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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022

The House met at 2:42 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**MOTION**

ADOPTION OF A REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE ON  
MURANG'A COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FARM INPUTS SUBSIDIES POLICY 2022 TO 2032.

**Hon. Caroline Njoroge:** Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the following Motion; -

That, this House adopts the Report by sectoral committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on Murang'a County agricultural farm inputs subsidies policy 2022 to 2032, laid on the Table of this Assembly on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Hon. Speaker, the Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidy Policy 2022-2023 was laid on the Table of the House by the Chairperson that is me on Tuesday 6, December, 2022, and thereafter stood committed to the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. Upon tabling of the policy, a joint meeting was conducted in the Assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 in the Assembly chambers. The meeting was between the County Assembly Committee on Delegated County Legislation and sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and CECM in charge of Finance and Economic Planning were also invited to offer technical guidance and clarification on some provisions of this policy.

The Paper aims at empowering dairy and mango farmers, while the dairy farmers will access farm inputs for their milk herd through cash paid on the basis of milk delivered to their co-operative societies, the farmers in the mangoes value chain shall be subsidized based on the number of kilograms delivered to processors, identified through County Government partnerships.

Hon. Speaker, this is the background information from the CECM and the Committees'; that agriculture forms the basis of food production in the country and significantly contributes to growth of the national economy. National and County Governments need to develop appropriate strategies that will lead to food and nutrition security and safety at their respective levels. Murang'a County Government appropriates this call by identifying the regional potential in dairy and fruit production, which contributes to farm forestry that is largely lacking, presenting challenges that need incentivizing.

The agricultural farm inputs subsidy policy 2022-2032 has been formulated in line with the relevant provisions of the Constitution and provides a clear road map to the realization of Vision 2030 agricultural goals and targets. It identifies current challenges in the dairy and mango sector and outlines suitable guidelines to address them. It also proposes a range of measures and actions through which the Murang'a County can respond to the challenges facing dairy and mango sector.

Hon. Speaker, after the Committees' engaging with the CECMs the Committees had these questions that they asked. I am not going to go through them, they are in page seven Honourable Members. One of the questions that were raised was why mangoes and milk only? The CECM Agriculture responded that the issue is taken care of in regulations. The regulations states that "While the program will initially be limited to mango and milk, it would also be available to such other products as may be decided by the County Government.

Another question was on the issue of co-operatives; the Committee raised a concern on why use co-operatives as conduit of delivery of this subsidy. The CECM responded that co-operatives are just for aggregation of farmers. He further informed the Committee that subsidy will be directed to individual farmers and not through the co-operatives. He informed the Committee that the co-operatives would also negotiate better prices for the farmers. While noting this he gave example of Githunguri co-operative and Meru Central co-operatives which are among the best co-operatives in Mt. Kenya.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee had these observations it is on page eight and recommendations that the policy seeks to address.

1. Market distortion which has been so prevalent in the County. The sector does not have constant price for buying milk and mangoes.

2. Unpredictable market in the two sectors is still a major challenge. You will find that when the milk production is high, prices go low or some farmers are forced to go back with the milk.
3. Unsustainable prices for feeds and farm inputs. Dairy farming rely heavily on quality feeding. Most farmers are not able to afford these feeds leading to low production.
4. Poor quality of mangoes. Murang'a mangoes are not among the best when it comes to quality, fruit fly has been an enemy that has been messing up with the quality of the fruit.
5. Unregulated market. There is no set price for both mangoes and market.

Hon. Speaker, I will go straight to page 11 because after we sat and deliberated on these policy issue with CECM and members of both Committees, the Committee had the following recommendations;

1. That, the House adopts the Committees Report on the Report of the Committee on agricultural farm inputs subsidy policy 2022-2032.
2. That, following the adoption of this policy, all proposed legislation on matters related to mango and dairy production should be guided by the provisions of the Report of the Committee on agricultural farm inputs subsidy policy 2022-2032.
3. The County Assembly to provide for the establishment of legal framework for facilitating public participation in County Government policy processes and service delivery and for connected purposes.
4. The County Government should allocate adequate resources towards the implementation of the policy.
5. The policy will involve entering into agreements with producer organisations especially on matters of sharing information, the contents of the Data Protection Act, 2019 should be considered.
6. The policy will entail the formation of a management information system which will have a lot of data protection policy may be needed to control use, access and sharing of the data as per the Data Protection Act, 2019.
7. The County Government cannot ensure good corporate governance in producer organisations since they are independent but they can use this as criteria for selecting

- which producer organisations to engage in and by confirming they have been practicing good corporate governance from their regulator.
8. The policy should not be limited to co-operatives but use the phrase producer organizations so as not to lock out other actors who are engaging with farmers through privately set-up companies.
  9. Since the policy entails procuring of services, it should follow provisions of the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Act, 2015.

With that Hon. Speaker, I would wish to call my Vice- Chair to second this Motion.

**Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the adoption of the Report on Murang'a County subsidy policy 2022 to 2032.

Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Ruiru Benard:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this chance, I rise to support the Motion because one, I have been in the process of preparing this document as the Chair has presented very well and we went through the discussions and also posted the questions that were relevant and those that we felt that we needed clarity on. I remember very well that we had an engagement with CECM Agriculture as well as Finance and presented the questions that we felt were very critical to us.

Secondly, on several issues that had come before us after thorough discussion, the executive was able to clarify that moving forward we will also have a very detailed discussion; speaking as a member of Delegated Committee on matters the details of this Motion to be able to discuss the issues on payments among other issues that we were able to raise.

Therefore, after that discussion, we came, personally, I was satisfied that the leadership and executive laid the necessary plans to ensure that we serve our people.

Finally, I also want to add that this is a policy that we are presenting in this House that will seriously and in a great way have a positive impact to people that elected us to this positions. It is a policy that will ensure the minimum guarantees that were promised during the campaigns and also ensure that we elevate the position of the farmer.

In a nutshell, I wish to say that I support the Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Moses Macharia:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to pass a belated congratulatory message to you and entire leadership of this House. I also want to thank God and Kangari people for bestowing me the honour of serving them.

Mr. Speaker, I have an issue and I think it is good to state it. I want to castigate the way Bills, Policies and Regulations emanating from the executive finds their way into this House Mr. Speaker. In fact Mr. Speaker, the icing of the cake is at its cooking. This is a very good policy and if our input was beforehand may be our people of Kangari where we farm tea and coffee could have been added to this policy Mr. Speaker.

I do not want to say that there is ineptitude or some ineptitude with leadership of this House but I think we are a House of procedure. In fact it should be procedural that initially we are given time to make our input whenever a policy is coming. None the less, I understand that the spirit of the Governor of the executive is indeed to empower our Murang'a people. In that, the Governor carries my inspiration and since he carries also the good spirit, I beg to support this Motion. But in future Mr. Speaker, we have awarded so much olive branches to the executive. I want the leadership to listen to that; you know the branches are now, we are in the last branches Mr. Speaker and we are now going to cut the tree.

I want to say that if it is a matter of us engaging the executive on the right procedures on may be to use we shall be there. In fact, we do not plant mangoes at Kangari, only milk, and I think we have very good producers' organizations in form of factories that should be used as a test may be for this programme. Instead of those mismanaged co-operatives that are everywhere. I beg to support this but in future we should be engaged fully, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** Mr. Speaker, this is history done by Murang'a Assembly. I am looking at it in a span of less than three months, two months we have been able to come up with a policy which will be able to assist our people Murang'a, and I will say the minds behind this should be congratulated because they are taking us in the right direction and this Assembly and everybody will emulate to be associated with it.

By saying so, I think it is imperative for the Assembly to know we have one mandate amidst many that we are a House to legislate. We are a House even to guide on what is to be done on grass root and even the national level. I am saying that in our Constitution 257, 5, 6 and 7 we have been

mandated to legislate and to come up with policies and good things that can help our County and country at large.

What do I want to say about this? In 2019, if my history can remember, there was also a sitting here whereby there was an issue of reinstating or enacting a law to protect avocados in the Murang'a County. Perhaps Mr. Speaker, maybe the archives have those documents. But all what I can say is if there was this issue of avocados protection, I would say that we are moving in the best direction and soon or later our County will be christened or be nicknamed or given a name agricultural zone County. Because if we move by that spirit and I would say that if this matter cannot be implemented, let us not be decision makers, let us also see to it that whatever we pass here is also implemented to the latter. So that the people we lead from our respective wards can really see our Members of County Assembly (MCAs) are doing what we invited them to do. By so saying, I say with all my spirit unlike what Hon. Gichobe says, the whole of his body but me I will just say, one part of the body is not there but I will say 99 percent of the physical body because some of the parts they cannot be mentioned here.

But I can only say that with my entirety, I am supporting this Motion and I have to congratulate the Chair of Agriculture because she was whipping us, she was telling us that we should do this and this is the way to go. That even my ministry sorry, my Committee I am feeling challenged that I should also follow suit because I can see people who are sane enough, people who have knowledge, people who are up to date to guide us accordingly. I will say thank you Chair for whatever you have done. I beg to sit down.

*(Hon. Morris Ngunu rose on a point of order)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** What is your point of order Hon. Morris?

**Hon. Morris Ngunu:** Mr. Speaker, could the leader, the MCA for Gitugi please clarify which body part supports the Motion, now that Hon. Gichobe, I do not even know whether he is supporting it with all of his body parts, he has not confirmed. I do not know why is speaking on behalf of Hon. Gichobe.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** Hon. Speaker, let me respond to my good friend Hon ---, you know Hon. Whip I told him one day that an old man can see far while sited than a young man---

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker I will say, a young man, a young boy I am not saying that Hon. Ngunu is a young, I know he is not a boy I know he has undergone-----You know this time Mr. Speaker, there is this rite of passage and I can attest that Hon. Ngunu has already surpassed that, therefore, when I am standing here---

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** I think let us stick to the issue of our agenda here

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** Okay, fine

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** I think the question was a quick one, which part of the body have you not omitted?

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** Okay, that is the part which goes through the right of passage that is what Mr., Speaker I was going, my point was leading to that, that is what I was talking about. That is the part. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Liz.

**Hon. Liz Mbugua:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the Motion and I really want to thank the Chair of the Committee; Agriculture and the Chair Delegated for the good job that they have done, us, as the members can assure the House that we really worked on it, we had several meetings and for sure whatever we came up with, I can only note that it is going to help our people on the ground. One thing I want to comment is how our Honorable from Kangari said that in future, maybe we can be involved. But I can go through the Chair of Agriculture to say that through this input as we said for the minimum guarantee, we can see that most of the people that were going to be beneficiaries of this Report, of the Motion, they are the mango--- the people who are growing the mango and the people who are doing the dairy farming. But, I can assure our Member of the County Assembly from Kangari that all of us, 90 percent of us, we can be assured that through the milk production we are going to benefit. But through the Chair of Agriculture, I

would also support and say that it is also good for the Committee of Agriculture to do a benchmarking for the mango production and the way they are normally done and especially in Meru and in Makueni, so that by the time we are going to do the implementation on the ground at least we will have something to or even refer to. We have seen these people who have done this and as we recommend it, we will have some good information from the ground.

The other thing from the Chair of Agriculture is that I know even people who are coming from the upper zone where we do tea farming, we might not be in this Bill for this time but what I can assure is that through the Chair of Agriculture, that next time we would really like to be supported to see whether we can be able to support our people through the purple tea, through the orthodox tea we see what can do to our farmers. I stand to support this Motion. Thank you

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Muchiri

**Hon. Moses Muchiri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First I have to say that I stand to support the Motion, but maybe, I would like to talk on something to do with the co-operatives, such that, one of the recommendations of the Agriculture Committee is that the policy should not be limited to co-operative and I think there I want to may be urge the Assembly, as we go on, may be the policy it will be good to incorporate the private sectors, because in my ward, I think we have a company that is a private company by the name Mountain Fresh. I think it is the biggest milk buyer in the whole of Murang'a County as well as milk processor, so it will be good to partner with those private companies as that even as we support the cooperatives so that we do not kill the private investors. Thank you

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Mheshimiwa Mwangi.

**Hon. John Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to congratulate the Chair Agriculture and Implementation. Secondly I would like to support the agenda or the matter which has been raised by Member from Kangari, I think that is another business which the Chair Agriculture and Implementation they will stand or they will support it. Another thing having passing this policy it will be a very big beneficial to my people or to the people coming from Nginda that the Murang'a County Creameries (MCC) it will revive and the people from my area they will increase the production of the milk and that monotonous that has been there, they have been bringing the milk to the Brookside, that I stand to support the Motion.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon Kibaiya.



**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to support this Motion but with a rider. In the County of Murang'a, the basket of commodities that are produced in it milk and mangoes will probably come fourth or fifth in the list of the biggest earners to this County. So I do not know what drove that decision to just support mangoes and milk. The other thing I know is that when you give subsidies, it is not helpful to do it on marketing side; subsidies should be given on the production side. The reason being, when you incentivize farmers by giving them an extra coin over and above the market prices, the market does collection of its own and what you will be trying to cure will eventually be a problem. Given the limited resources that our County has, the best approach would be to incentives farmers from the production side.

I also note with concern what the Hon, Member from Muguru has said that this subsidy should also be extended to the private sector. Governments should never be given to the private sector. We should promote our co-operatives and we should urge our farmers to join co-operatives so that we can be able to help them in masses.

If we go the private way we will be encouraging our members to run to those private people and making deals with the private sector to the loss of our County. I must also add that in the future, there should be a well thought out policy because I read this policy and it is very general it has a lot of generalities. I will echo the words of the Hon. Member from Kangari that this Hon. House should be involved when such policies are being coined. Though I support, I want my reservations to be recorded, granted that our comparative advantage is not in mangoes, not in milk, our comparative advantage is in coffee and tea and I think that is here the County Government should put its resources. Mr. Speaker Sir, I support with those riders. Thank you very much.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Ngunu.

**Hon. Morris Ngunu:** Thank you very Much Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion, but before then allow me to digress a little bit. I think Mr. Speaker, it is of big concern, Hon. Mirara has made his maiden speech and most of the members in this Assembly are yet to formally speak in this Assembly. I do not know what you should do so that all of us can at least make our maiden speeches whether with errors, I think Mr. Speaker it is of importance.

Number two, it is also good to note that we are even yet to discuss the Governor's speech of which we are way ahead in implementing some of the things that he spoke about. Thank you Mr., Speaker for allowing me to talk about that.

The genesis of this policy is very clear, that Murang'a is well blessed with many cash crops, avocados being one of the greatest upcoming crops that we should look into, milk is an old value chain that has been there, we have mangoes and we have coffee.

The reason for choosing milk, is the financial situation this County is in, could not allow us to handle multiple crops and the reason being choosing mango and milk; one, it was guided by the geographical arrangement of this County. And I think from the description that we earlier had Murang'a we can only be able to categorize it may be in three belts, the tea, coffee and mango. Tea being in the upper belt, coffee being in the middle and the mango in the lower belt.

Mr. Speaker, all those farmers have different needs that require money and one of the crops or rather one of the value chains that was easier to support was milk. Most of the tea framers own a cow, most of the coffee farmers own cows and most of avocado farmers own cows. The issue to do with mangoes, I think it is a special one with the lower zone which is relatively semi-arid and I think the mango issue has no contention. One thing I am very happy about is, the policy is an open cheque and as many members have said, it should be open enough to even accommodate the private sector, the nexus between the private sector, the farmer and the County Government will only be in information sharing Mr. Speaker. We are not going to give the private sector money, they are just a conduit to give us the information of how many liters a farmer has produced and the money will directly go to the farmers. The Chair for Delegated Legislative was in this meeting and I think the regulations are very specific of how the policy will be implemented including how the money will be sent, who qualifies and I think we are also waiting for the guidelines that will now specify who are the people who will be in the fund management, what criteria shall we use to qualify farmers, which is very clear in the regulations and guidelines.

Mr. Speaker. I would also like to request because the locus of this policy is basically to improve on the productivity of milk, farmers to produce more, it has nothing to with marketing but just encouraging farmers to work harder and may be gain from the incentives.

Number two, I would also request the Chair Agriculture to plan for her Committee and if possible the whole House to visit some of the regions that are doing very well in milk farming and mango farming; categorically Meru is doing very well in how they are handling their milk, Githunguri has a long history in milk production and currently Kinangop is also coming up. I would want to urge the Chair to visit the areas, to request for a trip for Members to visit the areas

as well as Makueni who made history in coming up with a mango factory and it was such a success story.

As I finish Mr. Speaker, I feel as one of the manifestos that we promised our people, on minimum guarantee return, this policy address the gap in milk and mango space. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** I now call the Mover to respond.

**Hon. Caroline Njoroge:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I would wish to appreciate my fellow Hon. Members and even those that have made their remarks and those that have congratulated me. And actually, it is I and the Committee members, so maybe something that I would wish to promise this House is that we shall ensure that whatever has been passed or has been raised in this policy is well implemented and so we shall not let you down. I would wish ask Hon. Edwin and even the whole House that next time you support the policy or any other business that is brought in this House will be a while--- otherwise thank you Members.

Even I would wish to respond to what Hon. Morris has raised about benchmarking with Hon. Liz from Kinyona because it is important. Yes, we have not yet benchmarked on such issues and it is true, it is of much importance. I believe the House will also facilitate the same. I do remember that Members asked the question, some of the questions that has been raised here, that is why even if you go to page seven, the first question was why mangoes and milk? And you can get the answers from the paper. On Hon. Kibaiya, it is true that this is a House of record and whatever you have raised we are going to make sure that it is brought upon.

Hon. Morris, it is true that you are a member of my Committee plus the other members who are here in this House, we are going to work together to ensure that whatever is brought here we are involved all of us, so that we can bring things that all of us are free, that we are comfortable with. With those few remarks, I would wish to urge the whole House to support this Report and I appreciate the both Committees that came up with Report. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** There being no further debate I now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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REPORT ON THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (MURANG'A COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FARM INPUTS SUBSIDY AND INCENTIVE FUND REGULATION) 2022

*(Consultations)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Muchiri, can we assist you?

**Hon. Moses Muchiri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, we are waiting for the Report that I am supposed to go through. Thank you.

*(The document was handed to Hon. Moses Muchiri)*

Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Muguru Ward and the Chairperson for Murang'a Delegated County Legislation Committee. I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Delegated County Legislation Committee on the Public Finance Management Act (Murang'a County Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund Regulations) 2022, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Mr. Speaker, as Members have copies of the Report in their files, I beg to highlight the contents of the Report. On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) responsible for Finance, IT and Economic Planning submitted to the County Assembly the Public Finance Management (Murang'a County Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund) Regulations, 2022. After Tabling, the Regulations were committed to the Committee on Delegated County Legislation Committee for consideration. In scrutinizing the Regulations, the Committee invited the CECM for Finance and Economic Planning, the CECM for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and, that is the Acting Chief Officer for Agriculture to a meeting on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, in the Assembly Chambers to brief Members on the objectives and purpose of the Regulations. In the meeting, the Committee made the following findings:

1. That, the Regulations were defective in their drafting contrary to Section 13 (h) of the Statutory Instruments Act No 23 of 2013.

2. That, the Regulations were not published contrary to Section 11(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act No 23 of 2013.

In view of the above, and in line with Section 16 of the Statutory Instruments Act No 23 of 2013, the Committee notified the CECM for Finance who was present to modify and publish the Regulations before their consideration by the Committee. I do report that the Regulations have been published as required by the Statutory Instruments Act, No 23 of 2013. In order allow for the smooth implementation of the Regulations, the Committee further included Section 17 to the Regulations that requires the County Executive Committee Member for Finance to prepare and submit to the County Assembly guidelines on the implementation of the Regulations especially on the following critical areas:

- a) the criteria for evaluation of the eligible and vulnerable beneficiaries and a system for beneficiaries of the subsidies and incentives;
- b) minimum and maximum payments that may be issued to individual farmers;
- c) application forms for the beneficiaries; and
- d) any other guidelines that may be necessary for the implementation of the Regulations.

It is good to note that, in case the County Government is desirous to introduce subsidy and other incentives for other farm produce, the Regulations will be amended to include the additional farm produce.

Committee recommendations; having examined the published Public Finance Management (Murang'a County Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund) Regulations, 2022 against the--- that is the--- let me repeat. That is Committee recommendation; having examined the published Public Finance Management (Murang'a County Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund) Regulations, 2022 against the Constitution, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the approved Murang'a County Supplementary Budget Estimates 2022/2023, The Murang'a County Assembly Standing Orders and the Statutory Instruments Act No. 23 of 2013, the Committee on Delegated County Legislation, in a meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in Nairobi resolved as follows:-

1. That, the Murang'a County Assembly do approve the Public Finance Management (Murang'a County Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund) Regulations, 2022.
2. That, in compliance with Section 17 of the Regulations, the CECM for Finance submits guidelines on the implementation of the Regulations to the County Assembly for approval.

Conclusion, it is, therefore, my pleasure and duty, on behalf of the select Committee on County Delegated Legislation to present to the House the Committee's Report on the consideration of the Public Finance Management (Murang'a County Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund) Regulations, 2022, for adoption. I now call upon the vice-chairperson to the Committee on Delegated County Legislation, Hon. Mark Wainaina to Second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Mark Wainaina:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated MCA and the vice chairperson Committee on the Delegated County Legislation. I stand to second the Motion on the Public Finance Management Murang'a County Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidies and incentives Fund Regulations, 2022. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Members, the Floor is open for debate.

*(There were no contributions)*

I now call the Mover to respond.

**Hon. Moses Muchiri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I thank the Members because I think they are supporting in silence. So, I beg to move. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Members, there being no further debate, I now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Next Order.

#### OVERSEAS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Gatanga Ward and I beg to move the following Motion;-

Aware that, education is a key enabler for national development and realization of Kenya's Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals, Further aware, that Article 55 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) requires the State to take measures, including affirmative action programs, to ensure that the youth have access to relevant education and training opportunities, to associate, be represented and participate in political, social, economic and other spheres of life, and to access productive engagement including employment and entrepreneurship, appreciating that broadening access to education can unlock economic opportunities, increase employment rates, job security and lifetime earnings, noting that Kenya Youth Development Policy (KYDP) 2019 seeks to provide an opportunity for improving the quality of life for the youth in Kenya through their empowerment and participation in economic and democratic processes as well as in community and civic affair, concerned that our youth face unemployment, lack of employable skills, poor health, insufficient socio-economic support, drug use and substance abuse, involvement in crime, lack of access to basic services, limited access to ICT especially those from marginalized communities such as rural areas, informed that His Excellency (H.E) the Governor Murang'a County led a delegation consisting of the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Finance and Economic Planning and Members of the County Assembly, to a study tour in Canada that culminated into signing Memorandum of Understanding with several Canadian Universities and Colleges, aimed at linking Murang'a youth with overseas opportunities; this Assembly

1. Directs the County Executive Committee Members in-charge of Finance and Economic Planning and Education and Technical Training, to forward the signed Memorandum of Understandings for consideration and ratification by this Assembly.
2. Urges the County Government, to explore and enter into appropriate arrangements with financial institutions, to support financially challenged students who wish to join the above initiative.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to call the Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri to second this Motion.

**Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I was privileged to be among the trip who went for the trip to Canada and I stand to second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

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**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Members, the Floor is open for debate. Yes, Leader of Majority.

**Hon. Kibe Wasary:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as I rise to support this Motion, and also commend the team that had travelled and managed to bring this Motion and also commend the Governor for he found it fit not to travel only himself but he chose several Members of this House to accompany him so that they would go and do this noble job. One thing that I was asking myself and still I have not found answers in the same Motion, is, how will our people manage to cater for this education that is costly overseas and also to cater for the travel that, usually, is very high considering the hardships of the economy that we have. But I have found a recommendation in this Motion that urges the County Government, to explore and enter into appropriate arrangements with financial institutions, to support financially challenged students who wish to join the above initiative. This is good and I beg to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Gathee.

**Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand again to support the Motion and maybe give a clarification of one or two views concerning the same. This program we are talking about is a program which will be very helpful to our people. I represent Gaturi people and I also think it is good to think or look for other programs which might be of help apart from the project we are doing. I was among the four MCAs who went with the Governor to Canada and what we found there is what we brought to our people today. I know maybe we have questions of how is this program helpful? How are the parents going to afford the fee for our people? But maybe to give citation and evidence of the same, we were very shocked when we went to Canada and found that it is only Murang'a which is among the left out Counties in Kenya in Kenya. For example, we had other Governors there, for example we had the Governor for Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi and Uasin Gishu County. We found out that they have been doing the programme. You will be shocked that when we went there, the Governors were celebrating with their children. You could find a number, quite a good number of children about 30 from one County in one university in Canada and we could see the joy. We could ask, where was our County? Why was our County left out? Why did we sleep? Because what we saw there was a good implication of how our future will be in some few years to come.



For example, I was trying to think of a case whereby, myself from Gaturi Ward, I am able to give this information to my people and at least in my five years term or the time I will serve in leadership. Maybe I will have taken at least 100 people from Gaturi out. You can calculate that maybe those people, mind you, if we are able to sponsor in that way for some students to Canada. The first week or the first month they are there, they are assured of employment. We could see that each hour a student is able to earn maybe 1500 and they are working for at least 40 hours a week. If you do your calculations, it means a parent will just need first term money to take a child there. If a child is in Canada, he is able to pay for his own fees and accommodation. We found out we have a very good team there; we have a professor from Kenya. The professor is the one leading the programme. So, if we send our children there, we are sure that they have a good university because we went to some of these universities. We compared and signed memorandum. Some of them are in Vancouver, Toronto and others St. Johns. What I can tell you Mr. Speaker, it is a good programme.

We need to give information to our people in the right way. Here the County is not sponsoring in terms of money, it is sponsoring in terms of links because Canada is the second largest country in the world after Russia. It is also the hardest to get a visa. So when you go alone, even when you want to study or anything, you might not get. But through the County, you will be assured of this. Secondly, when we are giving information to the parents because I am sure some will start navigating around. You need to tell them they need to raise the money because the government is not sponsoring the children but the government is just finding link between Kenya and Canada. Then find link between the best universities depending with the course you are choosing and then still providing link between people who are there and can employ our children. People who are there that can nourish our children through Christianity and other programmes.

I can assure my people here that what we found out there we really missed. But now that we are here it is a good time we appreciate our Governor because he found it right and I know he is exploring more and he wants to go to a country like Finland for such a programme. It will be of great help because I know we had other honourable members; I don't want to pre-empt anything. I beg to stop there and say that I support the Motion fully and I know one day I will be put on record that I am among the people who went and started the programme which will be of good

help to our people and their families. I want to say I am Gathee wa Njeri for record purposes. God bless you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** THANK you Gathee, just for the record, I think you are the seconder for that Motion, so for the record of the other Members, the moment you are the seconder according to Standing Number 91, you bring in your input at that point so that you don't talk into the Motion and debate twice. Just for record.

**Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Edwin.

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I stand here I support the Motion. As the Member for Gatanga said there is a rider. I also agree there is a rider to this effect. It is a good thing because in the republic of Kenya 70 percent of the population is for the youth. Should we empower them in terms of education, the better because our country will develop towards the positive direction.

However, Members joined our Governor and the Governor did the right thing by inviting us. I wonder as I support it wholly, this information that they have is too vital for us. They should have shared to us what they experienced and what they saw so that we are able to know. We have been meeting in various areas in informal meetings but whatever they went there to do was actually for our own good and not for an individual. I would also want to say that once we have this in place, this kind of affairs, the Motion, our youths and everybody there in our communities and villages should feel empowered because education is key to everything.

As I mentioned about the rider there, when Members of this Assembly get some chance, and go abroad to have some experience, let the other honourable Members know, what they went through, what they learnt so that we are able to consume the whole Report and use it in our respective wards. That is what I will request Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion. Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Just try another mic, that seems faulty.

**Hon. Morris Thuku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is good to start with a proverb that, "A boy saw the tragedy before the father." I think Honourable Member for Gitugi understands what I mean. I rise to support the Motion. It is of importance to unlock the opportunities that we have for our people through the linkage or exchange programmes we have with the Canada government

and maybe other potential countries that can come on board. So that one of the challenges we have as a country is unemployment of our youths. We can be able at least to get a solution towards knowing how we can be able to curb the whole situation.

It is also of great importance that the diaspora from this country they are one of the teams that are remitting a lot of money in this country and Murang'a stands a good chance of benefiting from the same, because if we send a team of skilled people to Canada, I believe the ripple effect to our County will be of great benefit to our economy. However, the team that went to Canada, I can see Hon. Grace. Since the Member for Kanyenya-ini, ever since she came back, she has not been speaking any other language other than Canadian. Hon. Jane, a lot has changed. I feel the trip was worth it. I think it is important for the team to do a Report. There are so many gaps that we need to be explained to, one of it being, I don't understand how you have sent unskilled people to Canada. You tell me they are going to earn 1500 shilling per hour. I have never heard of that anywhere. Those are the gaps I want the team to explain, so that we don't tell the parents to send people to Canada, unskilled people expecting a miracle to happen. Even here in Kenya, someone who is unskilled belong to the lowest cadre of earning.

Number two, is the issue to do with the vices that comes with some of the youths that we sent to those countries. What mitigations are they putting in place? If one of the students misbehave, we know the consequences. This County may be banned from taking any other lot to Canada. I think in the Report because I believe two weeks was enough to explore all the challenges that might arise from such occurrences. I think a Report is of importance before moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support with all my body parts as Hon. Gichobe normally says.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Yes Hon. Pauline Njeri.

**Hon. Pauline Njeri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this Motion on overseas education partnership programme. One thing that I have noticed from Maragua constituency is that the unemployment is a major issue especially in Maragua and Murang'a in general. This overseas education partnership programme will really be of benefit to us. Honourable Members that visited Canada can bear me witness that I called each and every one of them asking them to give me more information in regards to this overseas education and employment because this is an issue I really have interest in looking at, the youths from Maragua constituency are suffering. Most of them have gotten into taking drugs and all manner of crimes due to lack of employment.

However, I was not able to get a lot of information from the Members who had visited Canada. I feel and fully support Member from Gitugi Ward Hon. Edwin Wairagu that we need a Report from the Members that visited Canada because we really are really interested and really want to support our unemployed youths from our constituencies and the whole of Murang'a County.

Personally, I have a request or I have some issues that I need to be addressed as we approve and support this Motion. One, when is this programme expected to start? I am interested to know when are we expecting this programme to start. Two, how much should parents prepare with? Because I understand the parents, guardians or whoever is supporting someone to go to Canada, you need to prepare yourself financially. How much on average we need? Those are some of the issues I would really request them to be addressed in the Report. Number three, what is being offered, is it undergraduate or post graduate studies? What is being offered? As per what Hon. Morris has asked. What is being offered? Are we expecting the form four leavers to go there start working as they study or what programmes are being offered? Finally, measures to make sure that our Murang'a County youths that are going to study and work there are safe. So that we don't have similar issues, you see what is happening with the youths working to Saudi Arabia. Most of them are killed, some of them--- they go through a lot of challenges. What measures are going to be put in place to make sure that our Murang'a youths are in safe hands.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the chance.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Member nominated from Kamacharia Ward. If it is your first time to speak, your maiden speech, let us know for record purposes.

**Hon. Jane Mukami:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Kindly Mr. Speaker allow me to speak in Kenyan English because I am not used to this so that the Members in the House can understand me well. Thank you.

First of all I would like the House to support the Motion because it is very important for our youths. I would also like to emphasize when it comes to selecting the youths from the wards, kindly be careful when you choose a person who is not well behaved because when you get there the County will be answerable; the County will be cancelled for the visa. Let us not embarrass your Governor for that. Secondly, I would like to mention about the Report, it has been made and

am sure the chair Hon. John you are going to give the Report. It is there it is written. Hon. Pauline has---

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Kindly Hon. Jane, do not respond for the mover.

**Hon. Jane Mukami:** Okay. I would like to mention about the courses. The applications are supposed to start in January next year. If you know of anyone who is ready to pay. We say a course with minimum, the course that was very affordable was 300,000. That was a course in plumbing and welding. If you know somebody who can afford, probably can apply for himself or herself. You can assist. Hon. Speaker I am not used to this, honourable Members kindly understand me, this is my first time to stand here. I am probably shaking but next time I will be properly organized. Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Grace Nduta. If it is your first time, let us know it is your Maiden speech.

**Hon. Grace Nduta:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. First is to congratulate you for becoming our Speaker and to thank the people of Kanyenya-ini for whole heartedly believing in me and that I can take them to the next level.

To support this Motion and to inform the Members in this House that I was among the team that went to Canada. I want to thank Hon. Morris that things have changed. Hon. Morris your attention please, they say in our area that to go is to see. Probably we have seen some new things that has changed our mentality and that's why you have seen some difference and many more to come.

On the issue of the partnership programme on education, would want to say I support and say that the Report is being worked on and in due course it will be presented in this House. I would also want to urge the Members to support it with the whole of their bodies because from the time we came back, I have received many text messages and calls by members of the public seeking to know more about the programme. It is over whelming. Our people on the ground and in the public are really much interested. Even the issue of payment, you will be surprised honourable Members to know people are ready with money in the pockets. They are waiting for directions from the County and probably from the County Governor to give way forward for this programme. It is a nice programme, I was there I saw.

We visited a lot schools, other Counties are doing it and have a lot of students over there. It might not be reasonable to think that one might be working when he is not skilled. What Hon. Gathee wa Njeri did not tell us is that you are getting two letters on your arrival to Canada. One is an admission letter to school and two is an appointment letter to start working. It is real, it is possible, we were there and we saw. We actually interacted with some students working and studying in Canada. As the Report is being worked on, let us support this. Formally or informally, we are all ready to give information and tell you more about the studies in Canada. Only that we were waiting for the Governor to give the Report and start saying it to the public. I support the Motion, thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Hon. Muigai.

**Hon. Steven Muigai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to remind my sister from Canada that we also say staying many seeing many. I would like to support this Motion.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** You are saying that you are supporting a sister from Canada, do we have a Canadian in the House?

**Hon. Steven Muigai:** I corrected by saying lately from Canada, thank you, I will start by thanking our Governor for being able to seize all the opportunities that are available to help our people in Murang'a. In previous years, studying abroad has been a privilege for the rich but this time round we are seeing it happening even to a common mwananchi and this is by the spirit of bottom up and the mitigating measures in the county. I have studied the Report and I have seen that we are going support them and to link them up with financial institutions that will finance them to go and study there. Mr. Speaker, there are some issues that we need to learn, this is something we are going to run with back into our wards and immediately start informing our constituents about what we are doing in the Assembly and what we are doing to help them. Mr. Speaker, maybe the relevant Committee should now furnish us with the documents on how much it will cost on certain courses, how long they will be there and whether they are eligible to become citizens after working and studying at the same time and Mr. Speaker one of the Members said that it is an opportunity that we have got to get foreign earnings for the people of Murang'a. With the figures that have been mentioned here working for 1000 and 500 per hour, that is a handsome figure if we are able to send our young and sober people ready to support our areas back here it will be a benefit to us. I support the Motion.

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**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** I now call the mover to respond

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to thank the Members who have put their sentiments on this issue. From the onset I want to clarify to the honorable Member for Kiru that no one is going there to work as an unskilled labourer, what we are doing is providing opportunities for students to go and study, while they study, they can look for opportunities for informal jobs. Canada is not like the United States, they do not have a green card programme. Canada is very strict on immigration laws, the policy that we are using to take our children to Canada is a very silent Canadian policy that requires 1.5 million immigrants to Canada, so for clarification, we are not sending unskilled people we are sending students. Let me also add that we were able to negotiate with Canadian universities in the entry level behaviour. In most instances, people who go to study abroad are people who have qualified to join campus in Kenya. In this programme we have negotiated up and including students who will be going there to do a one-year certificate programme from C minus and above.

Let me also take this opportunity to give the genesis of our trip to Canada, when we landed in Canada we were invited by the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE). The CBIE brings together all universities and colleges in Canada seeking to partner with overseas students. We were there on a conference for four days and we were able to meet more than 10 colleges, from those meetings, we were able to organize in-house visits to the particular universities that we were interested with. In the state of Ontario, we were able to go to Fanscho college, Vancouver we went to Northern lights, we went to Kamlups to a college called TRU Thompsons Rivers University. In Vancouver we went to Colombia college. We have memorandums with all those colleges and universities. I have done a very detailed Report that I have presented to our Honorable Speaker and I did not want to share that Report immaturely. What we are doing today, is a journey that we have started to legitimize this process, the reason we introduced this Motion is to allow the executive to bring a policy. We want to take our first batch of students to Canada in September next year, the vetting and applications will start in January, may I also inform this honorable House that the fees vary but not by much. An average student should be able to Finance one year of education, that is around 1 million Kenya shillings. The caveat is when a student qualifies to go to Canada, they will be able to work and work fulltime. I having some hands-on experience in my younger years, I know it is possible to study fulltime and to work fulltime. This is a grand

opportunity for our students to be able to study and get assimilated in the Canadian system and to also earn some money. The students are eligible for permanent residence after they complete their two-year courses or a 4-year university degree. Those who qualify for certificates are eligible for 1 year of work, those who do 4 years of university degree are eligible for 3 years of work to get the relative experience, they are also eligible to apply for citizenship. Having noted earlier that this is a silent government policy that requires an induction of 1.5million new immigrants in Canada. Those who wish to live in Canada will have that opportunity after they finish their studies. Mr. Speaker Sir, through your guidance, I will request that you provide the earliest opportunity to provide a comprehensive Report that I have on this programme.

I as a beneficiary of such a programme many years ago, I would urge this House to adopt this Report and entirely support this programme. There is a question of money, I will request the honorable Members never to use the word scholarship for this programme. This is an empowerment programme. This is where the ability to pay comes in. You have to be able to raise the required fees for you to be in this programme. The face of government is only required for fiduciary, for trust, any monies paid to these entities must reflect that the monies are coming from County accounts and that is where we were able to get into this programme. Looking at other people who are in this programme, they have been able to tweak their bursary laws to enshrine the overseas programme in it, though is very clear that the government is not providing money for schools this is just a fiduciary and the government being the lender of last resort so that when the Canadian Embassy see the name of Murang'a County, their trust levels shoot up to ensure our students get all the legal documents that they require in order to participate in this programme. Without any contradiction that all those worries cited by Members, we visited faith-based organizations, we visited Elimu Canada and those people are the ones who will be receiving our students when they go there. When a student qualifies for this programme and get a visa, they will get an induction course by Elimu, by the Canadian Embassy and when they go to Canada, they will be received by Elimu, so there is a relationship that we have with Elimu so that they can be the big brother when our students go to Canada. We have also cited faith-based organizations who will take care of our kids when they go there. It is a well thought out programme and I am sorry that the honorable Members do not have the nitty gritty, but I can assure them that in due course you will have that Report because it is ready and when the honorable Speaker allows me, I shall



share that Report with the rest of the House. Thank you very much and I urge the members to adopt this Motion. Thank you very much.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON COUNTY WARDS  
EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

**Hon. Gichobe Clement:** I am privileged to serve in the County Assemblies Forum representing this Assembly, together with you Mr. Speaker and honorable Margret Wanjiku, MCA Wangu Ward. I beg to move the following Motion; -

pursuant to Article 37 and 119 of the Constitution of Kenya, this County Assembly resolves to Petition the National Assembly individually and collectively as the County Assemblies Forum leads the draft Petition for the national Assembly to intervene ensure that Wards Equitable Development Fund be included in the draft Constitutional Amendment Bill by the Honorable Stephen Mwale MP and Honorable Gichimu Githinji MP alongside other Funds, namely the National Government Constituency Development Funds, the National Government Affirmative Action Fund, The Senate Oversight Fund and the Economic Stimulus and Empowerment Fund either prior public action of the said Bill before it is referred to the Senate in accordance to the laws and procedure of parliament. Two, that the proposed constitutional amendment in amending article 203 of the Constitution should provide the following with respect to County Equitable Wards Development Fund.

1. That each County government shall allocate funds comprising of a certain percent of the total County Annual Budget estimates or as it shall be advised by the Commission for Revenue Allocation during the drafting of the County Allocation of Revenue Act to cater for the County Equitable Wards Development Fund
2. That all monies allocated to the County Equitable Wards Development Fund shall be considered as monies allocated to Wards pursuant to Article 206 (2c) of the Constitution to be administered according to provisions of an Act of Parliament and
3. That Parliament shall enact a legislation to provide for the administration of the County Equitable Wards Development Fund.

I stand here to request these Members to support this Motion because for the information of this Assembly, currently pursuant to Article 56 of the Constitution, the Honorable Stephen Mwale MP and Honorable Githinji Gichimu MP presented a legislative proposal before the national Assembly, they seek to amend Article 204 of the Constitution of Kenya through parliamentary initiative in order to entrench the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NGCDF), the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) and the Senate Oversight Fund Economic Stimulus and Empowerment Fund (ESEF) in the Constitution. However, missing from that list is the ward equitable development fund that goes to empower the wards at the grassroots levels. If you look at the proposed amendment of Article 204 that I have the privilege to scrutinize the two honorable Members in the National Assembly seeks to ensure that all these funds the NGCDF and the NGAAF that is used by the women representatives, as the County members in the national parliament become entrenched in the Constitution.

This means that the challenge that was faced by the NGCDF of being invalidated by the Supreme Court is not going to be experienced any more in this country. Members of Parliament through Constituency Development Fund (CDF) will have by the constitutional right the money to develop their constituencies but for Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) across the country we have no fund that guarantee development goes to the Assembly.

It is noteworthy after interacting with other Members of the County Assemblies there is a common practice in almost all Assemblies whereby because Governors are in charge of development due to their charge in the executive arm of the County Government most probably unless the Governor have a lot of goodwill it will depend on how the MCAs relate with the Governor and that is what determines the level and the amount of development that goes to the wards. This is completely unconstitutional and that is why through this Motion we are going to petition the National Assembly especially these two honorable members of the National Assembly that seek to amend Article 206 of the Constitution such that if we have the ward development fund entrenched in the Constitution similarly with the NGCDF and NGAAF, the Senate oversight fund, every MCA would be assured that the area they represent regardless of the part of the country that they come from and regardless of their political side during election. Today whether the member for Gatanga where I come from who is a United Democratic Alliance (UDA) party member,

whether he decide to support the executive or whether he decides to part with executive members of Gatanga constituency must get CDF disbursement by right every year. Even those members that are vocal in opposition of this country they still get CDF disbursement.

There are members back in the villages that have got money for development and money for bursaries how about us as MCAs? When you support the Governor in some instances you get development when you do not in some instances you do not get development. If this fund gets entrenched in the Constitution we are going to get by constitutional right money for development. This money is not for MCAs, as proposed in this Motion, it is going to be administered in a way that the National Assembly will determine through legislation noteworthy. Also as I finish, there has been many efforts to ensure that the county ward equitable development fund is entrenched in the law and I would like to hail the current Governor of Murang'a His Excellency Irungu Kang'ata because when he was a senator, he moved this Motion to the Senate but it never saw the light of the day because for some reasons that are majorly political, there has been no goodwill to have direct development money going directly to the wards.

Therefore, when we do this and get this Motion passed and by God's will this also goes well in the National Assembly, we are going to be assured that our people back in the villages have got money for development regardless of which political side they support, regardless of the political stand of their MCA, they are going to have money that comes to them directly.

I want to urge this House to support this Motion and it is good to explain to Members that this Motion is in form of a Petition, therefore, if members you are going to support this Motion, there will be a Petition going around our Serjeant- At-Arms will help with that, with your permission Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to ensure that before you leave this House you are append your signature to that Petition so that if this Motion is passed, we are going to take it and forward it to the National Assembly so that the Members who are moving the amendments of Article 206 of the Constitution are going to consider the Petition from Murang'a County.

It is good to note that in County Assemblies Forum (CAF) other County Assemblies have been passing this Motion we already have the support of 45 out of 47 County Assemblies therefore passing this Motion as Murang'a County Assembly we are going to make number 46 and hopefully we are going to get number. 47 so that we can unite as all the County Assemblies and ensure that this equitable fund of ward development fund is entrenched in the Constitution. With those few

remarks I beg to move the Motion and with your permission I would like to request Hon. Moses to second this Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Moses Muchiri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to second the Motion to petition the National Assembly on county ward equitable development fund. Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Thank you members.

*(Question Proposed)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Honorable members the floor is open for debates. Hon. Edwin Wairagu.

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the Motion and I will say that Hon. Gichobe this is the right way to go, it is job well done; however I need to be guided here that some of these petitions sometimes they may not find themselves in the Floor of the House. I really do not know whether there will be task force although you will give your guidance to ensure that this Petition finds its way in the Floor of the National Assembly. Once it is there you realize that even our wards will automatically develop and this is an initiative whereby every MCA in spite of whatever region you come from, this is a plus to every one of us. I will request through your guidance you give us ....*(inaudible)*.....how it is going to find its way in the Floor of the National Assembly.

Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** I call the mover to respond.

**Hon. Clement Gichobe:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, let me respond to Hon. Wairagu and explain that this Petition is coming to this Assembly and hopefully once we support the Motion and pass it shall be added to other 46 Petitions that have gone to all other County Assemblies Mr. Wairagu I am the ward representative---

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** Please address the chairperson please.

**Hon. Clement Gichobe:** Sorry Mr. Speaker sir, I am the representative of Murang'a County in (CAF) and therefore this is a discussion we have had in CAF with representatives from all other counties and we agreed that we should bring this to our assemblies we pass Motion for

each assembly then all these Motions are going to be combined together then our executive council at the CAF is going to forward this to the National Assembly.

Just as we do in this House there is a chance I have explained while moving that Motion there is a chance to entrench this consideration either at Committee level of the National Assembly since this touches on the development of counties. If the National Assembly passes this Motion this will find its way to the Senate. Even if Members of Parliament (MPs) would ignore this entrenchment we still have a chance to do that in the Senate and we can engage through our Senator.

To be specific, this will find its way because it has legal framework and there is a clear path for it to find its way in the National Assembly and this is through the CAF. Otherwise, I do not have much to say, let me request that all Members kindly support this Motion and I can tell from the fact that most of you have not contributed you silently support this Motion because it is for the benefit of all of us. With your permission Mr Speaker, let me urge Member for Gitugi ward because he is on record in this House to have previously supported a Motion today and omitted some of his body parts I kindly request him through you Mr. Speaker, that this one he considers supporting it with all his body parts including the one he left out.

Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha):** There being no further Business this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 9:30 a.m. or such a time as shall be notified by Notice.

*The Assembly rose at 4:45p.m.*