



Youth Arise for Chereponi
Amplifying Voices for Local Community Needs

**PETITION TO THE CHEREPONI DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ON THE
PROPOSED SITE FOR THE 24-HOUR ECONOMY MARKET**

Date: April 15th , 2026

To:

The District Chief Executive (DCE)
Chereponi District Assembly
Chereponi, North East Region

**SUBJECT: PETITION FOR REVIEW AND RELOCATION OF THE
PROPOSED SITE FOR THE 24-HOUR ECONOMY MARKET
PROJECT**

We, the undersigned concerned citizens, traders, youths and stakeholders of Chereponi, respectfully submit this petition to the Chereponi District Assembly regarding the proposed site for the construction of the 24-Hour Economy Market.

We wish to state from the outset that we fully support this project, as it is a forward-looking developmental initiative aimed at boosting local economic activities, creating employment opportunities and improving livelihoods within the district. Indeed, the 24-Hour Economy Market has the potential to transform Chereponi into a vibrant commercial hub.

However, despite our strong support for the project, we are compelled to express our serious concern about the current site selected for its construction, which we believe is inappropriate and counterproductive to the very objectives of the project.

KEY CONCERNS

1. Disruption of Existing Business Activities

The proposed site is already an active business market. Constructing the new facility at this location will disrupt ongoing trading activities, displace traders and potentially halt business operations for the period of construction (about 2years) contrary to the project's aim of boosting the local economy.

2. Contradiction of Project Objectives

A project intended to enhance economic activity should not result in the temporary or prolonged shutdown of existing businesses. This risks causing financial losses to traders and undermining public confidence in the initiative.

3. Limited Space for Future Expansion

Based on the architectural plans and design considerations, the project requires sufficient land for future expansion and additional infrastructure. The current site does not adequately support this long-term vision. This site is already congested for its current usage, causing traders to flag the main road on market days resulting in undue traffic and motor accidents.

4. Planning and Structural Limitations

The present location may not allow for proper layout of essential facilities such as access roads, parking spaces, sanitation systems and storage areas, which are critical for a modern 24-hour market.

5. Lack of Broader Stakeholder Consultation

We are concerned that there has not been sufficient consultation with key stakeholders, including Traditional Authorities, Chiefs, business owners, youth groups and community members. We believe the issue of limited access to land for a new site could have been address is adequate broader consultation of these stakeholder was made.

OUR HUMBLE REQUESTS

In light of the above, we respectfully call on the Chereponi District Assembly to:

1. Halt the start of construction works, undertake broad and inclusive consultations with:

Traditional Authorities and Chiefs, Business owners and traders
Youth groups and Community stakeholders

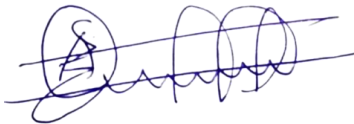
2. Engage and task the Traditional Authorities (Chiefs and Paramountcy) to facilitate the identification and release of a more appropriate parcel of land that can accommodate the full scope of the project, including future expansion.
3. Reconsider and relocate the proposed site for the 24-Hour Economy Market to a more suitable location.
4. Ensure that the selected site supports the project's core objective of enhancing not disrupting economic activities within the district.

CONCLUSION

We reiterate our unwavering support for the 24-Hour Economy Market project. However, for the project to achieve its intended impact, it must be situated in a location that allows for growth, inclusiveness and sustainability.

This petition is therefore made in good faith and in the collective interest of the people of Chereponi, to ensure that this important developmental initiative succeeds without disadvantaging existing businesses.

We trust that the Assembly will give this matter the urgent attention it so deserves.



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Community chiefs, The Presiding Member, Assembly
Members, The District Coordinating Director, The
North East Regional Minister, The 24 Hour Economy
Secretariat, Media Houses, Youth Groups**