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A NEW BEGINNING FOR MOMBASA, A GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE

FOREWORD

Greetings to the great people of the county of Mombasa!

It is my distinct pleasure and honor to share my vision to transform our county society as your second Governor and County Chief Executive Officer.

Over the past ten years, I have diligently served Mombasa County as the Member of Parliament for Mvita Constituency. During this remarkable journey, I have worked faithfully and dutifully to represent the people of Mombasa, legislate in your interests, defend Devolution and support the full implementation of the Constitution. Most importantly, I have been at the heart of efforts to unite the diverse communities residing in Mombasa county by creating a sense of communal belonging where everybody feels welcome regardless of religious or ethnic background.

I have been at the forefront of defending the rights and resources of not just the people of Mombasa but the Coast as region because of how passionate I am about our potential to achieve greatness. This solemn partnership I have with the people of Mombasa has been recognized both locally and nationally. We have done many great things together. I remain eternally grateful for your confidence in my leadership and the opportunity you gave me to bring about a new beginning. And now, I seek to continue this journey hand in hand with you as your servant Governor.



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Kenya as a country has come a long way in our 59 years of independence and so has Mombasa as the main port city. As one of the five city counties, with the second most dense population in Kenya, the last decade of those years has seen the people of Mombasa struggle with various emerging challenges. We have about 500,000 people who live in neighboring counties and commute to work in Mombasa; this also comes with its complexities. While Devolution presents a unique opportunity for development, as a County, we are yet to fully exploit this promise.

I cannot do this alone; we have to do this together. We started the journey to become a smart city at the advent of devolution and together, we can win the future as we learn from the shortcomings of the past.

This is why I felt the need to present myself to serve you as your next Governor. I understand these challenges, I have confronted them as a Member of Parliament for the past ten years and I have a plan to address them as your County Chief Executive. It is my mission to build on the gains made, learn from the shortcomings of the past and partner with you, the residents, in making a deliberate leap into the new beginning for Mombasa.

The backbone of my agenda is to bring a new way of doing things in Mombasa through public participation. A government by the people and for the people. A government that you can trust because it is YOUR government.

MESSAGE FROM THE RUNNING MATE

FRANCIS THOYA FOLENI

Greetings to the great residents of Mombasa county!

Mombasa has a long history spanning centuries of peaceful coexistence between our cultures, ethnicities and religions. I am living proof of how beautifully diverse Mombasa has become. My father is Giriama, my mother is Luo and my wife is Taita. This diversity is what makes our county so remarkable. And over time, we have learned to live together as a society.

This election means so much to the residents of Mombasa. This election presents a choice for our people. It's a choice between a bright future building on our gains or taking ourselves back to a dark past of conflict. It's a choice between respect for each other or allowing divisions to come between us. It's a choice between appreciating what everybody has to offer or retreating to our ethnic cocoons. The only choice is unity; the only choice is Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir.

Our campaign as the Mombasa Mwanzo Mpya Movement will be about inclusivity and bringing people together. The reason I believe so strongly in the leadership of Abdulswamad is because of our shared commitment to the values that make Mombasa great.

We both believe that the best of Mombasa lies ahead of us. And I believe that Abdulswamad is the Governor that Mombasa needs to get us there.



ABDULSWAMAD SHARIFF NASSIR'S VISION

My vision for Mombasa County is to have secure, well governed, competitive and sustainable county that contributes to the realization of the broader national development goals articulated in the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Vision 2030.

Our government shall be responsive to the needs of the people in a transparent and accountable manner. The Constitution of Kenya 2010, in the Bill of Rights, states that all Kenyans enjoy the right to safety, human dignity, health, education and a clean environment among others.

I seek to entrench a culture of constitutionalism in the governance of Mombasa County in adherence with Article 174 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. I am passionate about the intention of Devolution:

- To promote democratic and accountable exercise of power through meaningful public engagement and participation in county affairs
- To foster unity within the county of Mombasa by recognizing and embracing its diversity
- To give the powers of self-governance to the people
- To recognize Mombasa County's communities' right to manage their own affairs through the establishment of administrative boroughs to make governance more local
- To promote and protect the rights of vulnerable persons in our society
- To promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services in Mombasa County.

MY TEN KEY PILLARS

My manifesto will focus on ten key pillars aimed at transforming the lives of Mombasa residents:

1. Revitalizing Mombasa's economy
2. Providing all citizens with access to clean water, sewer & drainage services
3. Solving public transport challenges
4. Prioritizing social welfare; improving quality of life for our people
5. Entrenching good governance
6. Reforming county government finance
7. Investing in education
8. Promoting cohesion, eliminating criminal gangs and battling drug addiction
9. Modernizing solid waste disposal
10. Leveraging Technology for development; Mombasa as a Smart City

I am deeply passionate about an accountable and people centered government. This is why the theme of my manifesto is **"Mombasa - A New Beginning; Voice of the People."** My promise is to work together with you, hand in hand, to create impact in our society at the household level in our county. I am aware that Mombasa still has a long way to go but it is my solemn commitment that you shall feel the transformation of Mombasa right at your doorstep. We can only do this together!



PILLAR ONE

REVITALIZING MOMBASA'S ECONOMY

In Mombasa, the largest trading hub in East Africa, the rate of youth unemployment still remains high at 44%. Roughly, 4 out of 10 of our young people are jobless. Our government shall seek to create systems for vibrant economic growth and development in our County by placing special focus on creating opportunities for informal self – employed residents working as hairdressers, jua kali workers, mama mboga as well as our young people working as waiters, artists, creatives, tuk tuk drivers, boda boda operators and so on. In my tenure as Member of Parliament, I recognized the key role that this crucial sector plays in our economy and put in place the Skillz Mtaani program that benefitted about 9,000 young people. Through this program, we paid for these young people to get certification from vocational training colleges thereby empowering them to earn a dignified living.

Mombasa is a key driver of the entire country's economic growth. We are among the top contributors to the national GDP in terms of transport and logistics, manufacturing, industry and services associated with being the regional tourist hub in addition to the employment that was created through the port.

Through concentration, Mombasa as an urban area provides the economies of scale and scope that reduce production and transaction costs, thus making the provision of basic infrastructure services and other amenities, more economically viable.

We recognize the fact that the informal sector is the main employer of the people of Mombasa. About 70% of all employment is drawn from here. Over the last decade, as a County, we have experienced major challenges especially due to global trends, the closure of industries, the transfer of clearing and forwarding services inland, the covid-19 pandemic and the decline of the tourist sector. This has led to widespread job losses and subsequent hardship in our county. Our people in hospitality and industry are being employed throughout the world because of their skills but there are no jobs in Mombasa. Our economy needs to be jumpstarted to get back on track.

Under our government, I seek to partner with you to establish a well-functioning urban economy that attracts and retains local and foreign investments; an important pre-condition for increasing employment, income-generating opportunities, and raising the welfare of our residents.

I understand the invaluable role that the workers of Mombasa play in development. This is why as your representative, I have been consistent in advocating for labor rights at the national government entities at the Coast such as Kenya Ports Authority and Kenya Ferry Services. As your Governor, I will continue to place high value on the workers of the county with my main aim to make the repeated industrial actions a thing of the past. Funds meant for staff salaries and welfare will be ring-fenced and shall strictly not be used for any other purpose.



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The People's Project



PILLAR ONE ... CONTD.

REVITALIZING MOMBASA'S ECONOMY

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

- Widen Special Economic Zones and establish Export Processing Zones that encourage industry and manufacturing thereby **creating up to 10,000 new direct jobs and 100,000 indirect jobs** per year;
- Build on engagement with the national government and Parliament to secure **a corporate stake for Mombasa in the port of Mombasa**. All counties that house key national resources benefit from such resources. We must secure concessional fees from port operations to run our county;
- We will actively engage with the national government and other stakeholders to ensure that we **restore port services** such as clearing and forwarding back to the county of Mombasa;
- **Invest in Mombasa's Blue Economy**; The blue economy has a great potential to contribute to higher and faster GDP growth in Mombasa. Innovation and growth in the coastal, marine and maritime sector could deliver food, energy, transport, among other products and services and serve as a foundation for sustainable development in Mombasa. Diversifying the county's economy beyond land-based activities and along its coastal, marine and maritime sector is critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Our government will ensure blue economy activities are prioritized within the larger framework of my development agenda;
 - We will provide our fishermen with **deep sea fishing boats and equipment**.
 - We will provide **cold storage facilities** for our fishermen.
 - We will provide **fish processing and packing equipment** to help our fishermen access markets.
 - We will invest in **supporting water sports** as a business opportunity for our youth.
 - We will train and register our youth participating in beach tourism to ensure visitors are safe and that our youth can benefit from economies of scale.
- Construct the **Mombasa Conference Center**; our county government will partner with the Kenya Ports Authority Pension Scheme and the Kenya International Conference Center to construct a modern, state of the art conference center in Mombasa County to bring in international and government conferences to revive business tourism. We will use this to work with the financial sector to support affordable microfinance and venture capital as a way of promoting the establishment and growth of SMEs. This will also create an enabling environment to attract private finance to complement public investments in infrastructure;
- Establish the **Mombasa International Financial Center**; an efficient and attractive business environment for the establishment and carrying out of financial services and related activities;
- **Restructure the county taxation regime** based on the economic strength of the businesses in Mombasa. Licenses should not be an obstacle to doing business in Mombasa.
- Encourage sub-contracting arrangements between SMEs and large enterprises with **certification for local informal skilled laborers** through incentives that will increase access to county government procurement if they work with local businesses;
- Allocate a considerable portion of the county government procurement contracts to the **local industry**;
- The local construction industry has faced various challenges; we will set up an **"Ease of Doing Business" Directorate** to safeguard the interests of both local and international investors and make sure that it is easy for them to do their work in Mombasa.
- **Refurbish existing county markets and construct new modern markets** with cold storage facilities to support our fishermen and ensure their harvest does not go to waste.



PILLAR TWO

PROVIDING ALL CITIZENS WITH ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER, SEWER & DRAINAGE SERVICES

There is a widespread problem in Mombasa County in terms of access to water and sewerage services. Only about 22% of Mombasa households have piped water from the main grid. The rest of the population depends on water from kiosks delivered in jerrycans and boreholes and end paying far higher prices than those with direct connections to the city's reticulation network.

Sanitary conditions are similarly challenging across the various wards in the county. Drainage drainage is wanting leading to flash floods that destroy our infrastructure and cause diseases. In addition to this, Mombasa, like all city counties, has to grapple with the issue of ever an increasing need for garbage collection and disposal.

As a Member of Parliament, through the National Government Constituency Development Fund, we equipped all public secondary schools with water desalination facilities to turn salty water in safe water for consumption. As your Governor, I will deepen my commitment and work to ensure sustainable and affordable access to safe water and sanitation for the entire urban population as well as adequate water and sanitation for industrial development.

I will move to the county assembly to implement the legal framework that promotes equitable pricing of water and sanitation services. There is no reason why one household in Mombasa should pay more for water than another.

In addition to this, our government will develop and manage water resources with the aim of increasing per capita availability by commissioning a county sea water desalination plant through Public Private Partnership. We will also explore other solutions for community rain water harvesting to serve the immediate needs of our people.

I will work with the private sector to establish community biodigesters to solve the sewerage disposal problem in the short term as we work to improve the connectivity to households in the long term.

Our government will invest in pre-paid smart metering for water to ensure that residents only pay for what they consume as we invest in improving water connectivity.



A water desalination machine in use at Allidina Visram



A desalination plant serving Cape Town residents in SA.



PILLAR TWO ... CONTD.

PROVIDING ALL CITIZENS WITH ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER, SEWER & DRAINAGE SERVICES

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

ON WATER:

- Ensure **sustainable and affordable access to safe water** for the entire Mombasa County;
- Ensure adequate water for industrial development;
- Implement the legal framework that promotes **equitable pricing of water services**; there shall be no exploitation of residents in the pricing of water.
- Develop and manage water resources with the aim of increasing per capita availability to 1,000m³;
- Operationalize a **sea water desalinization plant** to offer residents an alternative source of potable water;
- Equip public schools with **water harvesting facilities**;
- Crack down on water cartels that are exploiting the public.

ON SEWERAGE:

- Promote urban regeneration programs to increase **gentrification of informal settlements** to improve sewer services;
- Maintain existing neighborhood sewerage and drainage infrastructure while developing new infrastructure in support of high growth sectors in urban centers;
- Implement an **EcoLoo program of biodigester public toilets** to ensure adequate community based sanitary facilities in informal settlements.

ON DRAINAGE:

- Formalize landholding in urban and city informal settlements to manage approved development to avoid damaging drainage;
- Require county planning authorities to inform and educate members of the public on values and principles of compact urban planning and development to preserve drainage facilities;
- Ensure that no registration and titling of urban land takes place outside the framework of approved urban development plans;
- Mainstream environmental concerns in urban and city planning and development.



PILLAR THREE SOLVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT CHALLENGES



Matatu, tuktuk and bodaboda operators have played a critical role in the provision of mass public transport in Mombasa. However, the sector has faced various challenges as a result of poor regulation. Our government will formalize a working relationship with public transport providers with a view to improving safety, adhering to traffic rules and reducing crime. I have worked closely in the past with the public transport providers. You will recall that I petitioned Parliament during the covid lockdown to reopen PSV services as a matter priority because it's clear to me the role that they play in the smooth functioning of our economy.

Moving forward, as part of my Rapid Results Initiative, I will tackle traffic congestion in the city by commissioning the construction of a Mombasa Grand Marshalling Yard to manage queuing of long distance trucks working at the port. This yard will serve to reduce unnecessary traffic, provide a central platform for the collection of cess tax for the county and provide drivers with dignified amenities while on the job.

Our government will further invest in the development of requisite infrastructure and services within the county both through the county budget and through public private partnerships. Kenya Vision 2030 identifies infrastructure as one of the key foundations to support the three pillars of development: economic, social and political. The Vision aspires for a city county firmly interconnected with the rest of the country through a network of roads, railways, ports, airports, water ways and telecommunications.

It acknowledges the central role that infrastructure plays towards better livelihoods and security as well as providing an enabling environment that is critical for doing business and thus accelerating socio-economic growth.

Our government will in the long term partner with the National Government and private sector to invest in a Bus Rapid Transit system for Mombasa County.

As a Member of Parliament, I invested in infrastructure refurbishment (gentrification) through a street lighting program and investing in the road network as Patron of KERRA in Kaa Chonjo and Bandarini informal settlements. This resulted in the improvement of livelihoods of residents in an area that was once considered derelict. I plan to expand and widen the reach of this gentrification program.

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

- Promote sustainable, efficient and safe water transport by setting up appropriate landing sites to facilitate private water transportation;
- Review the rates of municipal parking tickets for public service vehicles;
- Create designated stages for public service vehicles to allow the smooth pick up and drop off of passengers;
- Create a fund for training and licensing public service vehicle drivers in conjunction with the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA).



PILLAR FOUR

PRIORITIZING SOCIAL WELFARE; IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLE

Given the unacceptable level of poverty in Mombasa County, our government will prioritize interventions aimed at cushioning the most vulnerable in our society. It is my belief that in providing social safety nets to the poorest amongst us, we will ensure that the minimum standard of living is one of dignity in line with our Bill of Rights.

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

FOCUS ON HEALTHCARE:

- I will endeavor to resource the devolved healthcare infrastructure at sub-county level so that there is **adequate staff, medication and equipment** to serve the needs of the people.
- Our government will acquire a second **cancer treatment machine** so that our sick will no longer have to travel out of Mombasa for treatment. I will also acquire more **dialysis machines** to make sure that our people are properly covered in this area. We will address the overall equipment needs of the county.
- There can be no health without **healthcare workers**. I commit to harmonize labor relations with healthcare workers to ensure that industrial action becomes a thing of the past. We will resolve issues of **recruitment, continuous and progressive training for healthcare workers and overdue promotions** where justified. Our healthcare workers are the backbone of health systems and we will give them the respect they deserve.

ENHANCE SOCIAL WELFARE:

- **Cushion our elderly people in Mombasa;** we will roll out a Cash Transfer Program. This social protection initiative is designed to support destitute individuals over the age of 65 in our society with a monthly cash transfer of KES 2,000 to eradicate hunger among the most vulnerable in our society.

- **Ensure Universal Health Care for all;** I will introduce MombasaCare, an initiative to ensure that all residents of our County under the umbrella of the National Hospital Insurance Fund. Our government will pay the monthly contributions for those citizens who cannot afford to do so.
- **Create a County Revolving Youth and Women Fund;** I will create a revolving fund to assist young tradespeople with seed funds to finance the purchase of tools and working capital to kick off their professional lives.
- **Provide Disaster Relief Services;** Our government shall train and empower emergency service providers at community level to assist those displaced and/or injured in natural disasters and those who must evacuate disaster areas.
- **Establish County Gender Based Violence and Child Protective Centers;** these will be crucial in the social protection of our women and children suffering in difficult family circumstances.
- **School Sanitary Program for Girls;** The education of the girl child is an issue that is very close to my heart. Every month, a significant proportion of girls miss up to one week of learning due to their natural body processes because they are unable to afford appropriate sanitary care. To cushion our young girls against this challenge, I intend to promote a school sanitary program. Through this program, we will create a fund to support our girls with sanitary products to ensure no young lady misses out on the opportunity that education presents.
- **Widen the Reach of the Second Chance Program;** this program is designed to support vulnerable women who have dropped out of formal education as a result of early pregnancy to resume their studies. We will create a fund organized at Serikali Mtaani level for this purpose.

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PILLAR FIVE ENTRECHING GOOD GOVERNANCE DOING THINGS THE RIGHT WAY

My vision of “good governance” for Mombasa involves certain key principles.

Equity; there needs to be fairness in how our county government treats each and every resident of Mombasa regardless of their gender, religious or ethnic background.

Civic engagement; our government will promote democratic and accountable exercise of power through meaningful public engagement and citizen participation in all county affairs.

Transparency; our government programs and the money spent on them shall be made public and shared widely with the public for their information.

The rule of law; our government will be founded on strict adherence with the County Government Act, the Public Finance Management Act and the Constitution. Everything we do will be by the book.

Efficiency and effectiveness; our county government will endeavor to be responsive to the needs of our people. Your government will reach you at your doorstep.

Inclusivity; I am determined that our government will reflect the true face of Kenya. The National Integration and Cohesion Act requires that no ethnic group shall form more than thirty percent of appointed positions in Government. I commit to balance appointments and ensure that not only all ethnic groups are reflected but there is Gender and Persons with Disability parity within all ranks of my administration.

Ward Development Fund – We will propose legislation at the County Assembly to allocate a portion of county resources to ward level. Decisions on the budgeting of these funds will happen at that level and will involve MCAs and the local community.

As your Governor, I intend for the residents of Mombasa to be part and parcel of the process of county government decision making and project implementation. Because of this, within the first 100 days of my administration, I will establish the Serikali Mtaani administrative units that will cluster together 2 to 3 wards. These units will be governed by committees with representation from the local community to ensure everybody's voice is heard.

Serikali Mtaani will bring the county government as close as possible to the ordinary Mwananchi. The intention of this is to make sure devolved services are available at the grassroot level. Serikali Mtaani will manage the implementation of our programs at local level hand in hand with the citizens to make sure our solutions are tailored to local needs. We will **recruit Village administrators** to deliver services drawn from local communities.

Governance in my tenure will create a balance on the use of power between my county government officers and citizens. This approach will guide the institutions that plan, develop and manage all our affairs.



PILLAR SIX REFORMING COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE

There is a MASSIVE funding gap that has emerged in the city counties of Kenya over the first 10 years of Devolution. This had a significant impact on the ability of county governments to provide services to citizens. The first formula for revenue allocation once county governments came into place was a redistributive formula. This had the net effect of creating a cities funding gap of 36 billion shillings over the first 3 years of devolution for the 5 city counties. A study by the Commission for Revenue Authority and the Kenya Cities Forum put the City infrastructure funding gap at 186 billion shillings. The State Department for Urban Development and Housing has estimated the urban areas funding gap at 100 billion shillings.

We cannot prosper without efficient financial management systems. Mombasa County Government is emerging from a background characterized by a weak revenue base, poorly performing revenue collection, inadequate financial transfers from central government and weak county institutional capacity. As a result, our county has struggled with service delivery; an outcome that also undermined voluntary compliance with the payment of local taxes and service charges because the weak faith of the people in their government.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST TO CLOSE THIS FUNDING GAP?

There exist various opportunities to close the 36 billion shillings funding gap. I intend to leverage the modalities below to realize this.

Horizontal share; We will engage the Commission for Revenue Allocation and lobby the Senate to increase the 5% provision for Urban areas to 10%.

Vertical share; We will push the Commission for Revenue Allocation to improve upon their 2019/2020 vertical share recommendation

from 5 billion shillings for the 5 Cities to 15 billion to cater to the unique needs of city counties.

National Urban Fund; It is my intention to engage the State Department for Urban Development and Housing to push for the legislation and operationalize the New Urban Fund to support city county infrastructure with a special focus on Mombasa.

Multilateral & Bilateral Partners; Mombasa City County hosts various foreign consulates and is a significant global tourist destination. We enjoy the goodwill and support of several international development partners keen on Mombasa meeting its promise as a regional business, social and political hub. I will engage these key stakeholders such as the World Bank Kenya Urban Cities Program, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency, the Department for International Development and the United States Agency for International Development with a renewed promise of integrity, accountability and transparency with a view to securing development financing for the seven thematic areas.

Private Sector; We will explore private sector debt - Capital Markets, Bonds, Term Loans, Syndications, Blended and/or Pooled finance, Annuity programs, etc specifically tied to programs in the seven thematic areas.

Moreover, we will also engage willing equity investors with innovative structures that will allow us to address the ten thematic areas through Project Finance, Joint Ventures, Public Private Partnerships, Concessions, Service Level Agreements, Leasing, Managed Equipment Services and so on.



OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

- Manage Mombasa's finances prudently according to the financial management principles provided for in Article 201 of the Constitution and enabling laws;
- Eliminate wastage in government spending;
- Fight corruption decisively and promote adequate accountability mechanisms;
- Develop a strategy for investments promotion to grow the county economy;
- Develop revenue collection systems that will increase efficiency;
- Establish fully independent service units (Serikali Mtaani) to manage the delivery of basic services;
- Develop innovative and effective sources of finance (including Public Private Partnerships) to fund urban development and the provision of services.
- Pursue legislation at the National Assembly for the sharing of revenues raised from royalties and management of natural resources in Mombasa;
- Ensure that the outstanding debts of the Mombasa County are settled within the meaning of Articles 203(1) (b) and 214(2) and provisions made for their resolution; and
- Take deliberate steps to direct at least 40% of internally generated funds and transfers from the national government to development expenditure.



PILLAR SEVEN INVESTING IN EDUCATION

As per the Mombasa County Adolescent and Youth Survey, with regard to education, the primary school net enrolment rate is 69%. This means that about 31% of children of primary school age are out of school. Significantly, our secondary school net enrolment rate is much lower at 28%. This means that the county's primary to secondary transition rate is extremely poor.

It is estimated that 56,798 primary school age and 52,227 secondary school age children are out of school in the county. If this situation will not be arrested, this will become a social ticking time bomb.

Access to education is one of the positive factors contributing to the eradication of poverty that leads to extremism and despair; if Mombasa is to elevate the lives of our people then schools and teachers must be available to all learners at their point of need.

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

- **Run a comprehensive & transparent Bursary Program;** the long term strategy in fighting poverty and unemployment in Mombasa is through education and vocational skills training. I commit to run a comprehensive bursary program through the Serikali Mtaani administrative system;
- **Institute a Free School Feeding Program at ECD;** we will support our public institutions of learning at ECD level to run a free lunch program during the learning term. This will improve school attendance as no child will need to abscond due to hunger;
- **Revive Village Polytechnics;** our government will revive village polytechnics through expansion of the
- **Skillz Mtaani** to absorb the significant population of youth outside of formal education and empower them with trade skills that will allow them to earn a living. We will work closely with the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) on certification of these young people through these polytechnics as well as structured attachments to county government programs.
- **Recruit and train** adequate early childhood education and vocational polytechnic personnel;
- Invest in the development of appropriate infrastructure at the ward level; and
- Promote public participation to build awareness on the importance of early childhood education as foundational in the trajectory of young people's lives.





PILLAR EIGHT COUNTY COHESION, ELIMINATING CRIMINAL GANGS & BATTLING THE DRUG MENACE

Mombasa has a rich history of cohesion and embracing diversity. We have been Kenya's melting pot of ethnic and religious variety since it was first established centuries ago. Our culture has always been broad and all inclusive. In recent years, admittedly, there have been limited pockets of challenges on these issues. There have been some incidents of fundamentalism and regional separatism.



Engaging the women of Pentecostal Assemblies of God Mombasa during their annual meeting.

Mombasa belongs to all of us. And we all belong in Mombasa regardless of gender, ethnic or religious background. I am committed to promoting our embracing our diversity as a strength that sets us apart. My leadership offers an opportunity for inclusivity and I will be a Governor for all the people of Mombasa.

We have had to confront drug addiction and an increasing number of violent criminal gangs. This can be directly correlated to youth unemployment and poverty. The wider the social gap, the more pervasive these social ills have become. My government will invest heavily in drug rehabilitation centers for our youth with qualified staff and programs to reintegrate them into society.

Mombasa has an extremely low transition rate from primary school to secondary school and the population of high school age youth out of school is one of the highest in the entire country. These young, unengaged individuals become

a fertile recruitment ground for religious fundamentalists, criminal gangs and drug peddlers.

Our Government shall work with all stakeholders to aggressively remove our youth from the jaws of violent extremism, criminal gangs and drug addiction. To eliminate the risk that these social ills pose for our youth, we must meaningfully engage them in progressive alternatives for their lives. The war against these issues will not be won physically, with bullets and guns but in the mind, with ideas.

In the pursuit of this agenda, we will partner with the robust civil society in Mombasa and religious leaders (clergy) to shift attitudes and ensure our young people are meaningfully engaged through county government programs.

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PILLAR EIGHT ... CONTD.

COUNTY COHESION, ELIMINATING CRIMINAL GANGS & BATTLING THE DRUG MENACE

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

- Mainstream Sports into our young people thus keeping them away from community vices. By **renovating or upgrading existing facilities** (pools, pitches, courts etc) at the ward level, Youth will come onboard to participate and reap benefits from an active lifestyle.



- **School Holiday programs;** as a way to keep our youth positively engaged during school holidays, we shall regularly organize county-wide programs including but not limited to sport-related tournaments, talent shows, career festivals e.t.c.
- **Promote Creative Economy;** we will invest in community art studios, community music studios and overall local talent to promote our local creatives. We will also come up with policy frameworks to support creative products and services including lifting of county levies on the creative sector.
- **Market Mombasa as a preferred destination for Filming, Art and Culture Exhibitions;** This has a huge potential to further uplift the creative economy and the hospitality sector of our county.
- **Implement a CCTV program with a County Command Center** to enhance security.
- **Invest in Counselling Centers;** this program is designed to support vulnerable individuals struggling with social issues;
- **Roll out Drug Rehabilitation Program;** our government will partner with existing stakeholders to refurbish and expand drug rehabilitation programs to benefit our youth.
- **Support Community Policing;** through the Serikali Mtaani administrative units, our government will partner with communities to identify criminal hubs and individuals with a view to sharing information with national government security agencies.



PILLAR NINE MODERNIZING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Over 60% of the waste generated in Mombasa County remains either uncollected or poorly disposed of due to:

1. unprioritized solid waste management services;
2. Inadequate financial resources, waste collection system, waste transportation system;
3. Inadequate waste management data;
4. Inadequate human capacity; and
5. Poor waste collection and transportation methods.

I will adopt a two pronged approach in the management of our solid waste. The first prong will address the issue of collection where my government will seek to create employment opportunities by involving youth through financial incentives to bridge this gap.

The second prong will address the issue of disposal by exploring opportunities to recycle and convert solid waste into re-usable assets such as fertilizer, plastic construction bricks and energy.

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

- Prioritize solid waste management as a key result area;
- Identify and set aside appropriate land for disposal of solid waste;
- Strengthen institutional capacity on solid waste management, through county legislative reforms;
- Establish adequate solid waste management infrastructure for the entire solid waste management cycle from generation, transportation, intermediary treatment, resource recovery, and final disposal;
- Promote stakeholder participation in solid waste management, including Public

Private Partnerships;

- Create incentives for sustainable solid waste management such as favorable taxation regimes;
- Establish innovative practices in waste reduction, reuse, recycling, treatment and disposal to reduce disposable materials;
- Ensure compliance with waste management legislation;
- Educate the public on proper solid waste management;
- Develop e-waste and other hazardous waste management strategies;
- Ensure that all ward boards/committees prepare and implement solid waste management plans; and
- Promote the application of the polluter-pays-principle.



With Kaa Chonjo residents during a previous cleanup exercise in Tudor sub-county.



PILLAR TEN

SMART CITY; LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The main goal of Mombasa becoming a smart city is to optimize city functions and promote economic growth while also improving the quality of life for citizens by using smart technologies and data analysis. The value lies in how this technology will be used rather than simply how much technology is available.




Our government will seek to digitize county functions with a view to streamlining our functions; we will make a deliberate step into the modern age in terms of governance. This has the potential of unlocking significant growth in partnership with the private sector.

The success of Mombasa as a smart city will rely on the relationship between the public and private sectors as much of the work to create and maintain a data-driven environment falls outside the local government remit.

OUR GOVERNMENT SHALL

- Develop a comprehensive **digitization of public services strategic plan** focused on investing in systems and building internal capacity;
- Establish **free public ICT hubs** at ward level to promote ICT innovation;
- Seek out PPP frameworks to establish **technology training centers**;
- Provide ICT infrastructure that meets the set acceptable universal standards;
- Review of prohibitive by-laws that limit ICT innovation;
- Promote small holder ICT start up culture;
- Provide **free WIFI zones** for residents around the ICT hubs;
- Create a **job placement database** to provide companies with local talent working with the Ease of Doing Business Directorate.

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