

Roles of a Citizen

1 LOCAL GOVERNANCE

- Participate in voting and selection of leaders
- Attend council meetings at Sub-county, Town/Division, Municipal, and District Councils
- Attend meetings convened by leaders
- Participate in community meetings
- Lodge petitions/letters about community concerns to local councils
- Recalling elected leaders who are no longer serving the interest of the community

2 PLANNING, BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Attend budget conferences
- Participate in Village and Parish Planning meetings
- Scrutinise budget information displayed on public notice boards and provide feedback
- Participate in social accountability meetings such as barazas.
- Combat corruption and misuse or wastage of public property

3 LAW AND ORDER

- Pay taxes to the authorities
- Observe all national laws, bye-laws or ordinances
- Protect and preserve public property
- Co-operate with lawful agencies to keep law and order
- Register for electoral and other lawful purposes
- Respect the rights and freedoms of others
- Respect the national anthem, flag, coat of arms and currency

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CARE FOR CHILDREN AND THE VULNERABLE

- Ensure child immunization and birth registration.
- Ensure that children go to school.
- Protect children from child abuse, child labour, child marriages and violence
- Provide children with food, clothing and shelter.
- Take care of the vulnerable (healthcare, shelter, feeding, clothing)
- Protect the vulnerable from abuse, harassment or ill-treatment

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Create and protect a clean and healthy environment
- Support and participate in community development projects.
- Participate in voluntary communal work.
- Monitor government projects in your area

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SERVICE DELIVERY

- Participate in the governance structures of social service delivery units such as School Management Committees, Health Unit Management Committees, Water User Committees, etc.
- Give feedback to leaders on the delivery of public services
- Attend community meetings on service delivery
- Pay lawful user charges determined by the service delivery user committees

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