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CALL FOR COMMENTS FOR STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN THE VMDC FY 2026/27 BUDGET AND THE MEDIUM-TERM

SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Stakeholders,

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate Council (VMDC) is a state corporation established under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act 2011 and operationalized through the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (Veterinary Medicines Directorate) Regulations 2015. The Directorate is mandated to regulate the manufacture, importation, exportation, registration, distribution, prescription, and dispensing of veterinary medicines and other animal health products in Kenya.

The Budget Making Process is anchored in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and the Public Finance Management Act. The preparation of the FY 2026/27 and the Medium-Term Budget was launched on 25th August 2025 in line with Article 220 of the Constitution and Sections 35(e) and 36 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Public participation, good governance, integrity, transparency, accountability, and sustainable development are some of the key national values and principles of governance recognized in Article 10 of Kenya's Constitution. Furthermore, Article 201(a) reiterates the need for openness, accountability, and public participation in financial matters. The National Government has been conducting public participation in the Budget process mainly at the national level during the launch of the Budget process and during the Public Sector Hearings. Henceforth, all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), VMD being not exceptional, are required to undertake public participation within their respective mandates and at their respective levels.

It is against this backdrop that the Veterinary Medicines Directorate Council has planned for the Stakeholder Participation on FY 2026/27 and the Medium-Term Budget.

The objectives of the Stakeholders' participation are to;

a) Enable stakeholders to engage in the planning process to identify their social and developmental challenges and propose homegrown interventions to address the challenges.
b) Promote inclusiveness in the planning and budget-making process, thus enhancing greater ownership and participation of citizens in budget implementation, monitoring, and evaluation;
c) Allow harmonization of interventions, minimize duplication of efforts, and wastage of resources;

d) Enable the citizens to better appreciate the national resource constraints and the need to prioritize the needs and wants;
e) Enhance openness, transparency, and accountability in the budget-making process; and
f) Provide a platform for effectively communicating planned policies and programmes, and to give and receive feedback on the planned interventions/implementation of programmes

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate Council will continue to foster transparency and accountability as it holds decision-making to the highest standards by ensuring that their actions align with the needs and desires of the people they serve. When the public is involved in the budgeting process, it strengthens the trust between government and citizens, hence cultivating a more harmonious and effective governance structure.

KEY PRIORITY AREAS

The following are the key priorities that the Veterinary Medicines Directorate Council has targeted during the FY 2026/27 and the Medium-Term period. The priorities will be implemented under the Livestock Resources Management and Development Programme and the Livestock Policy Development and Capacity Building sub-programme.

a) Strengthen Regulatory Compliance and Standards
b) Strengthen Institutional Capacity
c) Strengthen Legal and Regulatory Framework

The proposed budget allocation for the FY 2026/27 and the Medium-Term Budget for the Veterinary Medicines Directorate Council is attached as **Annex 1,** while **Annex 2** will be used to capture information on all the proposed interventions and their prioritization:

Kindly send your general and specific proposals on the proposed interventions and their prioritization to finance@vmd.go.ke by the close of business on Monday, **22nd September 2025**, for consolidation and onward submissions in the format listed in Annex 2.

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Annex 1

	Approved Estimate 2025/2026 - Kshs.'millions'		2026/2027-. millions				2027/2028-. millions			2028/2029-. millions		
Programme/Sub-Programme	Current	Capital	Total	Current	Capital	Total	Current	Capital	Total	Current	Capital	Total
Livestock Policy Development and Capacity Building	141	0	141	306	245	551	404	275	679	534	171	705

Annex 2

Stakeholder				
Contacts				
Key Issue	**Part/Section**	**Issue of concern**	**Justification**	**Recommendation/Remarks**
Issue No1				
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