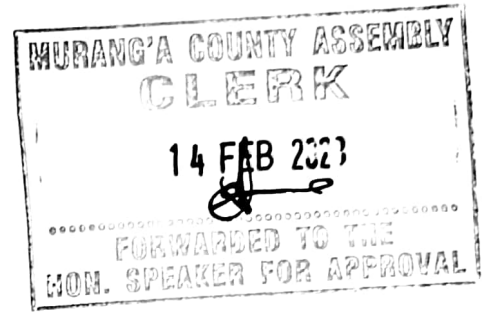


REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY



THIRD ASSEMBLY

**THE SECTROL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES
REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH PROGRAM (NARIGP)
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Clerk's Chambers,

February 2023

Murang'a County Assembly Buildings,
MURANG'A

STATUS OF THE NARIGP PROGRAM AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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1.0 PREFACE

Hon. Speaker the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee is committed towards enhancing the development of the Agriculture Sector through oversight and legislation. While performing its oversight role, the committee engaged the agricultural development partners that operate in the county to identify the status of the programs that are appropriated money through the county budget. The National Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP), is a donor funded project from the World Bank and operates in various counties to support rural agricultural activities for growth.

During the engagement the committee was able to capture details on its operations and the current status as indicated in the observations of this report. Further, the committee has made various recommendations for better implementation of the program going forward.

1.1 Committee Mandate

The Committee on Agriculture, livestock and fisheries was established under Standing Order No.204 is responsible for all matters related to county Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

The Committee is mandated to do the following: -

- i. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
- ii. Study the programme and policy objectives of department of Agriculture and the effectiveness of their implementation;
- iii. Study and review all legislation referred to it;
- iv. Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the department as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- v. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the department Agriculture as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;
- vi. To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 198 (Committee on Appointments) and
- vii. Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

1.2 Members of the Committee

The Committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following Hon. Members: -

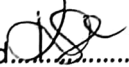
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1.3 Acknowledgements

- a. The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support extended to it in the execution of its mandate.
- b. The Chairman further takes this opportunity to thank all the members for their participation and dedication during the scrutiny of the NARIGP Program.
- c. The Committee also applauds the efforts of the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the County Coordinator for Agriculture to ensure members get requisite information on program implementation.
- d. Finally, the Committee wishes to extend special acknowledgement to the members of the secretariat for their commitment and technical expertise during the exercise.

It is now my pleasant duty on behalf of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee to present this report for adoption by the Assembly.

Thank you.

Signed.....

Date.....14/02/23.....

HON. CAROLINE WAIRIMU NJOROGE

CHAIRPERSON, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Overview

The National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) is a loan to the National government but a grant to various county governments. NARIGP is a **five year credit** to the Government of Kenya from the International Development Association (IDA). The IDA is the part of the World Bank that helps the World's poorest countries with the aim of reducing poverty by providing loans called Credits and Grants for programs that boost economic growth, reduce inequalities and improve people's living conditions. IDA credits have very low interest and repayments are stretched over 25 to 40 years, including a 5 to 10 years grace period. NARIGP has a grace period of six years with the first repayment due on 15th November 2022 and the last payment not later than 15th May, 2054. The main objective is to increase agricultural productivity and profitability of targeted rural communities in selected Counties, and in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, to provide immediate and effective response.

In Kenya the project is implemented by the following 21 counties;

Arid Areas	Semi-Arid Areas	High to High Rainfall
Samburu, Turkana	Makueni, Meru,Kitui,Embu, Kilifi,Kwale, Narok	Kirinyaga,Embu, Murang'a, Nakuru, Bungoma, Tranzoia, Nandi,Vihiga, Kisii, Nyamira, Migori, Homa Bay

2.2 NARIGP Investment Windows

- a. Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Value Chains (VCs)-
- b. Market-Oriented Livelihood Intervention-
- c. Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups (VMGs)
- d. Nutrition Mainstreaming- nutrition mainstreaming will be done through three pathways – consumption, income and women empowerment.

2.3 NARIGP Project Components

Supporting Community-Driven Development (CDD)

The objective of this component is to strengthen the ability of community level institutions to identify and implement investments that improve their agricultural productivity, food security and nutritional status; and, linkages to selected value chains (VCs) and Producer Organizations (POs).

Strengthening Producer Organizations and Value Chain Development

Involves strengthening POs and improve market access for small-holder producers in targeted rural communities. Through a VC approach, Common interest Groups (CIGs) and Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups (VMGs) formed under Component 1 will be supported to federate into strong business-oriented POs. It also supports the CIG and VMG members to join existing POs.

Supporting county community-led development

Involves strengthening the capacity of county governments to support community-led development initiatives identified under Components 1 and 2. This includes the provision of technical advisory services (e.g. public extension services); enabling environment for the private sector and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to operate; and inter-community investments (e.g. catchment or landscape wide and larger rural infrastructure) based on priorities identified under components 1 and 2.

Project coordination and management

Involves financing activities related to the national and county-level project coordination, including planning, fiduciary, human resource management, safeguards compliance and monitoring, Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), Management Information System (MIS) and Information Communication Technology (ICT) development, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), impact evaluation, communication and citizen engagement. In addition, in the event of a national disaster affecting the agricultural sector, the project through this component would finance emergency responses.

3.0 FINDINGS

3.1 NARIGP Funding

NARIGP is funded by both the National Government grant and counterpart funding from the county government. The table below indicates how the program has been funded over the years;

Financial Year	Allocated Funds (Kshs.)	County Contribution (Kshs.)	Total (Kshs.)
2017-18	50,000,000	5,000,000	55,000,000
2018-19	147,500,000	6,500,000	212,500,000
2019-20	307,500,000	6,500,000	314,000,000
2020-21	204,980,740	6,500,000	211,480,740
2021-22	294,770,036	6,500,000	301,270,036
2022-23	335,683,961	204,587,241.82	540,271,202.82
TOTAL 6YRS	1,340,434,737	235,587,242	1,634,521,979

3.2 County Investment and Employment Programs

Key agricultural and rural development infrastructure (ref pg. 192 of PIM for application of funds, pg. 126 of PAD)

e.g. Dam construction, irrigation scheme, access road construction etc.

NB. The project will fund 2 projects that cut across many communities per year. The cost per county project should be above ksh 1,000,000 with a ceiling of ksh100,000,000.

3.3 The project will support communities through four investment windows

No.	Investments	% of Grant	Project Grant	Community Contribution
1	Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Value Chains (VCs)	60%	500,000	10%
2	Market-Oriented Livelihood Intervention	25%	200,000	30%
3	VMGs	10%	100,000	Nil
4	Nutrition	5%	50,000	Nil

Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and Value Chains (VCs)-

Poor farming practices and deforestation in catchment areas has resulted in Extensive environmental degradation. Degradation currently is also as a result of Climate-induced production risks, such as floods, droughts, and landslides.

Project will target the following interventions:

- i. Reduction of soil erosion
- ii. Soil micro-nutrient analysis for individual farmers
- iii. Tree planting and Agro-forestry
- iv. water harvesting practices
- v. Water conservation practices
- vi. Promotion of early maturing, drought-resistant crops/varieties
- vii. Drip irrigation
- viii. Green House Farming etc

Market-Oriented Livelihood Intervention

NARIGP will implement alternative livelihood micro-projects whose objective is to raise income and create jobs, particularly during the offseason.

Criteria for choosing interventions will be based on their potential for reducing rural poverty and generating off-farm income.

This will include activities such as value addition to livestock and crop products and other locally produced commodities:

- i. honey packaging,
- ii. fish processing,
- iii. fruit canning,
- iv. handicrafts,
- v. aquaculture,
- vi. beekeeping, and
- vii. formulating animal feed, among others

Targeted support to VMGs

The project will finance micro-projects targeting the most vulnerable and marginalized community members, such as

- i. women,
- ii. youth,
- iii. widows/widowers,
- iv. orphans,
- v. the elderly,
- vi. the abled differently persons
- vii. Recovering substance abusers, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Criteria to identify vulnerable and marginalized individuals will include: *land ownership, asset ownership/perceived value, meals per day, number of dependents, female/child-headed households, and advanced age, among others*

Nutrition Mainstreaming

These will be integrated through:

- i. Consumption pathways, which introduce traditional nutrient-dense crops (e.g., fruits and vegetables) and livestock raising (e.g., poultry and small ruminants) through home- and school-based gardening
- ii. Income pathways, which promote value addition through home-based food processing, storage, and preservation,
- iii. Women's empowerment pathways, which facilitate women's participation in on- and off-farm activities by introducing labor-saving initiatives and rural credit schemes.

Nutrition education will be provided to:

- i. create awareness and build the institutional capacity and knowledge base of smallholder farmers and
- ii. build government agencies' capacity to implement the nutrition agenda

Thro development of nutrition assessment tools and manuals for county- and community-level interventions, and development of Individual county dietary guidelines with visual guides).

3.4 NARIGP Implementing Sub Counties and Wards in Murang'a County

No.	Sub-County	Ward
1	Mathioya	Kamacharia, Gitugi, Kiru
2	Kahuro	Mugoiri, Wangu, Murarandia
3	Kigumo	Muthithi, Kigumo, Kangari, Kinyona
4	Kandara	Ng'araria, Muruka, Kagundu-ini, Ithiru, Ruchu
5	Maragua	Kimorori/Wempa, Makuyu, Kamahuha, Ichagaki, Nginda

3.5 Challenges Encountered while implementing the NARIGP Program

- i. Covid-19
- ii. Delayed disbursement of funds-counterpart & donor.
- iii. Delayed payment to the youths, Agripreneurs and VMGs involved in SLMs activities.

3.6 Achievements of the NARIGP Program

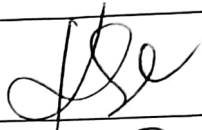









- i. Four trophies in four years of implementation
- ii. Inclusion into next Project Dispensation (Navcdp 2023-2027)

4.0 Committee Recommendations

For better implementation of the program the Committee recommends as follows:

- a) That the CECM should in future ensure proper dissemination of information regarding programmes that require the participation of members of public so that the deserving and interested groups are not left out from such programmes.
- b) That in future the CECM In charge of Agriculture should ensure full involvement of elected Members of the County Assembly in launching of various programmes in the ward, being the opinion leaders and representatives of the electorate and also for their information.
- c) The CECM Finance should ensure timely disbursement of counterpart fund as per the operational agreement between County Government and National Government so as not to compromise on the implementation of NARIGP.
- d) The County Government should address its revenue performance to ensure the approved budget is fully financed.
- e) The County Government should identify and address issues causing delays in implementing development projects.
- f) The County Government should ensure that relevant and regular reports on the NARIGP projects are submitted to the county Assembly Committee of Agriculture and provided to the relevant stakeholders detailing the relevance of the project, level of achievement of the projects, impact and sustainability among other items.

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