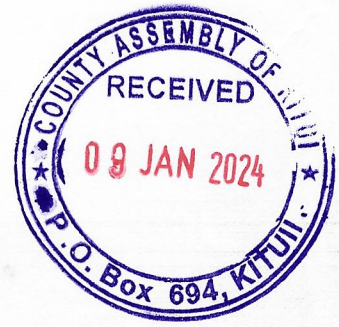


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THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI

THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK

**PETITION TO IMPLEMENT THE RIGHT TO FOOD OF KITUI COUNTY RESIDENTS**

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, Citizens of Kitui County, Right to Food Ambassadors, And The Kenya Parliamentary Human Rights Association (KEPHRA),

**Draw the attention of the house to the following: -**

- I. THAT**, the Right to Food is a fundamental Human Right enshrined in Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;
- II. THAT**, the Government of Kenya is under obligation to respect, protect and fulfil the realization of the Right to Food for all Kenyans;
- III. THAT**, as a state party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); the Right to Food is one of those economic and social cultural rights which the state is required to take steps to help realize;
- IV. THAT**, the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET) report on Acute Food Insecurity and Malnutrition in Kenya 2020 stated that 56,809 people in Kitui County (5% of the population analyzed) face acute food insecurity and are in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or worse, while over 7,628 children between the age of 6 to 59 months are malnourished and in need of treatment;
- V. THAT**, 715,559,699 Kenyan Shillings was allocated to the Department of Infrastructure, Housing, Transport and Planning in the FY2023/2024 County Government budget a decrease from the 1,190,399,667 Kenyan Shillings allocated in the FY2022/2023; the roads are inaccessible affecting the availability of food in the markets;
- VI. THAT**, the Department of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development was allocated 803,447,720 Kenyan Shillings in the FY2023/2024, a reduction from 1,233,389,347 Kenyan Shillings in the FY2022/2023 budget, which has further led to limited availability of food and water resources both for humans and animals;

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VII. **THAT**, there are not enough agricultural extension workers to give professional advice to local farmers on diversification of crops, irrigation and other relevant sustainable agricultural practices such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM);

VIII. **THAT**, the County Government of Kitui reduced the budget to the Department of Trade, Cooperatives and Investment to 375,902,998 Kenyan shillings in the FY2023/2024, yet the marketing for agricultural products produced by the farmers and their surplus such as poultry meat products, honey, mangoes, onions and eggs is insufficient;

**THEREFORE**, your humble petitioners PRAY that: -

- i) The County Government of Kitui increases the allocations to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Livestock Development in their FY2024/2025 budget to implement projects to ensure the cleaning of dams to hold more water during the rainy season and adopting measures to prevent siltation;
- ii) That the County Government of Kitui County hires more agricultural extension officers to provide professional advice to farmers on farming methods, food productivity and any other relevant information to boost sustainable agricultural productivity in the county;
- iii) The County Government of Kitui increases the budget to the Department of Infrastructure, Housing, Transport and Planning in the FY2024/2025, and uses the available funds to construct roads leading to markets;
- iv) The County Government of Kitui uses the allocated amount to the Department of Trade, Cooperatives and Investment in the FY2024/2025 budget to create a marketing system for farm and animal produce surplus from farms in the County, negotiate new markets through inter-county trading as well as international markets;

And your **PETITIONERS** will ever pray.

**PRESENTED BY:**

**UCY MWAGUMBA**

**ID. NO 11761317**

**SIGNATURE**

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**ID.NO. 31781736**

**SIGNATURE**

**DATE:**

09/01/2024

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