deliberate on same and proposed a total number of 288 Village Units within Kisumu County.

Discussions and Proposals

Central Kisumu Ward is one of the Wards in Kisumu Central which is inhabited by people from different counties. It is made up of 2 locations namely; Kisumu East and Central Kisumu that are sub divided into 3 sub locations notably Korando A and B Sub locations and Kogony Sub location respectively.

The indigenous clans were notably made from two distinct communities i.e. Korando and Kogony.

Concerns from the participants

- (i). Zack Okoyo was of the view that the committee assigned the work could have been present and handle the work.
- (ii). Mzee Joel Ominde told participants that they need time for consultation
- (iii). Michael Nyaguti emphasized that other critical factors like population should be observed and if not done well, one side of the ward will have many people which will be a disservice to the entire ward. He cited having Korando A and B Sub Locations where he avers that their entity should have been retained.
- (iv). Ogada Hongo also reminded the participants that when it comes to recruitment, there should be thorough vetting on who takes the job for they will need one of their own person. This sentiment was supported by Bonface Okech Opinya by saying an advertisement to that effect should be pinned at the office of the Ward Administrator for scrutiny.
- (v). Hon Pamela Jossy supported the creation of those two Village Units for a start and with time there could be more.
- (vi). Chief of Central Kisumu Location supported the declaration having seen the participants representing the whole Central Kisumu and their view will be supreme.

Resolution

All the participants unanimously endorsed that the **Two** Village Units be named as:

1. **Kogony Village Unit.**
2. **Korando Village Unit.**

Event Pictorial



A resident of Central Kisumu Ward making his submission during the Delineation Meeting.

Conclusion

The members have agreed on the names and boundaries, the meeting adjourned by a closing prayer from Joel Ominde at 1:30 p.m.

MUHORONI SUB COUNTY

Muhoroni Sub County is one of the sub counties in Kisumu County and comprises of five wards.
THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SUMMARIES PER WARD.

1. OMBEYI WARD

Introduction

The public participation meeting was held on 16th August 2019 at Ombeyi Catholic Church, Ombeyi ward for the purpose of collecting views of the proposed establishment of village units, 112 members of Ombeyi Ward. Also present at the meeting were County Officials led by the Chairman of the Delineation Committee Hon. Dickson Obungu, area MCA, Village Elders and Opinion Leaders among other Community Members.

The Sub County Administrator sort to confirm that attendance of members was from all the sub location in the Ward. She said the Delineation committee had worked hard to ensure the Governors vision of service delivery be brought closer to the people.

1. There is an act of the assembly on modalities of its formation
2. The county government was in the process of creating villages after the public participation approved
3. The community was to determine the village units through public participation and it was to be based on existing boundaries by the IEBC, population, culture.
4. Due to limited resources each ward would be divided into two, however ones the revenue collection and other factors considered the division would be done further, this was due to the fact that the wage bill for Kisumu had surpasses the ceiling by the controller of budget

She then introduced he county executive committee member Hon Obungu who informed the members that the process was very important and that services were now going to be brought closer with the creation of villages' there will be the councils where they will debate and able to do development.

Discussion and Proposals

Two questions were posed to the community

1. What shall be the two villages and their boundaries
2. What was to be the names of the proposed to new village units

The community came up with various proposals as

Sidho West and kamagaga

One community member proposed that they be subdivided as sidho west and kamagaga village units. This proposal received a lot of rejection of the members as it was based on clannism and just rejected

Ombeyi North and Ombeyi South

Eric Dudi proposed that the names of the villages be as Ombeyi north and Ombeyi south and he proposed that Ombeyi south comprise of irrigation and kore while north to comprise of Ramula, Kango and Irrigation

Milka Juma agreed with naming but proposed the villages to be North, to comprise of Kango and Obumba and South to be with Kore, Irrigation and Ramula.

The members proposed to use Ombeyi River as the boundary that splits the Ward into two. The area chief asked the members to look at the issue critically and to ensure that one unit did not have very many people compared to the other based the previous census

Resolutions

A vote was taken between the first and the second proposal, the result was that the second proposal won and it was decided that the ward be divided into the following villages.

1. Ombeyi North – Obumba, Kango and Ramula South of the road
2. Ombeyi South – Irrigation, Kore, Ramula North, Kasongo

Event Pictorials



A resident of Ombeyi Ward presents his views at the meeting

Conclusion

The meeting was officially closed by the CEC for physical planning, Hon Obungu. A word of prayer was given and the meeting ended at 1:30pm.

2. MASOGO NYANG'OMA WARD

Introductions

The Masogo/Nyang'oma ward deliberation on the Delineation of Village Units was held on 7th August at Nyang'oma Chief's Camp. Also present at the meeting were County Officials led by the Chair of the Delineation Committee Hon. Dickson Obungu, area MCA, Village Elders and Opinion Leaders among other Community Members.

The meeting commenced with a word of prayer from Mr. John Were, the Ward administrator requested all the members present to do a self-introduction. A total of 80 members attended the function.

The sub-county administrator then introduced the main agenda to the members of the public, informing them that the county government had started the agenda of establishing the village councils in each and every ward and therefore it was time for public participation in each and every ward.

The Sub-county administrator then informed the meeting that the budget had allowed the establishment of 35 villages in the whole county hence each and every ward would be allowed to have two villages or

a start. She explained that the county the government would allow the establishment of more villages later on with time as budgetary allocations and other factors allow.

The sub-county administrator went ahead and indicated that the Minister for lands was due to join the meeting later as he was also attending a similar meeting in another ward.

Discussion and Proposal

Members were invited to plenary by the Sub County Administrator.

Mr. John Were supported the idea of two villages and suggested that should the ward be divided into two, he suggested, Masogo village and Nyang'oma village as the Ward had only two locations, Masogo location and Nyang'oma Location. He indicated that the two locations of Masogo/Nyangoma ward were divided into six sub locations each representing all the three major sub tribes within the ward being Kamswa North, Kamswa South, Wang'aya One, Wang'aya Two, Sidho East One and Sidho East Two, separated into two. The sub tribes being;Kamswa, Sidhoand Wang'aya.

He suggested that **Nyang'oma village** in that case would represent the three sub tribes in the three sub-locations within Nyang'oma location being; Wang'aya One, Kamswa South and Sidho East Two; **Masogo Village** would have three sub tribes in the three sub-locations Wanga'aya Two, Kamswa North and Sidho East One.

Mr. George Owiti supported the idea of Masogo village and Nyang'oma village. As suggested by Mr. John Were.

Mr. Kepha Ogola supported the idea of the two villages of Nyang'oma and Masogo.

Mr. Boniface Masone, sorted to know again from the sub county administrator how many villages were to be established in all the wards in the county, the sub-county reiterated that the county would only have seventy wards, Mr. Masone then suggested that it would have been ideal with six villages divided per sub location, so that each and every sub location would be a village with its own village administrator.

Mr. Alkana suggested that there would have been six villages divided as Wang'aya one and two, Sidho east one and Sidho East two and Kamswa south and Kamswa North.

Mr. Peter Munde lamented that the ward was too wide in terms of geographical area and that meant that travelling to the administrators' offices was costly to the local she therefore suggested that the government would have offered more opportunities for village administrators.

Several speakers suggested that the village units range from two to six, the former was due to current resources available while the later was due to need for closer service delivery. The CEC member expressed his delight at the manner in which the public participation was going-on and also appreciated the members of the public for turning up in large numbers.

He encouraged the members of the public to support the idea of two village administrators for a start as more would be established later.

The sub-county administrator then read out all the sub-clans from the ward as it was indicated in the ward summary and a few corrections were made with the help of the community and the senior assistant sub-chief Ong'adi.

Resolution

It was unanimously agreed that the Ward be delineated into two villages being Masogo village and Nyangoma village.

Conclusion

There being no any other business, the sub county administrator adjourned.

3. MUHORONI/ KORU WARD

Introduction

The Public Participation meeting for Muhoroni/ Koru ward was held at Menara SDA Church attracting a total of 90 participants. Also present at the meeting were County Officials led by Delineation Committee Chairman Hon. Dickson Obungu, area MCA, Village Elders and Opinion Leaders among other Community Members.

The meeting started at exactly 2:30pm with a word of prayer from Mr. Boniface Opondo, the ward administrator requested all the members present to do introduction based on the sub-location of the participant.

The Sub County Administrator then introduced the main agenda to the members of the public, informing them that the County Government had started the agenda of establishing the village councils in each and every ward and therefore it was time for public participation in each and every ward.

The Sub-county administrator informed the meeting that the budget had allowed the establishment of 35 villages in the whole county hence each and every ward would be allowed to have two villages or a start.

She explained that the county the government would allow the establishment of more villages later on with time as budgetary allocations and other factors allow.

Discussions and Proposals

The sub county administrator stated the agenda to plenary for discussion and requested the members of the public to submit their views.

There were various proposals on how to get the village units from the following sub-locations

Kadenge, Ochoria, Nyando, Koru Central, Homa line, Owaga, Muhoroni Town East, Tonde Orego

Members from various locations came up with the following proposals

1. Muhoroni village unit
Koru village unit
2. Muhoroni village unit
Koru Fort Tenan
3. Muhoroni God Nyithindo village unit
Koru Fort Tenan village unit

Resolution

Members deliberated on the above proposals. After deliberations the matter was subjected to voting and ‘**Muhoroni/God Nyithindo** and **Koru/Fort Tenan**’ unanimously voted for as the two villages. It was then resolved that the two villages be as aforementioned.

Conclusion

The County minister for lands welcomed the decision of the participants and urged them to continue supporting in the government in realization of its manifesto. He then adjourned the meeting.

Event Pictorials (Muhoroni/Koru Ward)



Muhoroni Ward residents listen keenly during the proceedings.



Muhoroni Sub County Admin Nancy Wasama addressing residents present at the meeting.

4. MIWANI WARD

Introduction

The public participation meeting was held on 8th August, 2019 at Kaeli Market, Miwani Ward for the purpose of collecting views of the public on proposed establishment of village units. Over one hundred members of the public were in attendance (list attached). Present at the meeting were County Officials led by Delineation Committee Chairman Hon. Dickson Obungu, area MCA, Village Elders and Opinion Leaders among other Community Members.

A roll call to determine representation was done by the Sub County Administrator and confirmed that Kabar East, Kabar West, Kabar Central, Miwani North and Miwani East sub locations had five or more members. Only Miwani Central and Miwani West sub locations did not have representatives. In total, there are seven sub locations within Miwani ward.

The Sub County Administrator then gave introductory remarks as to the purpose of the meeting. She gave a chronology of various steps undertaken so far, including the various task forces formed for the same and the reports they came up with. She mentioned clearly that;

Discussions and Proposals.

Two questions were posed to the community as to whether;

1. What names of the two village units would be appropriate for Miwani Ward?
2. What would be the boundaries of each of the village units proposed?

The community came up with various propositions;

a) Miwani West and Miwani East;

This proposition was given by Mzee Yogo Ondiala and seconded by William Osimba. In their proposal, the two sub locations of Kabar East and Kabar Central would form Miwani East Unit while the remaining five (Kabar West, Miwani North, Miwani East, Miwani Central and Miwani West) would form Miwani West Unit. The boundaries would be Odundu Stream, the current border between Kabar West and Kabar Central. Population was the main factor of consideration for this proposal.

b) Upper Miwani and Lower Miwani Units

This alternative proposal was given by Assistant chief Joseph Onoka with the two units being separated by the railway line. Mwalimu Patroba Ogutu seconded the proposal. The main factor considered here was the cultural and traditional similarities. The Kabar community comprising of Kabar West, Kabar Central and Kabar East would form Lower Miwani, while Miwani West, Miwani Central, Miwani East and Miwani North would form the Upper Miwani Unit.

c) Miwani West and Miwani East

This proposal was given by David Onyango Odoro and seconded by Peter Njiri Boniface. This proposal was similar to the first except for the desire that Miwani North to be part of Miwani East. It was, however, consolidated into the first proposal by consensus on the floor.

Resolutions

A vote was taken between the first proposal and the second. The result was a majority 76 votes for the first proposal. The rest did not vote.

In conclusion, the public proposed the following two units;

1. **Miwani West** comprising of Miwani West, Miwani Central, Miwani East, Miwani North and Kabar Central
2. **Miwani East** comprising Kabar Central and Kabar East

Event Pictorial



*Miwani residents take part in the Village
Units Delineation Meeting*

Conclusion

The meeting also identified the special groups residing in Miwani Ward. These include; the Kibos Nubian, Gem Kabar, Kajulu, Seme and Indians. The meeting was officially closed by the CEC Member for Physical Planning, Hon Obungu.

5. CHEMELIL WARD

Introduction

The Chemelil ward Public Participation meeting was held on 13th August 2019 at Chemelil Roundabout attracting a total of 127 participants. Present at the meeting were County Officials led by the Delineation Committee Chairman Hon. Dickson Obungu, area MCA, Village Elders and Opinion Leaders among other Community Members.

The meeting was held for the purpose of collecting views of the proposed establishment of village units, the members of Chemelil Ward attended as per the attached list of attendance

A roll call to determine representation was done by the ward administrator for Chemelil and confirmed by the Sub County Administrator for Muhoroni Magdalene Wasama, and it was confirmed that there were Kibigori, Nyangore, Chemelil, West Songhor, Lower Tamu, Upper Tamu, God Abuoro, East Songhor, Sub Location members were all represented, it was determined that all sub Locations in Chemelil Ward were represented and thus the members agreed the meeting to take place. The ward administrator was able to introduce the area chiefs for the locations who introduced their assistant chief who were able to attend this meeting.

The Sub County administrator then having confirmed attendance of all the 119 members of all the sub locations in the ward gave introductory remarks as to the purpose of the meeting.

Discussions and Proposals

Two questions on naming of village units and their boundaries were posed to the community.

David Oremo proposed that Chemelil /Tamu Ward be divided as Chemelil and Tamu villages then Jane Ochieng seconded the proposal

In terms of the sub locations to form the various villages they agreed to use the existing boundary by IEBC, they agreed that Chemelil to comprise of Kibigori, Nyang'ori, Chemelil, West Songhor and Tamu to comprise of lower Tamu, Upper Tamu, God Abuoro, East Songhor.

Resolutions

The Ward Administrator subjected the proposal to vote and it was unanimously agreed the two village units be and were so adopted as **Chemelil and Tamu Village Units**.

Event Pictorials

*Chemelil Ward MCA speaks to residents of during the Village
Unit Delineation Meeting at Chemelil Roundabout*

Residents of Chemelil take part at the Village Unit Delineation

Conclusion.

The area member of county assembly thanked the members for their cooperation and quick decision without many issues. She was able to close the meeting with a word of prayer was given and the meeting ended at 4:30PM.

NYANDO SUB COUNTY

1. AHERO WARD

Introduction

The meeting was held at Karanda Primary School on 19th August 2019 from 9.00 AM. The Ward comprises of Kakola and Kochogo locations. The Sub – County Administrator requested for self-introduction from all the 39 members to confirm representation across the ward. The meeting was attended by Community Leaders, County Officials led by the Joint Secretary for the Delineation Committee Haggai Kadiri, Area Member of County Assembly, Party Officials, and the Clergy among other Community Members.

The Area MCA Hon. Ken Ooko welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested for respect of all views. The Kisumu County Administration Act was distributed to all in attendance.

Discussions and Proposals

Members are allowed to propose villages but and would be adopted subject to availability of funds.

Gilbert Odhiambo of Tura Sub Location proposed that 2 Villages were not enough due to the high population of Ahero Ward hence need for 8 Village units.

John Okiya of Tura Sub Location proposed 8 village units because the reasons for 2 units were not convincing.

Jacob Osida of Kochogo North Sub Location proposed that all the Sub clans within Ahero should be equitably represented in the Village Council.

Elly Ojuok Village Elder of Kamwanda proposed that 2 villages as a start be given then the County Assembly will do their part.

Charles Ouma of Kochogo Central Sub Location proposed 4 villages to be distributed as follows; Ahero Town, Kakola, Kochogo and Kochogo & Kakola Minorities).

The Sub County Administrator reminded members to settle on what has already been provided and deliberate on how they wanted them to be demarcated and later demand for more.

The Area MCA reminded members that Ahero Ward had already been gazetted as a Town and will soon have a Town Administrator and a Town Management Board.

Kevin Omondi of Kakola Sub Location proposed 3 village units as follows; Kochogo, Kakola rural and Kochogo Rural.

The Director Administration advised that Public Participation requires everyone to express their opinion and a report done. He stated that it should go on record that Ahero Ward didn't need village units and in future when funds were available it would have 8 villages.

Area MCA Hon. Ken Ooko proposed the village units as follows; Kakola Ombaka, Kakola Central, Kakola Ahero, Tura, Kochogo South, Kochogo Central, Kochogo North Upper and Kochogo North Lower.

Resolution

It was resolved that 2 Village Units, **Kakola** and **Kochogo** be created. Ahero Ward demanded for 6 Village Administrative Units.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2.04pm and Prayer said by Mr. Meshack Kadu

Event Pictorials



Ahero residents participate at the Village Unit Delineation Meeting at Karanda Primary.

2. EAST KANO/ WAWIDHI

Introduction

The meeting was held at Kodete Chief's Camp on 9th August 2019 at 10am and was attended by 130 participants. In attendance were County Officials, National Government Officials, Party Officials, Community Opinion Leaders as well as the Personal Assistant to the Area MCA among other Community Members. The Ward Administrator welcomed the members presented and briefed them on the importance of the meeting.

The Kisumu County Administration Act, 2019 was read as a guide to the deliberations.

Discussions and Proposals

A member wanted to know when the Units will be operationalized.

A member suggested that the Elders should be paid salaries instead of allowances.

A member suggested that more public forums should be organized for more civic discussions on how the units will operate. They proposed that the number of village units to be increased to eight.

The following Villages were proposed:

1. East Kano Village
2. Wawidhi Village

Resolutions

Members discussed this at length, it was anonymously agreed that two village Units be formed namely:

1. East Kano Village
2. Wawidhi Village

Conclusion

There being no any other business the meeting was closed at 4pm with a word of prayer from one of the members.



Residents of East Kano/Wawidhi at the Public Participation Meeting at Kodete Chief's Camp



Nyando Sub County Admin Addresses residents at the Delineation Meeting.

3. AWASI/ONJIKO WARD

Introduction

The meeting was held at Othoo Market on 7th of August 2019 attracting a total of 69 participants drawn from the sub locations across the ward. In attendance were County Officials led by the Chair of the Delineation Committee Dickson Obungu, area MCA, Party Officials, Community Opinion Leaders, and the Church among other Community Members. The Ward administrator Mr. Apolo Lusi applauded the participants for turning up in large numbers.

The Sub County Administrator expressed his concern on the issues of governance and accountability. In relation to the performance and responsibility, the Sub County boss vividly clarified the responsibility of the units.

The committee's suggestion carried the day considering the fact that it reflects the reasonable wage bill as determined by the financial allocations

The allocation of 30% set aside for development & 70% for salaries and operations, since the wage bill is confined to the specified percentage which is restricted to 30%, the other two proposals could have convened the limit

Discussions and Proposals

It was explained that the formation of the units is expected to consider the following aspects in regards to the operation scope:

- Geographical area
- Population
- Cultural Background & traditional traits
- Consideration of the existing Boundaries to avoid complexity on boundary review

The participants' proposed endorsing Awasi and Onjiko ward as the units was strongly proposed by Mr. Ajwang Ojuki from Awasisecoded by Okuku Ademba from Onjiko ward, the exercise conferred the cordial relationship and the good neighborhood that has existed for reasonable span of time

Resolutions.

Upon consultations, the participants agreed on one accord to retain **Awasi** and **Onjiko** as the distinct entity for the Village unit reiterating that the two units have been in existence for over decades with smooth transition as far as the issues on boundary is concerned

Conclusion

There being no any other business, the meeting ended with a word of prayer by Elder Ogada Abungu

Event Pictorials



4. KOBURA WARD

CEC Planning, Lands, Housing and Urban Development Hon. Dick Obungu addressing the Participants

Nyando Sub County Administrator Mr. Oricho addressing Awasi/Onjiko residents during the meeting

Introduction

The meeting was held at Kobura/Rabuor Chiefs Camp on 13th August 2019 and was attended by 33 participants in total. In attendance were National and County Government Officials led by a representative of the Delineation Committee, Area Ward Manager representing the MCA, Community Opinion Leaders, Party Officials, Special Interest Groups including women and the youth, the Church among other Community Members. The ward admin welcomed the public, thanking them for attending despite the fact that the days for meeting were changed almost three times citing reasons for the same. He urged the public to participate actively and ask questions where they were found not clear. He also asked for mature discussions that were geared towards realization of the spirit of devolution.

Discussions and Proposal

The invited participants said that they were not ready to be convinced by the narrative of high wage bill to deny them the number of village units which they had earlier on proposed as 8. However, the participants finally agreed to create two village units as follows;

Kochieng East and Kochieng West locations become one unit called Kochieng Village Unit and Kombura and Kathoo locations be merged to form Kombura/Kathoo Village Unit.

On the Task Force, one member said that they went round the wards to collect the views of the people and thus it was a bottom- up approach.

Resolutions

The participants unanimously agreed to have two village units namely;

- 1. Kochieng Village Unit**
- 2. Kombura/Kathoo Village Unit.**

The meeting ended at 3:45PM with a word of prayer from Mr. Pius Obonyo.

5. KABONYO/ KANYAGWAL

The meeting was held on 5th August 2019 at Nyang'ande Market and was attended by 86 participants. In attendance was the Chair of the Delineation Committee Hon. Dickson Obungu, the Area MCA, National Government Officials led by the area Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Community Leaders, Party Officials, Women, Youth and other Community Leaders. The ward administrator welcomed the public, thanked them for attending and urged the public to participate actively and ask questions objectively. The Sub County Administrator stated that it was the obligation of the county Governments to ensure that devolution was effective even to the last unit, the village unit.

Discussions and Proposal

That the village units so delineated are in order though with a few objections on the lowest number of villages formed.

Participants were informed that the wage bill being too high, the number of village admins and council were to be within manageable limits, and that that the National Government came up with budgetary controls as regards to both development and recurrent expenditures.

That reviews must be done after every 10years if need be or as deemed fit by the assembly.

Upon discussions, participants agreed on the following;

That the Ward (Kabonyo/Kanyagwal) be divided into two but with great considerations on population and other factors.

That Kawino South and North are proposed to form one Village unit with Bwanda and Kanyagwal forming the second village unit.

That the above be named as Kawino Village Unit and Kanyagwal/Bwanda Village Unit.

Resolution

The team resolved that the two villages be **Kanyagwal/ Bwanda** and **Kawino** village.

Lands CEC Dickson Obungu ((right) and Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward MCA Hon. Oiko Pete (left) address residents at the meeting.

Event Pictorials



Conclusion

There being no any other business, the meeting ended at 10:00 AM

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the submissions from the ward deliberations, the Delineation Committee recommends the following for further action:

1. The team recommends that the County establishes two village units per ward totaling to 70 units as per the table below;

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED VILLAGE UNITS PER WARD

SUB - COUNTY	WARD	DATE OF DELINEATION MEETING	VENUE	PROPOSED VILLAGE UNITS
Kisumu Central	Kondele	8/08/2019	Kosawo Hall	• Kondele East, • Kondele West
	Migosi	9/08/2019	Ezra Gumbe Hall	• Uppper Migosi, • Lower Migosi
	Market Milimani	1/08/2019	Rotary Vocational Centre	• Southern, • Northern
	Nyalenda B	2/08/2019	Joel Omino Community Hall	• Lower Nyalenda B • Upper Nyalenda B
	Railways	5/08/2019	Kisumu Works Yard	• Upper Railways • Lower Railways
	Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo	5/08/2019	Kaloleni Social Hall	• Kibuye, • Kaloleni
	Kolwa Central	8/08/2019	Angola Social Hall	• Nyalunya Village Unit • Kasule Village Unit
	Kajulu	9/08/2019	Gita Chief's Camp	• Kajulu East • Kajulu West
	Manyatta B	7/08/2019	Kuoyo Dispensary	• Kuoyo

SUB - COUNTY	WARD	DATE OF DELINEATION MEETING	VENUE	PROPOSED VILLAGE UNITS
Kisumu East				• Kanyakwar
	Nyalenda A	2/08/2019	Kowino Market	• Kowino/Central/Western • Kanyakwar/Dago
	Kolwa East	13/08/2019	Angola Hall	• Chiga • Buoye/Mayenya
Kisumu West	South West	2/08/2019	Obambo Chief's Camp	• Ojolla, • Osiri/Kanyawegi
	Central	15/08/2019	Rainbow Chief's Camp	• Kogony, • Korando
	North Kisumu	1/08/2019	Nyahera Resource Centre	• East Village Unit • North Village Unit
	North West	19/08/2019	Marera Resource Centre	• North East • North West
	West Kisumu	2/08/2019	Huma Chief's Camp	• Kapuonja • Kadongo/Newa
Seme	West Seme	9/08/2019	Manyuanda Chief's Camp	• South West Seme • West Seme Village Unit
	Central Seme	7/08/2019	Seme Central Ward CDF Ground	• Upper Central Seme • Lower Central Seme
	East Seme	2/08/2019	Kitmikayi Social Hall	• Upper East Seme • Lower East Seme
	North Seme	13/08/2019	Bar Market Centre	• North Seme West • North Seme East Village
Nyakach	Central Nyakach	19/08/2019	Nyalunya Community Hall	• Central Village • Pap Onditi Village
	West Nyakach	8/08/2019	Kodingo Hall	• Bolo • Kodingo
	North Nyakach	16/08/2019	Kowire Hall	• North West Nyakach Village • North East Nyakach Village
	South West Nyakach	9/08/2019	Oboch Hall	• Kajimbo Village Unit • Nyamarimba Village Unit
	South East Nyakach	6/08/2019	Kodonga Hall	• Sigoti Village • South Nyakach Village
Muhoroni	Chemelil	13/08/2019	Chemelil Roundabout	• Chemelil • Tamu
	Miwani	8/08/2019	Kaeli Market	• Miwani West • Miwani East
	Muhoroni/Koru	16/08/2019	Menara SDA Church	• Koru/ Fort Ternan • Muhoroni/God Nyithindo
	Ombeyi	16/08/2019	Ombeyi Catholic Church	• Ombeyi North • Ombeyi South
	Masogo/Nyang'oma	7/08/2019	Nyang'oma Chief's Camp	• Masogo • Nyang'oma
Nyando	Kobura	13/08/2019	Kobura/Rabuor Chief's Camp	• Kochieng • Kobura/Kathoo
	Ahero	19/08/2019	Karanda Primary	• Kakola • Kochogo
	Awasi/Onjiko	7/08/2019	Othoo Market	• Awasi • Onjiko

SUB - COUNTY	WARD	DATE OF DELINEATION MEETING	VENUE	PROPOSED VILLAGE UNITS
	East Kano/Wawidhi	9/08/2019	Kodete Chief's Camp	• East Kano • Wawidhi
	Kabonyo/Kanyagwal	5/08/2019	Nyang'ande Market	• Kawino • Kanyagwal/Bwanda

CONCLUSION

There exists good political and community goodwill towards the process clearly portrayed by the support by Members of County Assembly whose presence was critical at the ward deliberations. The large turn out by community members in a number of wards is a clear indication that the people have a strong desire to make devolution work and support the government on its efforts to reach the grassroots. However, there is need to consider creation of additional units for specific wards taking into consideration their geographical and population differences with other smaller units e.g. North Nyakach Ward which is the largest ward in the County in terms of population and geographical size.

Finally, there is need to fast track the process to exploit the existing political goodwill.

APPENDICES

1. Annex 1. Kisumu County Political and Administrative Units
2. Annex 2. Summary Proposed Village Units Matrix
3. Annex 3. Public Participation Summary Table
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7. Annex 7. List of Delineation Committee Members