



KIGUMO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The NG-Constituency Development Act 2015 requires 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 issues 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 deems beneficial to the constituency, including mutual projects with other constituencies, consider the national development plans and policies and the constituency strategic development plan, and categorize 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.

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

Public participation includes a variety of procedures and methods intended to consult, engage, and inform the public to allow those that would be possibly affected by a decision or policy to have input into the process. Community participation inspires the stakeholders to labor in unison, recognize the benefits of their involvement and own the projects in their localities.

Stakeholders play a vital part in setting up priorities and objectives of development initiatives in order to ensure relevance and appropriateness. It is essential that all stakeholders are involved in the development of projects and not just direct beneficiaries of an initiative.

1.1 ABOUT NG-CDF

The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) was established under the Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) Act, 2003, amended in 2007 and repealed by the CDF Act of 2013.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, 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.

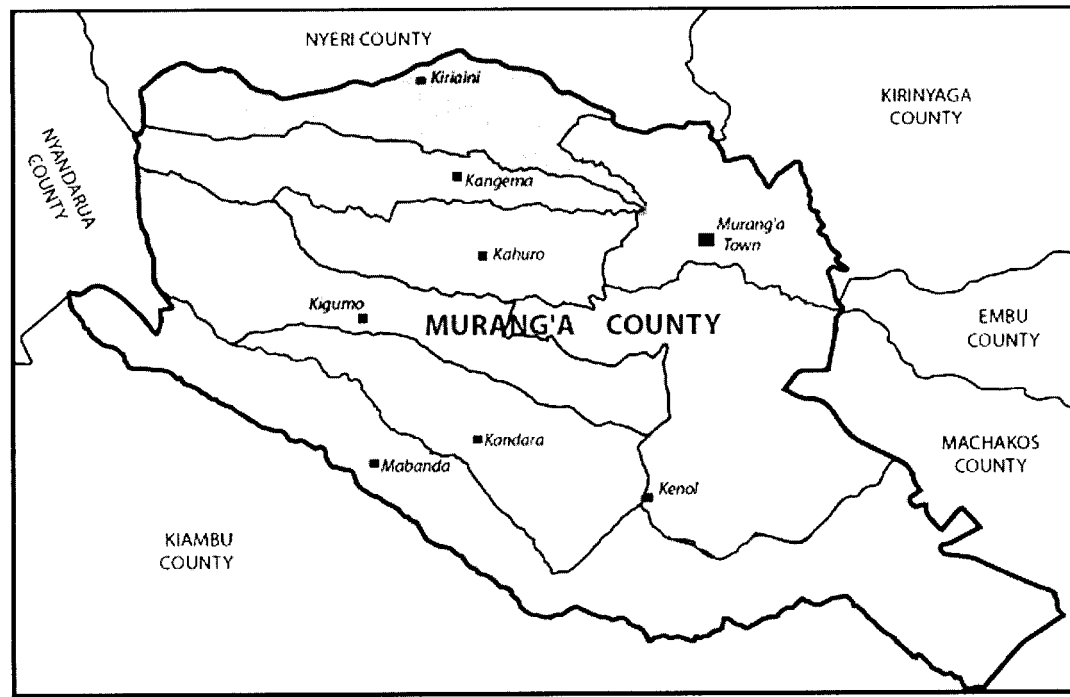
The fund was intended to support constituency-level, grass-root development projects. It was designed to realize equitable distribution of development resources across regions and to control imbalances in regional development brought about by partisan politics. It targeted all constituency-level development 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 NGCDF 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 KIGUMO NG-CDF

Kigumo Constituency is one of the seven constituencies of Murang'a County in the republic of Kenya. It borders six constituencies namely: Maragwa, Kiharu, Kangema, Mathioya, Mukurwe-ini and Ndia constituency. The Constituency has five electoral wards with a population of approximately 136,921 people and an area of 244.20 km². The main economic activity is farming majorly tea, coffee and dairy farming.



Vision

To be a distinguished Constituency in promoting an all-round socio-economic development and sustainability.

Mission

To encompass all the stakeholders in the growth process of the Constituency so as to attain the threshold of development standards.

Core Values

- Transparency and accountability
- Professionalism and integrity
- Commitment and teamwork
- Neutrality and Objectivity
- Timeless and excellence
- Advocacy for citizen participation.

1.2.1 OVERVIEW OF FUNDABLE PROJECTS UNDER NG-CDF BY KIHARU CONSTITUENCY

Eligibility of the projects

The eligible projects fundable by NG-CDF as specified 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.

Ineligible projects include:

- Projects supporting political bodies or political activities
- Recurrent costs of a completed project
- 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 full lists of documents used during the ward meetings are in the NG-CDFC Public Forums file.

3.0 WARD MEETINGS**3.1 WARD I: KIGUMO WARD**

The Kigumo Ward open public forum was carried out on 7th June 2021 at Kigumo open field starting at 10 a.m as earlier scheduled.

3.1.1 MEMBERS PRESENT:**NG-CDFC representatives**

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| ♦ Mr. Benson Njoroge Njogu | - Chairman |
| ♦ Mr. Jamleck Gicharu Njoroge | - Secretary |
| ♦ M/s. Esther Njeri Methu | - Member |
| ♦ Mr. Festus Mburu Nyanjui | - Member |
| ♦ M/s. Emmah Wanjiku Wamaitha | - Member |
| ♦ M/s. Jane Njeri | - Member |
| ♦ Mr. Joram Kiiru Mwangi | - Member |
| ♦ Mr. Chacha Robi, DCC | - Member |
| ♦ Mr. Kennedy Kamau | - FAM |
| ♦ Mr. Hiram Mwangi | - CoC |

The occasion was also graced by the area M.P, Hon. Ruth Mwaniki, area ACC, chiefs, assistant chiefs, local leaders and area residents

3.1.2 PRELIMINARIES

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

3.1.3 COMMENTS BY THE ACC

The ACC appreciated the residents for turning up for the important meeting to deliberate on the area's development agenda as announced. He castigated those who choose to remain at home when such forums are organized only to complain later that they are not aware of development projects being undertaken in the area.

3.1.4 COMMENTS BY THE AREA CHIEFS

The chiefs jointly thanked the NG-CDF for organizing a forum where the public have the opportunity to front the projects that they would like NG-CDF to implement within their framework.

3.1.5 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager informed the meeting on the nature of projects eligible for funding by NGCDF stating that they must be 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

3.1.6 COMMENTS BY THE NG-CDFC CHAIRMAN

The NG-CDFC Chair assured the residents that the NG-CDFC was working with the MP to ensure the people's development agenda is addressed. He too thanked the constituents for attending the meeting; he explained the relevance of the meeting and the need for NG-CDFC to convene open forum public meetings at in every ward in the constituency to deliberate on development matters and project priorities in the ward and the constituency.

3.1.7 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The MP on her part reiterated that he was committed to the transformative agenda to bring change in the education, security, roads, health and water sectors as expressed by the people by giving him the mantle to champion their development agenda. She added that though some functions had been devolved to county governments, he will continue working with NG-CDFC and following up with county governments to ensure projects that are key and beneficial to the people are implemented to completion.

3.1.8 PROJECTS PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE WARD

Residents then split into locations, deliberated on priorities before coming together as a Ward with a final summary of proposed projects as below:

	PROJECT NAME	ACTIVITY
1	Githima Sec School	School bus, Kitchen / hall tables, renovation of classrooms
2	Iriguini Chief's Office	Construction of chiefs office
3	Kigumo Girls Sec School	Construction of dormitory
4	Kirere Primary School	Renovation of classrooms
5	Kirere Police Post	Construction of police post
6	Kigumo Police Station	Construction of police post
7	Githima Primary School	Construction of dispensary
8	KMTC Kigumo	Construction of tuition block (classrooms)
9	Kariaini Pry School	Construction of hall

3.1.9 CHALLENGES

The residents urged the NG-CDFC to increase the allocation set aside for project management committee as administration funds for administering the project. The chair person responded that this was a policy issue since the Act sets out the administration allocation to projects at 5% though the matter had been forwarded for consideration during open forums for amendment of the NG-CDF Act 2013.

3.1.10 WAY-FORWARD

The Chair informed the residents that the NG-CDFC would then sit for priority listing from the needs presented and notify them of projects that would be funded and whether they would be given full funding at once or the funding would be in installments over the years.

3.1.11 ADJOURNMENT

The ACC once again thanked all residents for turning up and participating well by boldly expressing their wishes. He then requested a volunteer to close the meeting with prayers.

3.2 WARD II: MUTHITHI WARD

Muthithi Ward open public forum was carried out on 8th June 2021 at Gikondi playground starting at 10 a.m as earlier scheduled.

3.2.1 MEMBERS PRESENT:

NG-CDFC representatives

♦ Mr. Benson Njoroge Njogu	- Chairman
♦ Mr. Jamleck Gicharu Njoroge	- Secretary
♦ M/s. Esther Njeri Methu	- Member
♦ Mr. Festus Mburu Nyanjui	- Member
♦ M/s. Emmah Wanjiku Wamaitha	- Member
♦ M/s. Jane Njeri	- Member
♦ Mr. Joram Kiiru Mwangi	- Member
♦ Mr. Chacha Robi, DCC	- Member
♦ Mr. Kennedy Kamau	- FAM
♦ Mr. Hiram Mwangi	- CoC

The occasion was also graced by the area M.P, Hon. Ruth Mwaniki, area ACC, chiefs, assistant chiefs, local leaders and area residents

3.2.2 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.

3.2.3 COMMENTS BY THE ACC

The ACC appreciated the residents for turning up for the important meeting to deliberate on the area's development agenda as announced. He also appreciated the MP and the NG-CDFC for organizing a forum that would result to people driven development projects which the community owns up because they are the originators of the projects.

3.2.4 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager explained that projects proposed should be community based meaning not a project of a few individuals or group, must not be for support to political bodies or activities and must not also be for support to religious bodies or activities. He assured residents that all ongoing projects already being undertaken by NG-CDFC would be funded to completion but were at liberty to propose new projects within institutions already being funded for different projects.

3.2.5 COMMENTS BY THE NG-CDFC CHAIRMAN

The NG-CDFC Chair assured the residents that the NG-CDFC was working with the MP to ensure the people's development agenda is addressed.

3.2.6 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The MP on her part echoed that he was committed to the transformative agenda to bring change in the education, security, roads, health and water sectors as expressed by the people by giving him the mantle

to champion their development agenda. She added that though some functions had been devolved to county governments, he will continue working with NG-CDFC and following up with county governments to ensure projects that are key and beneficial to the people are implemented to completion.

3.2.7 PROJECTS PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE WARD

Residents then grouped into locations, deliberated on priorities before coming together as a Ward with a final summary as below:

	PROJECT NAME	ACTIVITY
1	Gikondi Pry School	Fencing & gate
2	Muthithi Sec School	Completion of hall started by parents
3	Kiugu Pry School	Renovation of classrooms and roof repairs

3.2.8 CHALLENGES

The residents urged the NG-CDFC to increase the allocation set aside for project management committee as administration funds for administering the project. The chair person responded that that was a policy issue since the Act sets out the administration allocation to projects at 5% though the matter had been forwarded for consideration during open forums for amendment of the CDF Act 2013.

3.2.9 WAY-FORWARD

The Chair informed the residents that the NG-CDFC would then sit for priority listing from the needs presented and notify them of projects that would be funded and whether they would be given full funding at once or the funding would be in installments over the years.

3.2.10 ADJOURNMENT

The Chief once again thanked all residents for turning up and participating well by boldly expressing their wishes. He then requested a volunteer to close the meeting with prayers.

3.3 WARD III: KAHUMBU WARD

The Kahumbu ward open public forum was carried out on 9th June 2021 at Mugumoini Chief's office grounds starting at 10 a.m as earlier scheduled.

3.3.1 MEMBERS PRESENT:

NG-CDFC representatives

♦ Mr. Benson Njoroge Njogu	- Chairman
♦ Mr. Jamleck Gicharu Njoroge	- Secretary
♦ M/s. Esther Njeri Methu	- Member
♦ Mr. Festus Mburu Nyanjui	- Member
♦ M/s. Emmah Wanjiku Wamaitha	- Member
♦ M/s. Jane Njeri	- Member
♦ Mr. Joram Kiiru Mwangi	- Member
♦ Mr. Chacha Robi, DCC	- Member
♦ Mr. Kennedy Kamau	- FAM
♦ Mr. Hiram Mwangi	- CoC

The occasion was also graced by the area M.P, Hon. Ruth Mwaniki, area ACC, chiefs, assistant chiefs, local leaders and area residents

3.3.2 PRELIMINARIES

The area Chief welcomed members to the meeting after an opening prayer. She thanked the people present for attending the important development forum. She introduced other Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs in the area and appreciated their efforts towards development on the area.

3.3.3 COMMENTS BY THE ACC

The ACC appreciated the residents for turning up for the important meeting to deliberate on the area's development agenda as announced. He castigated those who choose to remain at home when such forums are organized only to later complain that they are not aware of development projects being undertaken in the area.

3.3.4 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

He 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. She 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.

3.3.5 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.

3.3.6 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

She 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.

She 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.

3.3.7 PROJECTS PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE WARD

Residents then grouped into locations, deliberated on priorities before coming together as a Ward with a final summary as below:

	PROJECT NAME	ACTIVITY
1	Gakarati Pry School	Renovation of classrooms, gate & fencing
2	ACK Kahumbu Sec School	Construction of laboratory
3	Kahariro Pry School	Renovation of classrooms/landscaping
4	Gakuyu Pry School	Construction of 1 classroom
5	Mumbu Sec School	Hall

3.3.8 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.

3.3.9 WAY-FORWARD

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

3.3.10 ADJOURNMENT

The Chief once again thanked all residents for turning up and participating well by boldly expressing their wishes. He then requested a volunteer to close the meeting with prayers.

3.4 WARD IV: KINYONA WARD

The Kinyona ward open public forum was carried out on 14th June 2021 at Kinyona shopping centre starting at 10 a.m as earlier scheduled.

3.4.1 MEMBERS PRESENT:

NG-CDFC representatives

♦ Mr. Benson Njoroge Njogu	- Chairman
♦ Mr. Jamleck Gicharu Njoroge	- Secretary
♦ M/s. Esther Njeri Methu	- Member
♦ Mr. Festus Mburu Nyanjui	- Member
♦ M/s. Emmah Wanjiku Wamaitha	- Member
♦ M/s. Jane Njeri	- Member
♦ Mr. Joram Kiiru Mwangi	- Member
♦ Mr. Chacha Robi, DCC	- Member
♦ Mr. Kennedy Kamau	- FAM
♦ Mr. Hiram Mwangi	- CoC

The occasion was also graced by the area M.P, Hon. Ruth Mwaniki, area ACC, chiefs, assistant chiefs, local leaders and area residents

3.4.2 PRELIMINARIES

The area senior chief called the meeting into order and requested a volunteer to open the meeting with a word of prayer.

3.4.3 COMMENTS BY THE SENIOR CHIEF

The Chief welcomed residents of the area to the meeting and introduced area Assistant Chiefs. He then handed over the programme to the NG-CDF office to highlight the day's agenda.

3.4.4 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager explained that projects proposed should be community based meaning not a project of a few individuals or group, must not be for support to political bodies or activities and must not also be for support to religious bodies or activities. He assured residents that all ongoing projects already being undertaken by NG-CDFC would be funded to completion but were at liberty to propose new projects within institutions already being funded for different projects.

3.4.5 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.

3.4.6 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

She 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 and improvement/face lifting of various infrastructural developments in schools which has created conducive learning environment

hence increasing student enrolment and boosting performance. The NG-CDF bursary has helped retain in schools students from low income families.

3.4.7 PROJECTS PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE WARD

Residents then split into locations, deliberated on priorities before coming together as a Ward with a final summary as below:

1	Mununga Sec School	Completion of dormitory
2	Matandara Pry School	Renovation of classrooms, gate & gate house
3	Gikigie Primary School	Renovation of classrooms
4	Gachocho Pry School	Construction of 2 classrooms
5	Ndugamano Pry School	Renovation of classrooms, gate/ gate house & fencing
6	Njoguini Pry School	Purchase of land (0.052 ha)

3.4.8 CHALLENGES

Entrenching NG-CDF in the new constitutional dispensation, since it is facing a lot of legal challenges and currently there is an ongoing case at the Supreme Court.

3.4.9 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.

3.4.10 ADJOURNMENT

The Chief once again thanked all residents for turning up and participating well by boldly expressing their wishes. He then requested a volunteer to close the meeting with prayers.

3.5 WARD V: KANGARI WARD

Kangari Ward open public forum was carried out on 15th June 2021 at Kangari open field starting at 10 a.m as scheduled.

3.5.1 MEMBERS PRESENT:

NG-CDFC representatives

♦ Mr. Benson Njoroge Njogu	- Chairman
♦ Mr. Jamleck Gicharu Njoroge	- Secretary
♦ M/s. Esthèr Njeri Methu	- Member
♦ Mr. Festus Mburu Nyanjui	- Member
♦ M/s. Emmah Wanjiku Wamaitha	- Member
♦ M/s. Jane Njeri	- Member
♦ Mr. Joram Kiiru Mwangi	- Member
♦ Mr. Chacha Robi, DCC	- Member
♦ Mr. Kennedy Kamau	- FAM
♦ Mr. Hiram Mwangi	- CoC

The occasion was also graced by the area M.P, Hon. Ruth Mwaniki, area ACC, chiefs, assistant chiefs, local leaders and area residents

3.5.2 PRELIMINARIES

The meeting began with a word of prayer from one of the resident in the area appointed by the ACC.

3.5.3 COMMENTS BY THE ACC

The Assistant County Commissioner appreciated the residents for turning up for the all-important meeting to deliberate on the area's development agenda as announced. He also appreciated the MP and the NG-CDFC for organizing a forum that would result to people driven development projects which the community owns up because they are the originators of the projects.

3.5.4 COMMENTS BY THE FUND ACCOUNT MANAGER

The Fund Account Manager explained that projects proposed should be community based meaning not a project of a few individuals or group, must not be for support to political bodies or activities and must not be in support to religious bodies or activities. He assured residents that all ongoing projects already being undertaken by NG-CDFC would be funded to completion but were at liberty to propose new projects within institutions already being funded for different projects.

3.5.5 COMMENTS BY THE NG-CDFC CHAIRMAN

The NG-CDFC Chair assured the residents that the NG-CDFC was working with the MP to ensure the people's development agenda is addressed. She cited a number of projects proposed during the previous ward forum some which were already complete and others nearing completion for instance Electricity among others.

3.5.6 COMMENTS BY THE AREA MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The MP on her part reiterated that he was committed to the transformative agenda to bring change in the education, security, roads, health and water sectors as expressed by the people by giving him the mantle to champion their development plan. She added that though some functions were devolved to county governments, he will continue working with NG-CDFC and following up with county governments to ensure key and beneficial projects to the people are implemented to completion.

3.5.7 PROJECTS PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE WARD

Residents then grouped into locations, deliberated on priorities before coming together as a Ward with a final summary as below:

1	Kimotho Pry School	Construction of a library
2	Gatitu DEB Pry School	Construction of 1 classroom
3	Kanderendu Sec School	Construction of ablution blocks

3.5.8 CHALLENGES

The residents urged the NG-CDFC to increase the allocation set aside for Project Management Committee as administration funds for administering the project. The chair person responded saying that was a policy issue since the Act sets the administration allocation to projects at 5% though the matter had been forwarded for consideration during open forums for amendment of the CDF Act 2013.

3.5.9 WAY-FORWARD

The Chair NG-CDF informed the residents that the NG-CDFC would then sit for priority listing from the needs presented and notify them of projects that would be funded and whether they would be given full funding at once or the funding would be in installments over the years.

3.5.10 ADJOURNMENT

The ACC once again thanked all residents for turning up, participating and clearly articulating their development agenda. He then requested a volunteer to close the meeting with a word of prayer.

SIGNED:



NGCDFC Secretary

Date

6/10/2021

NGCDFC Chairman

Date

6/10/2021

Sub-County Commissioner

Date

06/10/2021