



REMARKS BY H.E GOVERNOR SIMON KACHAPIN DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE THIRD CIDP (2023-2027) & COMMISSIONING OF MASOL INTEGRATED PROJECT ON 19TH OCTOBER, 2023 AT SRUMBEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Deputy Governor,
Senator,
Woman Representative,
County commissioner,
Members of Parliament,
Speaker of the County Assembly,
Members of the County Assembly,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good Afternoon,

I take this golden opportunity to welcome you the launch of the County Integrated Development Plan. This is the first ever CIDP to be launched in such a ceremony, since the inception of county governments.

First, my utmost gratitude to God Almighty for allowing us to realize this beautiful day. I would also like to appreciate the county teams for their unwavering dedication in the development of this document. Special appreciation goes to the department of Finance and Economic Planning for their guidance and coordination throughout the process. ***Hongera sana!*** A big thank you to our community leaders, not forgetting our partners and stakeholders, who supported the process from the initial stages through to the printing of the CIDP.

As highlighted by speakers before me, the CIDP process has undergone various stages. I thank the community for showing up during public participation forums- this is your document, I applaud you for owning it.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

This third generation CIDP addresses key development issues in line with my manifesto and the needs of the community. Each department has been keen to prioritize the most important projects.

In this regard, the central focus of the third CIDP is to take the county back to its development trajectory through economic empowerment from the lowest level to the highest level, to create jobs through sustainable development in agriculture, industry and the service sectors. It endeavours to promote a healthy and well-educated community through various interventions in Health and Education Sectors. The County will also focus on empowering the youth, women and PWDs to enhance their participation in socio-economic activities.

Key among the top priorities of my administration for the next five years include provision of quality ECDE services through the construction of 300 additional ECDE centres, with kitchen & outdoor services and adoption of ECDE digital learning. We anticipate to increase access, retention and transition of students in learning institutions through allocation of 5 billion of bursary & scholarship to students as well as infrastructural support. We will support the operationalization of Aramaket ECDE college Keringet University and establish VTC incubators. We also intend to recruit qualified VTCs instructors to support learners access quality education.

Fellow County Men,

Our county is one of the counties adversely affected by climate change. To mitigate the adverse effects, we envision to sustainably increase access to clean, adequate, safe and affordable water, by drilling and solarization of additional 80 boreholes and procurement of 2 drilling machines. We also plan to adhere to the state regulation to increase our county's forest cover by at least 10% while promoting sustainable utilization and exploitation of natural resources. This will be achieved through afforestation and rehabilitation of 500 hectares of degraded county land. We will enhance our adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change, and promote low



carbon development by mainstreaming climate change institutions and financing last mile water connectivity from Muruny-Siyoi and Muruny-Chepareria.

Our county is known for its rich cultural heritage, therefore, we must promote trade, entrepreneurship, co-operative development and industrialization. This will be achieved through establishment of County Biashara Mashinani Fund(475M), construction of aggregated industrial Park at Nasukuta, construction of multi storey market building at Makutano and promotion of sustainable tourism through Nasolot tourism marketing and wildlife conservation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Agriculture, being the backbone of our economy, requires mindful and targeted investment. As a result of this, the plan in the CIDP is to increase agricultural productivity, nutritional security, and commercialization, through increased acreage under food crops and cash crops by additional 1000 hectares, strengthen extension services and provide subsidies for farm inputs. It also addresses the completion and operationalization of Keringet sunflower plant and 300-acre food lot system, integrated crop pest and disease management through the establishment of 20 plant clinics across the county.

To increase utilization of land, the CIDP will rehabilitate 8 irrigation schemes, support operationalization of Nasukuta expo abattoir and expansion of Nasukuta breed improvement centre.

Our goal in the livestock sector is to increase livestock and fish productivity, market access and resilience to climate change risks. We intend to realize this by distributing 10,000 improved livestock breeds to farmers, establish digital livestock insurance programme and continuous vaccination.

Under provision of housing, my administration will construct 300 affordable and quality housing units to enhance sustainable, resilient, properly managed urban development



and housing. To provide security of land tenure we will facilitate 10,000 absolute title deeds for our people.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we launch the CIDP today, I also get to commission Srumben health centre. One of the priority areas in my manifesto is provision of affordable and quality health care. In this regard, the plan is to strengthen preventive, curative and promotive health services through reduction of maternal, prenatal and neonatal morbidity and mortality. There are also laid out plans for Expanded Program for Immunization (EPI), operationalization of CHVs Act, 2019 and achieving improved staff to patient ratio by recruitment and timely promotion of qualified health personnel. We will further upgrade Kapenguria County Referral Hospital to level six and all level 3 health facilities to level 4. Our dispensaries will be upgraded to health centres and the MRI/CT scan at KCRH will be made operational.

Fellow County Men,

Without prudent management of county financial services, we will not be able to achieve effective service delivery. This is why transparency in formulation of policies, budgeting and planning is a requisition in the next five-year plan. We will operationalize CIMES and enhance disaster risk reduction for a resilient community.

For our people to access services, our road network must be in good state. We will improve county roads and transport network by opening 1,500 km of road, construction of 5 bridges and upgrading 15 km of road to bitumen (LSVR) standards. Kishaunet Airstrip will be rehabilitated, 2000 bodaboda operators will be supported with training and Wi-Fi will be installed in our recreation parks.

Ladies and gentlemen,



The youth form the largest work force in our county and my administration is committed to investing in skills acquisition, employment and talent recognition. In a bid to ensure maximize utilization of their talents, skills and human resource, we will operationalize Kaptabuk athletic camp, train 200 coaches and referees, construction a modern stadium, an amphitheatre and ppurchase of 5 county buses. We will also revive and celebrate Pokot cultural week annually.

Today, as we launch our county's masterplan, I call upon members of the county assembly to continue working closely with the executive to deliver its promise to the people.

As I conclude, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to our valued partners present today for their reliable collaboration and support in driving the county government's development agenda. Once again, I welcome your continued support as we roll-out the next step of implementation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my humble duty and pleasure to declare the Third generation CIDP (2023-2027) officially launched.

Thank you, and may the good Lord bless you all.

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Governor, West Pokot County