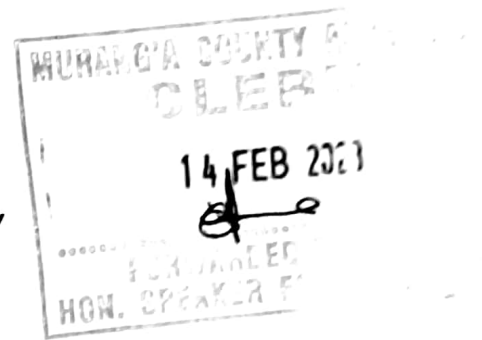


REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY



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**THE SECTROL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES  
REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM  
(ASDSP) AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**Clerk's Chambers,  
Murang'a County Assembly Buildings,  
MURANG'A**

**February 2023**

## **1.0 PREFACE**

Hon. Speaker the Agriculture sector is a key economic component that attracts both foreign and domestic investments aimed at increasing food productivity and commercial enterprises. The Agricultural Development Support Program (ADSP) is among the grants supporting agriculture activities in Murang'a County. In fulfilling the oversight role the committee has scrutinized the ASDSP program to identify its status as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and the committee findings and recommendations are as contained in this report.

### **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: -


1. Hon. Caroline Wairimu Njoroge -Chairperson
2. Hon. Gathee wa Njeri -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Hilary Muigai Muchoki - Member
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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 ASDSP 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.....14/02/2023.....

HON. CAROLINE WAIRIMU NJOROGE

CHAIRPERSON, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

## **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Program Overview**

Agriculture Sector Development Support Programme Phase Two (ASDSP II) is one of the key programmes designed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives and 47 county governments to contribute to addressing food and nutrition security and promote manufacturing. It is primarily designed to enhance the capacity of different Priority Value Chain Actors at different levels to tackle the problems that hinder commercialization of Agriculture.

The programme is implemented by the Government of Kenya (National and 47 county governments) with strong participation of the private sector as direct beneficiaries or service providers. It is financed by the Government of Kenya, Sida and EU for a period of five years (2017-2022).

### **2.2 Program Goal and Purpose**

The goal of the program is to contribute to "Transformation of crop, livestock and fishery production into commercially oriented enterprises that ensure sustainable food and nutrition security.

The purpose of the program is to develop sustainable priority value chains for improved income, employment, and food and nutrition security.

### **2.3 Program Funding**

**The program is funded as follows;**

- i. Government of Sweden – 51M
- ii. GoK – 12.5M
- iii. County Government – 5.5M per year = 27.5M
- iv. Total project funds for 5 years = 91M

Funds are accessed via;

- i. Allocation – access through activity based work plan (the process)
- ii. Grants mechanism – access through extended concept for capacity building (CB) and grants - innovation concepts for innovation grants mainly for women and youth

### **2.4 ASDSP RESULT AREAS**

#### **a. Productivity of value chains increased**

Low productivity, characterized by low production levels and irregular supply of traded commodities along the value chain, has been identified as one of the key barriers to commercialization of the agricultural sector.

In order to address this challenge, ASDSP seeks to support value chain actors (men, women and youth) in the prioritized value chains (PVCs) to increase their productivity through interventions that focus on the following areas:

- i. Enhancing the technical capacity of service providers based on identified value chain opportunities
- ii. Value Chains Innovations with high prospects for women and youth value chain actors;
- iii. Enhancing Climate Smart Agriculture and Green Growth interventions, practices and technologies

**b. Entrepreneurial Skills Development**

**The Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP II) strengthens entrepreneurial skills of the priority value chain actors and the service providers to stimulate commercial enterprise creation.** In particular, it aims to develop value chain actors and service providers in the 29 priority agricultural value chains through entrepreneurial skills development and relevant technical skills enhancement. Commercial Agricultural Value Chain Enterprises are one of the most important sources of sustainable incomes and food security. To boost sustainable incomes and food security, the programme focuses on the growth in commercial Micro – Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) through value chain actors and service providers' entrepreneurial skills development.

**c. Improved access to markets by priority value chain actors**

We support value chain actors with "soft" market access interventions by identifying and accelerating breakthrough solutions, ideas and conversations through partners who facilitate market linkages, linkages market information and financial services. Value Chain Actors are sensitized to comply with health safety and eco-standards in food production and supply chains. It is acknowledged that poor roads and lack of security, electricity, on and off-farm storage and other infrastructure services may hinder market access. These barriers fall outside the domain of the programme. However, such issues cascaded from the VCAs to the relevant authorities through the established Sector coordination structures and value chain platforms.

Efforts are geared towards strengthening value chain groups into bigger and viable entities like cooperatives, associations, companies etc. to achieve this objective, smaller entities are encouraged to merge into larger federations like Unions, cooperatives and private companies. These initiatives are pursued through the Value Chain Platforms (VCPs) at the county as well as the VCPs to be established at the regional and national levels. Existence of these VCPs is considered not only an important entry point for cost effective service delivery for improved productivity and delivery of quality products, but also provides a forum for lobbying and resolving conflicting interests of VCAs and hence Value Chain justice.

#### **d. Structures and capacities for consultation and coordination in the sector strengthened**

ASDSP II is operating under a devolved system of government. The Agriculture sector recognized this and developed a consultation and cooperation mechanism to promote good working relationship between the two levels. However, the Agriculture sector is still faced with weak and inadequate structures and capacities for consultation, cooperation and coordination. This is one of the key problems that the programme is striving to address in order to contribute to the realization of commercialization of priority value chains. ASDSP II therefore aims at strengthening structures and capacities for consultation, cooperation and coordination in the Sector through the following:

- i. Initiatives for establishment of the structures for consultation and coordination supported
- ii. Enhancing capacities of established structures for consultation, cooperation and coordination
- iii. Enhancing participation of stakeholders in consultation and coordination structures
- iv. Facilitation of preparation of sector policies, strategies and regulations for launch and roll out

#### **2.5 PROGRAM VALUE CHAINS**

- i. VALUE CHAINS
  - Cow Milk
  - French Beans
  - Banana

##### **Value Chain Data**

- ii. Value Chain Organizations -147
- iii. Value Chain Actors-23,633
- iv. VCAs BY GENDER: Men==10,708 &Women==12,925
- v. Male youth == 1,506 Female Youth==1,308

#### **2.6 VISION STATEMENTMENTS FOR THE VALUE CHAIN**

##### **COW MILK**

To transform Murang'a County Cow Milk Value Chain into an innovative, commercially oriented and globally competitive chain by 2023.

##### **FRENCH BEANS**

To be the preferred County for high quality and commercially competitive French Beans products in the world by 2023.

## **BANANA**

To transform Murang'a County Banana value chain into an innovative, commercially oriented and globally competitive chain by 2023.

### **VALUE CHAIN MARKET DRIVEN OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **COW MILK**

High demand for good quality milk and its products locally and in neighbouring counties due to the ever-increasing population, urbanization and purchasing power

#### **FRENCH BEANS**

High demand for quality County French beans in the export and local market of 16,000 MT annually.

#### **BANANA**

High demand of ripening and cooking bananas of 266311.2 MT worth KSH 4B and 52235.6 MT worth KSH1B respectively

### **2.7 FOCUS (PROGRAMME OUTCOMES)**

To realize the Programme purposes, the following 4 outcomes were pursued:

- i. Increased productivity of priority value chains;
- ii. Strengthened entrepreneurial skills of VCAs;
- iii. Improved access to markets by VCAs; and
- iv. Strengthened structures and capacities for coordination in the Agricultural Sector

### **3.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS**

#### **OUTCOME 1: PRODUCTIVITY OF PRIORITY VALUE CHAINS INCREASED**

- i. Capacity building for 16 Service Providers carried out
- ii. 3 Value Chain Platforms in place and vibrant
- iii. 43 Value chain Innovations with high prospects for women and youth empowerment supported-6620 VCAs(M:2510: 3880F:3800: Y:230)
- iv. 30 opportunities implemented in the 3 PVCs
- v. 43 Climate Smart Agriculture technologies and practices implemented by 6620 VCAs (M:2510: 3880F:3800: Y:230)

#### **OUTCOME 2: ENHANCED ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF PRIORITY IN THE PRIORITY VALUE CHAINS**

- i. Capacity building on entrepreneurial skills for 16 Service Providers done
- ii. 8725 BPs developed by VCAs
- iii. 4230 (M:1874 F:2080 : Y:276) Business plans( BPs ) Implemented

#### **Examples of PVC Innovations and CSA technologies Implemented**

<b>PVC Innovations</b>	<b>CSA Technologies</b>
Bracharia grass fodder	Biogas Technology
Tissue culture bananas	Drip Irrigation
Fodder conservation such as silage	Solar powered water pumps
Sexed semen in dairy cattle	Early maturing French beans varieties
Homemade feed formulation	Charcoal coolers in banana
Banana ripening chambers and Dusulla	Lined water ponds/pans
Digital weighing scales for traders	Relay cropping
Dairy feed processing	Tumbukizza-for Napier
Motor biked mounted water pumps	Zero and minimum tillage
Value added products	Crop rotation

### **OUTCOME 3: ACCESS TO MARKED BY VCAS IMPROVED**

- i. 48 groups aggregated into VCOs
- ii. 21 market linkage instruments operational
- iii. 13 market information providers supported
- iv. 11,530 VCAs (M:7550: F:3030: F:950 VCAs accessing market information)
- v. 18,836 VCAs accessing financial services

### **OUTCOME 4: STRUCTURES AND CAPACITIES FOR COORDINATION IN THE SECTOR STRENGTHENED**

- i. 4 structures for coordination established- County Agriculture Sector Steering Committee (CASSCOM), County Programme Secretariat (CPS), Value Chain Platforms (VCPs) and Stakeholder fora
- ii. 2 structures have operational procedures and guidelines
- iii. 8 stakeholders participating in coordination
- iv. 4 policies ,7 strategies,3 plans, 7 regulations inventoried
- v. 4 policies ,7 strategies,3 plans, 7 regulations already launched and in use

### **ASDSP II STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS**

<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Partners</b>
Groots-Kenya	NARIGP
Agricultural Finance Corporation	UTaNRMP
One Acre Fund	
Anglican Development Services	
Caritas	
Nairobi Water Trust Fund	
Hand in Hand	
AMICA Sacco	
Chamber of Commerce –Murang’a Chapter	
PELLUM	



### 3.1 Major contributors to the success of ASDSP

- i. Great support– County Government, Assembly
- ii. Team work –CPS ,SPs
- iii. Supportive partners and stakeholders
- iv. Very ready VCAs mainly in the production node

### 3.2 Challenges that hindered effective implementation of ASDSP

- i. Untimely disbursement of funds
- ii. Covid 19-slowed down activities implementation
- iii. Effects of climate change

### 3.3 ASDSP Functional Nodes

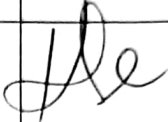



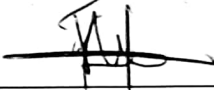

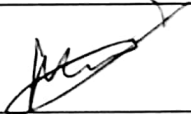




PVC/NODE	COW MILK Total VCO's-30				FRENCH BEANS Total VCO's-46				BANANA Total VCO's-71				Total 3 VC Total VCO's- 147
	M	W	Y	Total	M	W	Y	Total	M	W	Y	Total	
Agro input	405	135	70	610	16	2	4	22	3	4	14	21	653
Producer	6860	9687	1694	18241	515	411	213	1139	1050	768	54	1872	21,252
Transporter	5	2	310	317	43	0	64	107	25	32	47	104	528
Trader	107	419	7	533	4	2	2	8	145	81	4	230	771
Processor	5	45	300	350	1	0	0	1	18	29	31	78	429
<b>Total ASDSP 11</b>	<b>7382</b>	<b>10288</b>	<b>2381</b>	<b>20051</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>2305</b>	<b>23,633</b>
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## **10 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **The Committee Recommends as follows:**

- a) **THAT** the community should be sensitized on the Agriculture support programs and be capacity built on the role they can undertake in execution of the programs at all levels.
- b) **THAT** there should be equity and equality in distribution of projects across the County to curb sentiments of discrimination on the side of the County Government where some wards benefit from two or more programs while others have none.
- c) **THAT** the CECM in charge of Agriculture 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.
- d) **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
- e) **THAT**, 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 ASDSP.
- f) **THAT**, The County Government should ensure that relevant and regular reports on the ASDSP 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.
- g) The ASDSP cow milk program should be integrated with the county government milk subsidy program so as to maximize returns in the dairy sector.

**THE SECTROL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE REPORT  
ADOPTION SCHEDULE.**

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