



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

COMMUNIQUÉ AT THE END OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ASALS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH, 2022 AT ENASHIPAI RESORT AND SPA NAKURU.

Introduction

Today, the Council of Governors ASALs and Disaster Management Committee held a consultative meeting to deliberate on the drought situation in the ASALs counties, and forge for partnerships in scaling up humanitarian assistance and come up with long term livelihoods interventions and strategies to mitigate against the persistence drought situation in the country.

We appreciate the President for the good gesture to intervene through distribution of relief food. We note that these efforts are still inadequate, therefore, we call upon the National Government, Non-governmental Organizations and all other development partners to scale up response and provide support to the most affected people and livestock in the ASALs counties.

RESOLUTIONS

The meeting therefore resolves as follows:

1. **THAT**, the Council of Governors will convene a consultative meeting with the National Government, all Development partners, humanitarian organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and private sector within two weeks to deliberate on the worsening drought situation in the country and come up with modalities and strategies for long term livelihoods interventions.
(Actors: Council of Governors and County Governments)

2. **THAT**, the Council of Governors calls for review of the mandate and financing of the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) to be able to effectively prepare and respond to droughts in Kenya.
(Actors: Council of Governors, Ministry of Public Service and NDMA)

3. **THAT**, the Council of Governors to provide technical assistance to County Governments to develop a model law on Disaster Risk Management for co-ordination and management of disaster risks at the county level.
(Actors: Council of Governors, County Governments and County Assemblies)

4. **THAT**, the State Department for Development of ASALs should actively involve the ASALs County Governments in the process of identification of MTP IV Disaster Risk Management flagship projects and other programmes for implementation in the period 2022-2027 in the ASAL areas.
(Actors: Council of Governors, State Department for ASALs and MTP IV Disaster Risk Management Sector Working Group)

5. **THAT**, the Council of Governors lauds the creation of the Public Finance Management (Disaster Management Fund) Regulations, 2022 which will be accessible to both levels of government. The Council therefore, urges the National Treasury to fast-track the process and ensure that the mandate of the Fund is limited to resource mobilization and disbursement of funds to entities at both levels of government with counties accessing not less that 50% of the fund.
(Actors: Council of Governors, National Treasury and Parliament)

6. **THAT**, the Council of Governors notes the progress made in the development of ASALs Partnership Coordination and Resilience Programming Frameworks. The Council calls upon the State Department for Development of ASALs to ensure that the Joint Intergovernmental Secretariat for its implementation is domiciled at the Council of Governors.

(Actors: Council of Governors and State Department for Development of ASALs)

7. **THAT**, the Council of Governors notes the vulnerability of ASAL counties to climate change risks and shocks. We call upon the National Government to immediately formulate an economic stimulus programme for climate change mitigation and development in ASALs.

(Actors: Council of Governors, Ministry of Public Service and all Development Partners in the ASALs)

8. **THAT**, the Council of Governors calls upon the National Government to transfer the resources and assets of Regional Development Authorities to County Governments since their functions were devolved to the County Governments under the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution.

(Actors: Council of Governors, Parliament and Ministry of East African Community (EAC) and Regional Development)

9. **THAT**, the Council of Governors therefore calls upon the State Department of Livestock in consultation of ASALs County Governments to establish a Livestock Marketing Authority which will be given the seed capital to implement component 2 of the Horn of Africa De-Risking, Inclusion and Value Enhancement of Pastoral Economies Project (HOA DRIVE) and undertake Livestock Value Chains and Trade Facilitation.

(Actors: Council of Governors, State Department of Livestock and World Bank)

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