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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The NG-Constituency Development Act 2015 stipulates in part 5 section 27 subsection 1 and 2 that the chairperson of the NG-CDFC shall, within the first year of the commencement of a new Parliament and at least once every two years thereafter, convene open forum public meetings in every ward in the constituency to deliberate on development matters in the ward and in the constituency.

The NG-CDFC shall then deliberate on project proposals from all the wards in the constituency and any other projects which the Constituency Committee considers beneficial to the constituency, including joint projects with other constituencies, consider the national development plans and policies and the constituency strategic development plan, and identify a list of priority projects, both immediate and long term, out of which the list of projects to be submitted in accordance with the Act shall be drawn from.

Citizen participation in project planning, management and implementation planning requires the involvement of concerned stakeholders. This includes identifying public concerns and values and developing a broad consensus on planned initiatives. It is also about utilising the vast amount of information and knowledge that stakeholders hold to find workable, efficient and sustainable solutions

Public participation encompasses a range of procedures and methods designed to consult, involve, and inform the public to allow those that would be potentially affected by a decision or policy to have input into the process. Community participation motivates the stakeholders to work together, recognize the benefits of their involvement and own the projects in their localities

Stakeholders play a central role in setting up priorities and objectives of development

Initiatives in order to ensure relevance and appropriateness. It is important that all stakeholders are involved in the development of projects and not just direct beneficiaries of an initiative.

1.1 ABOUT NG-CDF

The Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) was established under the Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) Act, 2003, amended in 2007 and repealed by the CDF Act of 2013. In 2015, the CDF Act of 2013 was declared unconstitutional and a new Act was enacted in 2015, being the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Act, 2

NG-CDF Act, 2015. The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) is under the Ministry of Devolution and Planning.

The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) was introduced in Kenya in 2003 with the passage of the CDF Act 2003 by the 9th Parliament of Kenya which was repealed in 2013 by the CDF Act

2013. The CDF Act provides that the government set aside at least 2.5% of its ordinary revenue for disbursement under the CDF program.

The fund was designed to support constituency-level, grass-root development projects. It was aimed to achieve equitable distribution of development resources across regions and to control imbalances in regional development brought about by partisan politics. It targeted all constituency-level development projects, particularly those aiming to combat poverty at the grassroots and entrench equitable distribution of development.

The objective of the Fund is to provide mechanisms for supplementing implementation of the National Government development Agenda at the constituency level.

The CDF program has facilitated the putting up of new water systems, health and education facilities in all parts of the country, including remote areas that were usually overlooked during funds allocation in national budgets.

1.2 ABOUT MUKURWE-INI NG-CDF

Mukurwe-ini Constituency is an electoral Constituency in Kenya. This constituency was initially known as South Tetu constituency but was renamed Mukurwe-ini in 1971, It is one of six constituencies in Nyeri County.

Mukurwe-ini Constituency has four wards; Mukurwe-ini Central Ward, Mukurwe-ini West ward, Rugi and Gikondi.

The electoral number of Mukurwe-ini Constituency is 098

Mukurwe-ini NG-CDF office is located near Mukurwe-ini police station in Mukurwe-ini central ward

Vision

To be the reference constituency for development where all constituents enjoy decent living standards

Mission

To serve the community with utmost dedication and selflessness.

Core Values

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Equality
- Equity

1.2.1 OVERVIEW OF FUNDABLE PROJECTS UNDER NG-CDF BY MUKURWE-INI CONSTITUENCY

Eligible Projects Fundable by MUKURWE-INI NG-CDF

The eligible projects fundable by NG-CDF as stipulated in section 24 of the NG-CDF (Amendment) Act, 2016 as those that are in:

- Respect of works and services falling within the functions of the National Government under the constitution
- Must be community based to ensure that the prospective benefits are available to a widespread cross-section of the inhabitants of a particular area.

The ineligible projects include:

- Projects supporting religious bodies or religious activities
- Projects supporting political bodies or political activities
- Recurrent costs of a completed projects
- Personal awards
- Projects targeting a specific club or group of people to the exclusion of others
- Projects addressing devolved functions as outlined in the fourth schedule of the constitution of Kenya

2.0 DOCUMENTATION OF THE WARD REPORTS

The documents used during the ward meetings can be traced in the NG-CDFC file namely **MUKURWE-INI NG-CDF 2021/2022 public projects identification and proposals forum.**

3.0 WARD MEETINGS

The exercise was carried out for four days covering all the four wards in the constituency namely Mukurwe-ini Central, Mukurwe-ini West, Rugi and Gikondi.

3.1 NOTICE OF THE MEETINGS

MUKURWE-INI NG-CDF INVITES ALL ITS CONSTITUENTS AND DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS TO THE NG-CDF PUBLIC PROJECTS IDENTIFICATION AND PROPOSALS FORUM THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ITS VARIOUS WARDS AS FOLLOWS:

| DATE | WARD | VENUE | TIME |
|-------------|---------------------|---|-------------|
| 7-9-21 | Mukurwe-ini Central | Thangathi Social Hall | 2.00 pm |
| 8-9-21 | Gikondi | Gikondi TAC Hall | 2.00 pm |
| 9-9-21 | Rugi | Mweru Playground | 2.00 pm |
| 10-9-21 | Mukurwe-ini West | Mbiuini/ Kagarii coffee collection centre | 2.00 pm |

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS EVENT TO PRESENT THE PROJECTS THAT WOULD LIKE NG-CDF MUKURWE-INI TO UNDERTAKE IN THE YEAR 2021/2022

FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

MUKURWE-INI CENTRAL WARD

The meeting took place on Tuesday the 7th September, 2021, at Thangathi Social Hall at 2.00am

3.2.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

1. NG-CDF Committee
2. Deputy County Commissioner
3. Area Chiefs
4. Area Elders
5. Secondary Schools Heads
6. Primary Schools Heads
7. Invited Stakeholders

3.2.2 PRELIMINARIES

The area chief called the meeting to order and called upon one volunteer to lead in opening prayers.

3.2.3 COMMENTS BY THE AREA CHIEFS

The meeting was attended by three chiefs from Kirerema, Mutundu and Ichamara Locations in Mukurwe-ini Central Ward. Who jointly thanked the NG-CDF for organising a forum where the public have the opportunity to front the projects that they would like NG-CDF to implement within their framework.

3.2.4 COMMENTS BY THE DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

He commended the participants for their attendance and appealed to the meeting to encourage all development stakeholders to have a positive attitude and dedication towards development, since development cannot be initiated and owned by foreigners but by the residents themselves.

3.2.5 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager informed the meeting on the nature of eligible projects fundable by NG-CDF as community based to ensure that the prospective benefits are available to a widespread cross-section of the inhabitants of a particular area and those in respect of works and services falling within the functions of the National Government under the constitution

Further to this he also highlighted the ineligible projects which include: Projects supporting religious bodies or religious activities, projects supporting political bodies or political activities, recurrent costs of a completed projects, personal projects, private projects and projects targeting a specific club or group of people to the exclusion of others

3.2.6 COMMENTS BY THE NG-CDFC CHAIRMAN

The chairman thanked the constituents for attending the forum, he explained the relevance of the meeting and the need for NG-CDFC to convene open forum public meetings in every ward in the constituency to deliberate on development matters and project priorities in the ward and the constituency.

3.2.7 PROJECT PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN WEST MUKURWE-INI CENTRAL WARD

The project priorities were presented per location as tabled below:

Mukurwe-ini Central Ward

| Projects Proposed | Sector | Activity | Sub Location | Location |
|---|-----------|---|--------------|-----------|
| Thangathi Secondary School | Education | Construction of one 40 student capacity laboratory to completion | Ithanji | Thangathi |
| Kihate Orphans Secondary School | Education | Construction of one 40 student capacity laboratory to completion | Kiharo | Thangathi |
| Weru Intergrated Secondary School | Education | Construction of one 40 student capacity laboratory to completion | Gaturia | Muhito |
| Wamutitu Secondary School | Education | Purchase of Isuzu School Bus 35 persons capacity (Kshs.7,087,300) Insurance(Kshs.272,000) | Murunduini | Muhito |
| Mukurwe-ini Kenya Medical Trainng College | Education | Construction of 1st floor with 8 lecture halls (60 student capacity each) with ablution block to completion giving room for 2nd floor | Gaturia | Muhito |
| Gatiki mulika mwizi | Security | Gatiki Mulika Mwizi (800,000) (purchase of 3 poles and 1 No. transformer) | Ichamara | Githi |

3.2.8 CHALLENGES

Members expressed concern on the restrictive nature of the projects fundable by NG-CDF, especially in the agricultural, health and roads sectors, but the area member of national assembly urged them to forward the projects to the area member of county assembly who was also present in the meeting.

3.2.9 WAY FORWARD

The meeting resolved that all the funds disbursed to projects be spent judiciously to promote value for money and boost the livelihood of the residents

3.3 MUKURWE-INI WEST WARD

The meeting took place on Friday the 10th September, 2021, at Mbiuni/Kagarii Coffee Collection Centre at 2.00pm

3.3.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

1. NG-CDF Committee
2. Area Member of Count Assembly
3. Deputy Count Commissioner
4. Area Chiefs
5. Area Elders
6. Secondary Schools Heads
7. Primary Schools Heads
8. Invited Stakeholders

3.3.2 PRELIMINARIES

The area chief welcomed members to the meeting after an opening prayer, he thanked the NG-CDFC for presenting the constituents with an opportunity of identifying projects to be funded by NG-CDF, for this was going to promote ownership of the projects before, during and after implementation.

3.3.3 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager mentioned to the meeting the relevance of the forum as stipulated in the NG-CDF ACT 2015, and the nature of projects fundable by NG-CDF, to include projects that are communal and benefit a wide cross section of the inhabitants, leaving out project that benefit individuals, supporting political and religious bodies and those that are in respect of works and services falling within the devolved functions of the county government

3.3.4 COMMENTS BY THE NG-CDFC CHAIRMAN

He enlightened the meeting of the various devolved funds in the constituency, and stressed the need of all the stakeholders to come together during planning to avoid duplication and double funding of projects. He called upon the County Government to share their development projects publicly to enable the constituents be aware of projects being implemented in their areas.

3.3.6 PROJECT PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN MUKURWE-INI WEST WARD

The Ward Development secretary presented the priorities as table below.

Mukurwe-ini West Ward

| Projects Proposed | Sector | Activity | Sub Location | Location |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------|----------|
| Gaikundo Secondary School | Education | Construction of one 40 student capacity laboratory to completion | Gaikundo | Gakindu |
| Rural Electrification Authority | Security | Matching fund - 4 Installation of transformers and their maximisation in Mukurwe-ini west, Mukurwe-ini Central, Gikondi and Rugi) to completion | Karindi | Gakindu |
| Karindi Assistant Chiefs Office | Security | Construction of 3 roomed office (Kshs. 1,500,000) and construction of an external ablution block with septic tank and soak pit- 2 doors(One disability friendly) and urinal (1,000,000) to completion | Karindi | Gakindu |

3.3.7 CHALLENGES

It was noted that there is overreliance on NG-CDF funds by the community.

3.3.8 WAY FORWARD

Projects promoting youth's involvement should also be funded

3.4 RUGI WARD

The meeting took place on Thursday^{9th} September, 2021 at Mweru Playground at 2.00pm

3.4.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

- NG-CDF Committee
- Area Member of National Assembly Representative
- Area Member of Count Assembly
- Deputy Count Commissioner
- Area Chiefs
- Area Elders
- Secondary Schools Heads
- Primary Schools Heads

3.4.2 PRELIMINARIES / COMMENTS BY THE AREA CHIEF

The area chief of Igana Location welcomed members to the meeting after an opening prayer. He thanked the people present for attending the important development forum. He introduced the ward development committee and appreciated their efforts towards development on the area.

3.4.3 COMMENTS BY THE DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

He explained to the meeting the history of rural development funding in Kenya Since independence in 1963 aimed at fighting poverty at the grassroots level has been one of the key agendas of the Kenyan government. The government has initiated various rural development programmes including Special Rural Development Programme, District Development Planning, Rural Development Fund and the District Focus for Rural Development Strategy with the aim of improving people's wellbeing.

However, most of these programmes failed to address the needs of local people due to lack of political will, inadequate government funding, lack of appropriate technology, neglect of institutional development, lack of beneficiary participation and poor coordination from top to the bottom. However, in 2003 the government introduced Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF), to fight poverty at the grassroots and since its inception; NG-CDF has had tremendous impact among the rural communities in Kenya

3.4.4 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE

The area MCA representative appreciated the joint effort towards development in the constituency and called upon the members to diligently work for the betterment of the area. He pointed out that the elected leaders should be given an opportunity to serve the citizens and that politics should now be kept at bay until 2022.

He thanked the NG-CDF team for organizing the forum since this is a vital road map towards people's driven development.

3.4.5 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager enlightened the members about the eligible projects fundable by NG-CDF and ineligible projects which are fundable by devolved systems, and also briefed the meeting on the statutory ceilings specified in the NG-CDF Act 2015 which guide the NG-CDFC during projects funding. He also stressed that after the exercise in all the wards the NG-CDFC will rank the projects in order of priority and that the on-going projects shall take precedence over all other projects

3.4.6 COMMENTS BY THE NG-CDFC CHAIRMAN

The chairman appreciated the members concern for development, he highlighted that NG-CDF has achieved a lot towards development in the constituency, and the overall aim of this is to ensure active participation of people in the achievement of sustainable development.

3.4.7 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE

He mentioned that if the public is involved in the full decision making process during projects identification, their concerns may be met early on in the planning process when changes may be easier to make, rather than late in the process when even small changes may cost both time and money.

He drew the meetings attention that NG-CDF was established with the aim of improving service delivery, alleviating poverty, enhancing economic governance, and ultimately to spur development in the constituencies thereby contributing to socio-economic development of all the constituencies.

3.4.8 PROJECT PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN RUGI WARD

The project priorities were presented per location as tabled below:

| Projects Proposed | Sector | Activity | Sub Location | Location |
|--------------------------|---------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| Gathiriti Secondary | Education | Construction 2 set 10 doors Pit latrine (four disability friendly) to completion | Thimu | Gathuitu |

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|--------------------------------|-----------|--|---------|--------|
| Rutune Secondary | Education | Construction of one 40 student capacity laboratory to completion | Kariara | Igana |
| Mihuti Secondary School | Education | Construction of one 40 student capacity laboratory to completion | Mihuti | Mweru |
| Ngamwa Assistant Chiefs Office | Security | Construction of 3 roomed office (Kshs. 1,200,000) and construction of an external ablution block with septic tank and soak pit- 2 doors and urinal (1,000,000) to completion | Ngamwa | Ngamwa |
| Bohero mulika mwizi | Security | KPLC Connection (300,000)(Purchase of 11 poles and connection) | Ngamwa | Rutune |

3.4.9 CHALLENGES

Late disbursement of project funds leads to projects not being implemented in time which lead to rise in project costs due to factors like inflation due to time value of money and bursaries not awarded to students when the schools open, hence students and pupils retention in learning institutions is greatly affected negatively.

3.4.10 WAY FORWARD

The NG-CDF Board should facilitate timely disbursement of funds to constituencies in order to fast track development initiatives 17

3.5 GIKONDI WARD

The meeting took place on Wednesday^{8th}September 2021 at Gikondi/Kiharo TAC Hall at 2.00pm

3.5.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

- NG-CDF Committee
- Area Member of National Assembly Representative
- Area Member of County Assembly Representative
- Deputy County Commissioner
- Area Chiefs
- Area Elders
- Secondary Schools Heads
- Primary Schools Heads
- Invited Stakeholders

3.5.2 PRELIMINARIES

The meeting began with a word of prayer, thereafter Kiharo location area chief welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the members of the ward development committee and Kibutio location chief. He handed over the programme to the NG-CDF office to highlight the day's agenda

3.5.3 COMMENTS BY THE DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

He welcomed members to the meeting and pointed out the importance of community involvement in any development process and the benefits of bottom up projects identification process. He further encouraged that the community should be good stewards of the NG-CDF to promote development in their areas.

3.5.4 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager brought to the attention of the meeting that a new NG-CDFC had been gazette and further introduced them. He cited the NG-CDF Act section 27 stipulates that the chairperson of the NG-CDFC shall, within the first year of the commencement of a new Parliament and at least once every two years thereafter, convene open forum public meetings in every ward in the constituency to deliberate on development matters in the ward and in the constituency.

3.5.5 COMMENTS BY THE NG-CDFC CHAIRMAN

He asserted that, decentralized funds are established based on the belief that implementing bodies at the local level have a better understanding of community needs. Decentralized funds are established to increase community participation in local decision making, enhance government transparency, speed up government responsiveness, and improve quality of service delivery.

3.5.6 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE

He pointed out that the impact of NG-CDF cannot be underrated in transforming people's lives in the country. In the education sector, NG-CDF has facilitated construction of various infrastructural developments in schools, and this has assisted in increasing student enrolment and offering of conducive learning environment. The NG-CDF bursary has helped retain in schools students from low income families. Hence, the public should champion for the protection and retention of the fund as much as possible

3.5.7 PROJECT PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN GIKONDI WARD

The project priorities were presented per location as tabled below:

| Projects Proposed | Sector | Activity | Sub Location | Location |
|--|-----------|---|--------------|----------|
| Kiamurathe Primary School | Education | Construction of office block comprising of 3 offices to completion | Kiharo | Gikondi |
| Kaharo Secondary School | Education | Construction of one 40 student capacity laboratory to completion | Kaharo | Gikondi |
| St Augustine Gikondi Boys Secondary School | Education | Roofing and finishing of hall (plastering, flooring, painting, windows and doors) 400 students capacity | Kiirungi | Gikondi |

3.5.8 CHALLENGES

Late disbursement of project funds leads to projects not being implemented in time which lead to rise in project costs due to factors like inflation due to time value of money and bursaries not awarded to students when the schools open, hence students and pupils retention in learning institutions is greatly affected negatively.


3.5.9 WAY FORWARD

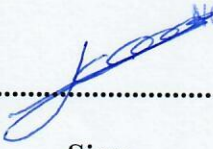
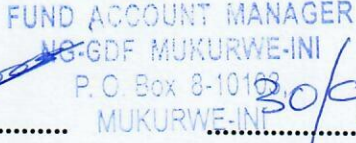
The meeting resolved that funding of projects that have been devolved should be avoided as per the NG-CDF Act 2015, hence the area Member of County Assembly should also organize a forum where the constituents will propose the projects that the county government can implement in their areas.

3.6 CONCLUSION

- The meeting vested the area member of national assembly with the responsibility of appealing to the NG-CDF Board to release funds to the constituency in time within the financial year to help projects development and payment of school fees to bright but needy students.

- Frequent development forums should be held to give the public information concerning the development initiatives being undertaken by all the development partners and the various funding agencies.
- There should be a joint forum where NG-CDF, County Government and other development stakeholders plan together to avoid duplication of projects.
- The meetings resolved that ongoing projects shall be given precedence, to fast track their utilisation to enable the beneficiaries get value for money.
- Allocations to projects should also be adequate, to enable completion of project once started, since if completion is delayed the project cost rises due to factors like inflation and wear and tear.

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| Robert Gachanja | NG-CDFC Chairman . |  | <u>30/9/2021</u> |
| Name | Designation | Sign. | Date |

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