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REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION BY RESIDENTS OF GOLINI, KWALE COUNTY REGARDING REGULARIZATION OF ALLOCATION OF LAND IN GOLINI SETTLEMENT SCHEME

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#### CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The Petition by residents of Golini in Kwale County regarding regularization of the allocation of land in Golini Settlement Scheme was conveyed to the National Assembly by the Hon. Tandaza Kassim Sawa MP on behalf of Petitioners on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

In considering the Petition, the committee held meetings with the Hon Tandaza Kassim Sawa MP and representatives of the Petitioners on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Chairperson, National Land Commission on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The Committee also received written submissions from the Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

The Committee is thankful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its sittings. The Committee is also thankful to the Petitioners, the Hon Tandaza Kassim Sawa MP, the Chairperson, National Land Commission, the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning for the submissions they made to the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee, and pursuant to Standing Order, 227 it is my pleasant duty to table the Report of the Departmental Committee on Lands on its consideration of the Petition by residents of Golini, Kwale County regarding regularization of allocation of land in Golini Settlement Scheme

Hon. Dr. Rachael Kaki Nyamai, MP

Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to respond to prayers made in a Petition by residents of Golini in Kwale County regarding regularization of the allocation of land in Golini Settlement Scheme. The Petitioners prayed that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Lands compels the concerned department to consider issuing the petitioners with allotment letters in respect of the resurvey map of the year 2007 and restrain the beneficiaries of the allotment in the first survey from selling their respective plots before full issuance of allotment letters as per the re – survey of the year 2007 is concluded.

The Committee considered submissions by the Petitioners, the Ministry of Lands & Physical Planning, and the National Land Commission. The Committee made the following observations:

- i) The Golini settlement scheme L.R 5003 covering an area of 377.02 Ha. was established in 1994. The scheme was subsequently registered, and 152 titles deeds were issued;
- ii) Thereafter complains from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated formation of a Task force in 2003 which produced the Golini Task Force Report;
- iii) The scheme was subsequently abolished through a ministerial a directive issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007;
- iv) Consequently, a re-survey of the scheme was undertaken as per ground occupancy, which realizing 268 plots as was recommended by the task force;
- v) The Committee noted with concern that the first survey and allocation were not nullified after the second re- survey and the latter had already been registered;
- vi) In January 2017, the National Land Commission (NLC) considered the matter and delivered its findings under Article 67(2) (e) on historical land injustices and recommended, that:
  - The first survey map used to allocate the land be abolished because it led to erroneous allocation.
  - The letters of offer that followed were hence null and void.
  - The second survey map that was done with the consent and involvement of Golini people be upheld and used as a basis of allocation of the subject land.
  - Fresh letters of offer be issued in conformity with this map subject to resolving boundary and inheritance matters therein.
  - A proper PDP be prepared to reflect the existing land use and public utilities.

- New titles reflecting the actual scenario on the ground be issued and registered thereafter.
- vii) Despite the NLC having communicated its decision to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical planning and the Governor Kwale County for implementation on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the Ministry has to date failed to ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is legally cancelled to pave way for the settlement of genuine beneficiaries.
- viii) Although the residents of Golini were issued with fresh allotment letters following the resurvey of the land in Golini Settlement Scheme, in 2007, the 152 title deeds that had been issued in the initial allocation were not cancelled and this has facilitated the continued transfer of the land to third parties.
- ix) The Petitioners' were unable to raise the necessary fees to facilitate the lodging of a case in court seeking the revocation of the said title deeds due to the huge cost involved, including serving the 152 allottees.
- x) The Committee also took cognizant of the fact that the power of the National Land Commission to revoke the grant of review all grants or dispositions of public land to establish their propriety or legality had since expired under the National Land Commission Act.
- xi) There is need for the Ministry to forthwith implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of genuine beneficiaries.

In response to the Petitioners' prayers, the Committee recommends that pursuant to section 76 of the Lands Registration Act, 2012, the Registrar of Lands does immediately place restrictions on Golini Settlement Scheme, L.R No. 5003 to guard against the continued transfer of the land to third partie upon tabling of this Report.

The Committee also recommends that Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning does implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of genuine beneficiaries within six months of tabling of this Report.

#### 1.0 PREFACE

#### 1.1 Mandate of the Committee

- 1. The Departmental Committee on Lands is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 216 (1) and (5) with the following terms of reference: -
  - (i) make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;
  - (ii) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;
  - (iii) study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
  - (iv) study, access and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
  - (v) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House or a Minister.
  - (vi) study and review all legislation referred to it.

#### 1.2 Committee subjects

- 2. The Committee is mandated to consider the following subjects:
  - a) Lands
  - b) Settlement

#### 1.3 Oversight

3. The Committee oversights the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning; and the National Land Commission.

#### 1.4 Committee Membership

4. The Committee membership comprises: -

#### Chairperson

Hon. Dr. Rachael Nyamai, CBS, MP
MP for Kitui South Constituency

<u>Jubilee Party</u>

# Vice Chairperson Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, MP MP for Lunga Lunga Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Benjamin Washiali, CBS, MP Member for Mumias East Constituency

**Jubilee Party** 

Hon Joshua Kutuny Serem, MP Member for Cherangany Constituency **Jubilee Party** 

Hon. Mishi Mboko, MP Member for Likoni Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Hon. Omar Mwinyi, MP
Member for Changamwe Constituency
Orange Democratic Movement
(ODM)

Hon. Ahmed Kolosh, MP Member for Wajir West Constituency **Jubilee Party** 

Hon. Ali Mbogo, MP
Member for Kisauni Constituency
Wiper Democratic Movement (WDM)

Hon. Babu Owino, MP
Member for Embakasi East
Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)

Hon. Caleb Kipkemei Kositany, MP Member for Soy Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon George Aladwa, MP
Member for Makadara Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement

(ODM)

Hon George Risa Sunkuyia, MP Member for Kajiado West Constituency **Jubilee Party** 

Hon. John Muchiri Nyaga, MP Member for Manyatta Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Josphat Gichunge Kabeabea, MP Member for Tigania East Constituency

#### Party of National Unity (PNU)

Hon. Lilian Tomitom, MP Member for West Pokot County Jubilee Party

Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP
Member for Kilifi North Constituency
Orange Democratic Movement
(ODM)

Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, MP Member for Chuka/Igambangombe Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, MP Member for Subukia Constituency **Jubilee Party** 

Hon. Teddy Mwambire, MP
Member for Ganze Constitueny
Orange Democratic Movement

(ODM)

#### 1.5 Committee secretariat

5. The Committee secretariat comprises:

## Lead Clerk Mr. Leonard Machira Senior Clerk Assistant

Mr. Ahmad Guliye Clerk Assistant III

Mr. Adan Abdi Fiscal Analyst III

Dr. Kefa Omoti **Principal Researcher Officer**  Ms. Winnie Kizia

Media Relations Officer III

Ms. Jemimah Waigwa
Legal Counsel

Mr. Dennis Mawira
Audio Officer

Ms. Peris Kaburi Serjeant-At-Arms

#### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 6. The Petition by residents of Golini, Kwale County regarding regularization of the allocation of land in Golini Settlement Scheme was conveyed to the National Assembly by the Hon Tandaza Kassim Sawa MP on behalf of petitioners on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.
- 7. The Petitioners wished to draw the attention of the House to the following, that:
  - i. Residents of Golini Location in Matuga Constituency have been living on their land for many years and utilizing it to sustain their economic needs;
  - ii. Between 1969 and 1971, land in the said location was adjudicated for purposes of registration, except parcel No. 5003 which was registered as community land and occupied by the residents as a community;
  - iii. In 1994, Golini Settlement Scheme was established on LR No. 5003 with the intention of benefitting the local community that owned the land under communal land tenure system;
  - iv. Following complaints raised by the locals regarding the allocation of land in the scheme, the District Plot Allocation Committee formed a taskforce in 2003 to look into the matter and recommend appropriate remedies;
  - v. A ministerial directive made on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 directed the re-survey of the land in question, which resulted in the sub division of two hundred and sixty eight (268) plots based on the recommendations of the Golini Settlement Scheme Taskforce Report;
  - vi. After the resurvey, the Kwale County Lands Board and the National Land Commission sanctioned a verification process with a view to hear and sort out any unresolved issues and recommend how to mend and /or operationalize the taskforce report;
  - vii. Since the 2007 resurvey, residents of Golini have not been issued with fresh allotment letters and the initial map has not yet been abolished, leading to erroneous allocation of land;
  - viii. In 2017, the National Land Commission delivered its findings and recommendations, at a public baraza, in the presence of the affected

- beneficiaries, noting the said land was ancestral as evidenced by homesteads, graveyards and mature trees;
- ix. Residents have sought assistance from all relevant state institutions, but no satisfactory response has been given; and
- x. The matters raised in the Petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body.
- 8. Therefore, the Petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Lands compels the concerned department to consider issuing the petitioners with allotment letters in respect of the resurvey map of the year 2007 and restrain the beneficiaries of the allotment in the first survey from selling their respective plots before full issuance of allotment letters as per the re survey of the year 2007 is concluded.

#### 3.0 SUBMISSIONS

#### 3.1 Submissions by the Hon. Tandaza Kassim Sawa, MP on behalf of the Petitioners

- 9. The Committee held a meeting with the Hon Tandaza Kassim Sawa, MP on behalf of the Petitioners on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020. During the meeting he informed the committee that:
- 10. The Petitioners have been living on the in question located near Kwale Town for many years and considered it their ancestral land.
- 11. In 1994, Golini Settlement Scheme was established on LR. No. 5003 which was by then registered as community land and occupied by the petitioners. The scheme was intended to benefit the local community including the petitioners. However, persons not residing in the area were allocated plots in the scheme to the disadvantage of the petitioners.
- 12. Following complaints raised by the residents of Golini, the District Plot Allocation Committee formed a taskforce to address the complaints. Subsequently, a Ministerial directive was issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 directing the re survey of the land in question. The exercise resulted in the sub division of two hundred and sixty eight (268) plots based on the recommendation of the Golini Settlement Scheme Taskforce Report.
- 13. The Kwale County Lands Board and the National land Commission sanctioned the verification of the plots. The Commission also made further recommendations in 2017 acknowledging that the land was the petitioners 'ancestral land.
- 14. However, the residents of Golini have not been issued with fresh allotment letters and the initial map has not been abolished facilitating the transfer of the land in question to third parties;
- 15. Although the Petitioners acknowledge that 152 title deeds had been issued in the initial allocation. The Petitioners were unable to raise the necessary fees to facilitate the lodging of a case in court seeking the revocation of the said title deeds due to huge cost involved, including serving the 152 allottees.
- 16. The Petitioners prayed that the National Assembly through the Committee compels the concerned department to consider issuing them with allotment letters in respect to the resurvey map drawn in 2007 and restrain the beneficiaries of the first survey from selling the land in question.

#### 3.2 Submissions by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning

- 17. The Committee also considered written submissions by the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands & Physical Planning dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The Cabinet Secretary stated that:
- 18. The scheme covers approximately 377.02 Ha and it was declared in 1994 on LR. No. 5003 and registered in October 1999.
- 19. The scheme realized 395 plots which were registered and 152 title deeds for the same had been issued.
- 20. Subsequently, the locals raised complaint regarding marginalization during the allocation of the plots leading to the formation of a committee (the District Plot Allocation Committee) address the matter in 2003.
- 21. The scheme was then abolished on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 vide a ministerial directive and a re survey was done as per ground occupancy that realized 268 parcels.
- 22. In 2017 the National Land Commission recommended that the land was initially improperly demarcated and registered. The Commission directed that the resurvey should be upheld and new titles reflecting the ground position be issued.
- 23. However, the prayers made by the Petitioners that letters of allotment in respect to the re survey map of 2007 be issued and the initial beneficiaries of the first survey be restrained from selling the land could be achieved due to a legal hurdle arising from the 152 titles issued in the initial allocation that have not been nullified. The resurvey could only be registered upon the nullification of the first allocation.
- 24. The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning recommended that since the mandate of the National Land Commission to review grants and dispositions under the National Land Commission Act, 2012 had expired the aggrieved parties should initiate judicial proceedings to facilitate the cancellation of existing title deeds.

#### 3.3 Submissions by the Chairperson, National Land Commission

- 25. The Committee held a virtual meeting with the Chairperson, National Land Commission on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. During the meeting the Chairperson informed the Committee that:
- 26. Golini settlement scheme L.R 5003 covering an area of 377.02 Ha. was established in 1994. The scheme realized 395 plots and 152 titles deeds had been issued.

- 27. However, complains from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated the District Plot Allocation Committee to form a task force in 2003 to address the complaints. The said task force produced the Golini Task Force Report.
- 28. The scheme was abolished through a ministerial a directive issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007. Consequently, a re- survey was undertaken as per ground occupancy, realizing 268 plots as was recommended by the task force.
- 29. However, the first survey and allocation were not nullified after the second re-survey.
- 30. In January 2017, the National Land Commission investigated the same complains regarding the marginalization of residents of Golini in the initial allocation of land in the scheme and delivered its findings under Article 67 (2) (e) on historical land injustices and recommended, that:
  - The first survey map used to allocate the land be abolished because it led to erroneous allocation.
  - The letters of offer that followed were hence null and void.
  - The second survey map that was done with the consent and involvement of Golini people be upheld and used as a basis of allocation of the subject land.
  - Fresh letters of offer be issued in conformity with this map subject to resolving boundary and inheritance matters therein.
  - A proper PDP be prepared to reflect the existing land use and public utilities
  - New titles reflecting the actual scenario on the ground be issued and registered thereafter.
- 31. The Commission communicated the decision to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning and the Governor Kwale County for implementation on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The Chairperson National Land Commission, therefore, concluded that it was the responsibility of the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to implement the recommendations contained in the said report.

#### 4.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee made the following observations:

- a. The Golini settlement scheme L.R 5003 covering an area of 377.02 Ha. was established in 1994. The scheme was subsequently registered, and 152 titles deeds were issued.
- b. Thereafter complains from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated the formation of a Task force in 2003 which produced the Golini Task Force Report.
- c. The scheme was subsequently abolished through a ministerial a directive issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007.
- d. Consequently, the scheme was resurveyed as per ground occupancy, realizing 268 plots as was recommended by the task force.
- e. The Committee noted with concern that the first survey and allocation were not nullified after the second re- survey and the latter had already been registered.
- f. In January 2017, the National Land Commission (NLC) considered the matter and delivered its findings under Article 67(2)(e) on historical land injustices and recommended, that:
  - The first survey map used to allocate the land be abolished because it led to erroneous allocation.
  - The letters of offer that followed were hence null and void.
  - The second survey map that was done with the consent and involvement of Golini people be upheld and used as a basis of allocation of the subject land.
  - Fresh letters of offer be issued in conformity with this map subject to resolving boundary and inheritance matters therein.
  - A proper PDP be prepared to reflect the existing land use and public utilities.
  - New titles reflecting the actual scenario on the ground be issued and registered thereafter.
- g. Despite the NLC having communicated its decision to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical planning and the Governor Kwale County for implementation on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the Ministry has to date failed to ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is legally cancelled to pave way for the settlement of genuine beneficiaries.
- h. Although the residents of Golini were issued with fresh allotment letters following the re-survey of the land in Golini Settlement Scheme, in 2007, the 152 title deeds that had been issued in the initial allocation were not cancelled and this has

- facilitated the continued transfer of the land to third parties.
- i. The Petitioners' were unable to raise the necessary fees to facilitate the lodging of a case in court seeking the revocation of the said title deeds due to the huge cost involved, including serving the 152 allottees.
- j. The Committee also took cognizant of the fact that the power of the National Land Commission to revoke the grant of review all grants or dispositions of public land to establish their propriety or legality had since expired under the National Land Commission Act.
- k. There is need for the Ministry to forthwith implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of beneficiaries as per the second resurvey.

#### 5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

In response to the Petitioners' prayers, the Committee recommends that-

- 1. Pursuant to section 76 of the Lands Registration Act, 2012, the Registrar of Lands does immediately place restrictions on Golini Settlement Scheme, L.R No. 5003 to guard against further sub-division and continued transfer of the land to third parties upon tabling of this Report.
- 2. The Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning does implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of the beneficiaries as per the second re- survey within six months of tabling of this Report

Sign

\_Date

Hon. Dr. Rachael Kaki Nyamai, CBS MP Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands MINUTES OF THE  $38^{TH}$  SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS HELD ON TUESDAY  $6^{TH}$  OCTOBER, 2020 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM  $5^{TH}$  FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 A.M.

#### **PRESENT**

1. Hon. Dr. Rachael Nyamai, CBS, M.P

- Chairperson

- 2. Hon. Joshua Kutuny, MP
- 3. Hon. Mishi Mboko, M.P.
- 4. Hon. Omar Mwinyi Shimbwa, M.P
- 5. Hon. Ahmed Kolosh, MP
- 6. Hon. Babu Owino, MP
- 7. Hon. George Aladwa, M.P.
- 8. Hon. John Muchiri Nyaga, MP
- 9. Hon. Josphat Gichunge Kabeabea, M.P.
- 10. Hon. Teddy Mwambire, M.P

#### **APOLOGIES**

1. Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, M. P

- Vice Chairperson

- 2. Hon. Benjamin Washiali, CBS, MP
- 3. Hon. Ali Mbogo, M.P
- 4. Hon. Caleb Kositany, M.P.
- 5. Hon. George Risa Sunkuyia, M.P.
- 6. Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, M.P.
- 7. Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, MP
- 8. Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, M.P.
- 9. Hon. Lilian Tomitom, MP

#### IN ATTENDANCE

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

1. Mr. Leonard Machira

Senior Clerk Assistant

2. Mr. Ahmad Guliye

Third Clerk Assistant

3. Ms. Peris Kaburi

- Serjeant-At-Arms

4. Mr. Dennis Mawira

- Audio Recording Officer

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/147:

#### **PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock and prayers were said.

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/148: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

This agenda item was differed to the next sitting.

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/149: ADOFTION OF REPORTS ON PETITIONS

I. Petition by residents of Karare Ward regarding compulsory acquisition of land in Marsabit County by the Kenya Defence Forces

The Committee adopted the report on the Petition by residents of Karare Ward regarding compulsory acquisition of land in Marsabit County by the Kenya Defence Forces with the following observations and recommendations after it was proposed and seconded by Hon. Mishi Mboko. M.P and Hon. Teddy Mwambire, M.P respectively.

#### **Observations**

- a. The submissions made to the Committee by both the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defence and the Chairperson National Land Commission indicated that the matters raised in the Petition were pending before the Environment and Land Court in Meru in Constitutional Petition No. 4 of 2020.
- b. Mr. Stephen Lesoroh Gambare. and the Rendile Professional Association are indicated as Petitioners in the Petition before the Committee and as plaintiffs in Petition No, 4 of 2020 pending at the Environment and Land Court in Meru.
- c. Standing Order 89 provides that no Member shall refer to any particular matter which is *sub judice* and a matter is considered to be *sub judice* when it refers to active civil proceedings and the discussion of such matter is likely to prejudice its fair determination.
- d. The matters raised in the Petition fall under the *sub judice rule* in accordance to Standing Order 89 as they refer to active civil proceedings and the consideration of the Petition is likely to prejudice the fair determination of the case.

#### Recommendation

In response to the prayers by the Petitioners, the Committee recommended that since the matters raised in the Petition were pending before the Environment and Land Court in Meru in Constitutional Petition No. 4 of 2020 and were therefore *sub judice*, the Petitioners do exhaust the judicial process in addressing the prayers.

#### II. Petition by residents of Vota, Mua Ward in Machakos Town Constituency regarding the obstruction of the tarmacking of Konza – Katumani road

The Committee adopted the report on the Petition by residents of Vota. Mua Ward in Machakos Town Constituency regarding the obstruction of the tarmacking of Konza – Katumani road with the following observations and recommendations after it was proposed and seconded by Hon. Muchiri Nyagah, M.P and Hon. Ahmed Kolosh, M.P.

#### **Observations**

- a. Although the Petitioners indicated in the Petition that the contested 400 meters portion of the Konza Katumani Road traversed on land LR, No. 355/2, the Director General, Kenya Urban Roads Authority and the Chairperson National Land Commission clarified that the said portion was on land parcel LR No. 7374/3 owned by Muambi Proprieties Limited.
- b. The land parcel LR No. 7374/3 owned by Muambi Proprieties Limited and for purposes of Article 40 of the Constitution an acquisition of any interest in the land would require prompt payment in full of just compensation to the lawful owner.
- c. The land in question LR. No. 7374/3 owned by Muambi properties had not been subdivided and consequently no portion had been surrendered by the owner for public utility.
- d. Although the 400 meters road passing through the ranch LR. No. 7374/3 and joining Mombasa Road at Konza is not a public road, it has been in continuous use for over fifty (50) years by residents and other persons crossing from Mombasa Road to Machakos Town through Katumani.
- e. The members of the public use the said 400 meters road, which is a shorter and convenient route to access Mombasa Road.
- f. A compulsory land acquisition process had been initiated by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority to acquire the affected 0.7972Ha from LR. No. 7374/2 measuring approximately 880 acres located off Mombasa road.
- g. The notice of intention to acquire was published via gazette notice No. 3215 dated March 29, 2018 and Gazette No ice of inquiry No. 5264 dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 were issued accordingly.
- h. The submissions made to the Committee by the Director General, Kenya Urban Roads Authority indicated that the compulsory acquisition award of Ksh. 52, 632, 588, made by the National Land Commission in respect to subject piece of land measuring approximately 0.7972 Ha, owned by Muambi Properties Ltd, to facilitate the tarmacking of the Konza /Kutumani Road appeared to be expensive and exaggerated in comparison to the prevailing market price for comparable land in the

area.

- i. KURA did not pay the said award and decided to identify an alternative alignment, measuring approximately 1.55km. The National Land Commission was notified of the decision and requested to cancel the acquisition process and issue a degazettement notice thereof.
- j. Sections 143(1), 145, and 146 of the Land Act, 2012 allows the National Land Commission to facilitate the creation of a communal right of way which shall be known as a public right of way.
- k. There exists a basis for the National Land Commission to create a public right of way over the 400 meters portion of the Konza Katumani Road traversing on private land LR No. 7374/3, considering
  - i) the said road has been used by the residents of Vota and other members of the public for more than fifty (50) years; and maintained by the government; and
  - i) The 400 meters road is the shortest and most convenient route joining the Mombasa road for use by the residents of Vota and other members of the public.
- 1. The NLC did aver that it would upon request initiate the said creation of a public right of way of the 400 meters portion of land affected by the Konza Katumani Road in accordance with the Lands Act, 2012.
- m. In view of the foregoing, the National Land Commission may consider creating a public right of way pursuant to section 143 of the Land Act, 2012 to facilitate the convenient passage of the residents of Vota through the 400 meters private road which they have been using for over fifty years.

#### Recommendations

- 1. The National Land Commission does consider facilitating the creation of a public right of way pursuant to section 143 of the Land Act, 2012 to ensure the convenient passage of the residents of Vota through the 400 meters road which they have been using for over fifty years within six months of the tabling of this Report.
- 2. The Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning does fast track the development of the land Value Index as contained in the Land Value (Amendment) Act 2019 to address the challenge of over-valuation of land identified for the development of public projects within three months of the tabling of this Report.

## III. Petition by residents of Golini, Kwale County regarding regularization of allocation of land in Golini settlement scheme

IV. The Committee adopted the report on the Petition by residents of Golini, Kwale County regarding regularization of allocation of land in Golini settlement scheme with the

following observations and recommendations after it was proposed and seconded by Hon. Teddy Mwambire, MP and Hon. Mishi Mboko, MP respectively.

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#### **Observations**

- a. The Golini settlement scheme L.R 5003 covering an area of 377.02 Ha. was established in 1994. The scheme was subsequently registered, and 152 titles deeds were issued.
- b. Thereafter complains from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated the formation of a Task force in 2003 which produced the Golini Task Force Report.
- c. The scheme was subsequently abolished through a ministerial a directive issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007.
- d. Consequently, the scheme was resurveyed as per ground occupancy, realizing 268 plots as was recommended by the task force.
- e. The Committee noted with concern that the first survey and allocation were not nullified after the second re- survey and the latter had already been registered.
- f. In January 2017, the National Land Commission (NLC) considered the matter and delivered its findings under Article 67(2)(e) on historical land injustices and recommended, that:
  - The first survey map used to allocate the land be abolished because it led to erroneous allocation.
  - The letters of offer that followed were hence null and void.
  - The second survey map that was done with the consent and involvement of Golini people be upheld and used as a basis of allocation of the subject land.
  - Fresh letters of offer be issued in conformity with this map subject to resolving boundary and inheritance matters therein.
  - A proper PDP be prepared to reflect the existing land use and public utilities.
  - New titles reflecting the actual scenario on the ground be issued and registered thereafter.
- g. Despite the NLC having communicated its decision to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical planning and the Governor Kwale County for implementation on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the Ministry has to date failed to ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is legally cancelled to pave way for the settlement of genuine beneficiaries.
- h. Although the residents of Golini were issued with fresh allotment letters following the re-survey of the land in Golini Settlement Scheme, in 2007, the 152 title deeds that had been issued in the initial allocation were not cancelled and this has facilitated the continued transfer of the land to third parties.

- i. The Petitioners' were unable to raise the necessary fees to facilitate the lodging of a case in court seeking the revocation of the said title deeds due to the huge cost involved, including serving the 152 allottees.
- j. The Committee also took cognizant of the fact that the power of the National Land Commission to revoke the grant of review all grants or dispositions of public land to establish their propriety or legality had since expired under the National Land Commission Act.
- k. There is need for the Ministry to forthwith implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of beneficiaries as per the second re-survey.

#### Recommendations

- 1. Pursuant to section 76 of the Lands Registration Act, 2012, the Registrar of Lands does immediately place restrictions on Golini Settlement Scheme, L.R No. 5003 to guard against further sub-division and continued transfer of the land to third parties upon tabling of this Report.
- 2. The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning does implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of the beneficiaries as per the second re- survey within six months of tabling of this Report.

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/150: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at five minutes to twelve o'clock. The next/meeting would be held on notice.

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HON. DR. RACHAEL KAKI NYAMAI, CBS, M.P.	
(Chairperson)	
Date $13 \left(10 \left(2020\right)\right)$	
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MINUTES OF THE  $35^{TH}$  SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS HELD ON TUESDAY  $22^{ND}$  SEPTEMBER, 2020 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM  $5^{TH}$  FLOOR, CONTINETAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 A.M.

- Chairperson

- Vice Chairperson

#### PRESENT

- 1. Hon. Dr. Rachael Nyamai, CBS, M.P.
- 2. Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, M. P
- 3. Hon. Benjamin Washiali, CBS, MP
- 4. Hon. Mishi Mboko, M.P
- 5. Hon. Omar Mwinyi Shimbwa, MF
- 6. Hon. Ahmed Kolosh, MP
- 7. Hon. Ali Mbogo, M.P.
- 8. Hon. Babu Owino, MP
- 9. Hon. Josphat Gichunge Kabeabea, M.P
- 10. Hon. Teddy Mwambire, M.P

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#### **APOLOGIES**

- 1. Hon. Joshua Kutuny, MP
- 2. Hon. Caleb Kositany, M.P.
- 3. Hon. George Risa Sunkuyia, M.P.
- 4. Hon. George Aladwa, M.P.
- 5. Hon. John Muchiri Nyaga, MP
- 6. Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, M.P.
- 7. Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, MP
- 8. Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, M.P.
- 9. Hon. Lilian Tomitom, MP

#### IN ATTENDANCE

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

1. Mr. Leonard Machira

Senior Clerk Assistant

2. Mr. Ahmad Guliye

- Third Clerk Assistant

3. Ms. Peris Kaburi

Serjeant-At-Arms

4. Mr. Dennis Mawira

Audio Recording Officer

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/133:

#### **PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock and prayers were said.

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/134: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- i. The minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> sitting held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were confirmed as true record of the Committee's deliberations after it was proposed and seconded by Hon. Mishi Mboko, MP and Hon. Teddy Mwambire, MP respectively; and
- ii. The minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> sitting held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were confirmed as true record of the Committee's deliberations after it was proposed and seconded by Hon. Teddy Mwambire, MP and Hon. Mishi Mboko, MP respectively.

## MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/135: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORTS ON PETITIONS

a) Report on the consideration of a petition by residents of Golini, Kwale County regarding regularization of allocation of land in the Golini Settlement Scheme

The Committee considered the draft report on the petition by residents of Golini, Kwale County regarding regularization of allocation of land in the Golini Settlement Scheme and made the following observations and recommendations:

#### **Observations**

- The Golini settlement scheme L.R 5003 covering an area of 377.02 ha. was established in 1994 and it realized 395 plots. The scheme was subsequently registered and titles deeds issued.
- ii. Thereafter complains from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated formation of a Task force committee by the District Plot Allocation Committee in 2003, which produced the Golini Task Force Report.
- iii. The scheme was subsequently abolished through a ministerial a directive issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007.
- iv. Consequently, a re-survey of the Scheme was undertaken as per ground occupancy, realizing 268 plots as was recommended by the task force.
- v. The Committee noted with concern that the first survey and allocation were not nullified after the second re- survey and the latter had already been registered.
- vi. In January 2017, the National Land Commission considered the matter and delivered its findings under Article 67(2)(e) on historical land injustices and recommended, that:
  - The first survey map used to allocate the land be abolished because it led to erroneous allocation.

- The letters of offer that followed were hence null and void.
- The second survey map that was done with the consent and involvement of Golini people be upheld and used as a basis of allocation of the subject land.
- Fresh letters of offer be issued in conformity with this map subject to resolving boundary and inheritance matters therein.
- A proper PDP be prepared to reflect the existing land use and public utilities.
- New titles reflecting the actual scenario on the ground be issued and registered thereafter.
- vii. Despite the NLC having communicated its decision to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical planning and the Governor Kwale County for implementation on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the Ministry has to date failed to ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is legally cancelled to pave way for the settlement of genuine beneficiaries.
- viii. Although the residents of Golini were issued with fresh allotment letters following the re-survey of the land in Golini Settlement Scheme, in 2007, the 152 title deeds that had been issued in the initial allocation were not cancelled and this has facilitated the continued transfer of the land to third parties.
- ix. The Petitioners' were unable to raise the necessary fees to facilitate the lodging of a case in court seeking the revocation of the said title deeds due to the huge cost involved, including serving the 152 allottees.
- x. The Committee also took cognizant of the fact that the power of the National Land Commission to revoke the grant of review all grants or dispositions of public land to establish their propriety or legality had since expired under the National Land Commission Act.
- xi. There was need for the Ministry to forthwith implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of genuine beneficiaries.

#### Recommendations

The Committee made the following recommendations;

- 1. Pursuant to section 76 of the Lands Registration Act, 2012, the Registrar of Lands does immediately place restrictions on Golini Settlement Scheme, L.R No. 5003 to guard against the continued transfer of the land to third parties upon tabling of this Report.
- 2. The Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning does implement the recommendations of the NLC and ensure that the initial allocation of land in the scheme is revoked and cancelled to pave way for the settlement of second list of beneficiaries within sixty (60) of tabling of this Report.
- b) Report on the consideration of a petition by residents of Vota, Mua Ward in Machakos Town Constituency regarding the obstruction of the tarmacking of Konza

   Katumani Road

The Committee considered the draft report on the petition by the residents of Vota, Mua Ward in Machakos Town Constituency regarding the obstruction of the tarmacking of Konza – Katumani road and recommendations recommended that the National Land Commission initiates the process of creating a public right over the 400 meters portion of the Konza – Katumani Road traversing on private land LR No. 7374/ tasked the secretariat to amend the observations to correspond to the recommendation

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/136: ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

The Committee was informed that three new petitions have been referred to the Committee and the Land Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2019 has been withdrawn by the Leader of the Majority Party.

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/137: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

HON. DR. RACHAEL KAKI NYAMAI, CBS, M.P.

(Chairperson)

Date. 06 10 2020

## MINUTES OF THE $34^{TH}$ SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY $15^{TH}$ SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M

- Chairperson

- Vice Chairperson

#### PRESENT

1. Hon. Dr. Rachael Nyamai, CBS, M.P.

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- 2. Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, M. P
- 3. Hon. Joshua Kutuny, MP
- 4. Hon. Mishi Mboko, M.P
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- 10. Hon. George Risa Sunkuyia, M.P.
- 11. Hon. Josphat Gichunge Kabeabea, M.P
- 12. Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, M.P.
- 13. Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, MP
- 14. Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe, M.P.
- 15. Hon. Teddy Mwambire, M.P.

#### **APOLOGIES**

- 1. Hon. Benjamin Washiali, CBS, MP
- 2. Hon. George Aladwa, M.P.
- 3. Hon. John Muchiri Nyaga, MP
- 4. Hon. Lilian Tomitom, MP

#### IN ATTENDANCE

#### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. Hon. Anthony Tom Oluoch, MP
- 2. Hon. Tandaza Kassim Sawa, MP
- 3. Hon. Richard Kiti Chonga, MP

#### NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

- 1. Mr. Gershom Otachi Bw'Omanwa Chairperson
- 2. Ms. Gertrude Nguku

Vice Chairperson

3. Ms. Mercy Njamweya

Director, Land Administration

4. Francis Bor

- Ag. Chief Executive Officer

#### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Mr. Ahmad Guliye
 Dr. Kefa Omoti
 Ms. Jemimah Waigwa
 Ms. Peris Kaburi
 Mr. Dennis Mawira
 Senior Clerk Assistant
 Principal Research Officer
 Ag. Senior Legal Counsel
 Serjeant-At-Arms
 Audio Recording Officer

MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/128: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at twenty-one minutes past ten o'clock and prayers were said.

MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/129: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

This item was differed to the next sitting

MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/130: MEETING WITH THE CHAIRPERSON

NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION ON VARIOUS PETITIONS REFRRED TO THE

**COMMITTEE** 

The Chairperson, National Land Commission informed the Committee as follows regarding the petitions:

- a) Petition by Hon. Anthony Oluoch, MP on behalf of residents of Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency regarding imminent evictions of the residents by the Kenya Police Service
  - i. The parcel of land in question LR No. 209/8600, measuring 32.65 Ha, was allotted to the Kenya Police Service under reference no. 36040/165 in November, 2010. The Kenya Police accepted the offer on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 vide receipt no. 4350218;
  - ii. The Kenya Police Service accepted the offer and deed plans 271348 to 271484 for LR Nos. 209/16806-42 were issued;
- iii. The Commission could not establish the current status of the land since the Commission officials couldn't access the file which is in the custody of the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning in time before the meeting;
- iv. However, the Commission had through a site visit and digital aerial study that:

- a) Informal settlements occupy 15.77 Ha of the land in question, the Police Service have occupied about 12.90 Ha, while an area of approximately 2.2 Ha is an open space under cultivation.
- b) The informal settlements contain semi-permanent structures made of iron sheets and mud covering about 90% and very few permanent houses covering about 10% of the area occupied.
- c) The area occupied by the Police has permanent buildings which include a police line and a newly constructed sub-county office.

The Chairperson concluded that the National Police Service has ownership documents for the land that they occupy in Mathare Constituency vide letter of allotment Ref: 36040/165 issued on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 for land reference number 209/8600 measuring 32.65 ha.

He also stated that the Commission was also not aware if the Police Service had issued any eviction notice to the persons squatting on the land in question or prevented the youth and children from accessing and using the only available playground.

Finally, the Chairperson stated that the Commission is not in a position to adjudicate and issue titles for the land in question as the same has been allocated and hence not available.

#### **Committee Observations**

The Committee observed the following;

- The land in question measuring 32.65 Ha that had been allocated to the National Police Service comprises the entire Hospital Ward in Mathare North Constituency;
- ii. Various government development projects have been undertaken on the same land for the benefit of the community. The said projects include; schools, dispensaries, churches and currently the Nairobi Metropolitan Service was developing a level three hospital on the land; and
- iii. The Independent, Electoral and Boundaries Commission had also built a subcounty office and created an electoral unit (ward) on the same land

The Committee resolved to consider undertaking a field visit to Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency to consider facts obtaining on the ground with a view of addressing the prayers of the petitioners.

- b) Petition by Hon. Tandaza Kasim Sawa, MP on behalf of the residents of Golini Settlement Scheme on regularization of allocation of land in Golini Settlement Scheme
  - 1. Golini settlement scheme L.R 5003 covering an area of 377.02 ha. was established in 1994 and it realized 395 plots. The scheme was registered and titles deeds issued.
  - 2. However, complains from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated formation of a Task force committee by the District Plot Allocation Committee in 2003, which produced the Golini Task Force Report.
  - 3. The scheme was abolished through a ministerial a directive issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007. Consequently, a re- survey was undertaken as per ground occupancy, realizing 268 plots as was recommended by the task force.
  - 4. However, the first survey and allocation were not nullified after the second re-survey and the latter had already been registered.
  - 5. In January 2017, the National Land Commission delivered its findings under Article 67(2)(e) on historical land injustices and recommended, that:
    - The first survey map used to allocate the land be abolished because it led to erroneous allocation
    - The letters of offer that followed were hence null and void
    - The second survey map that was done with the consent and involvement of Golini people be upheld and used as a basis of allocation of the subject land
    - Fresh letters of offer be issued in conformity with this map subject to resolving boundary and inheritance matters therein.
    - A proper PDP be prepared to reflect the existing land use and public utilities
    - New titles reflecting the actual scenario on the ground be issued and registered thereafter.
  - 6. The commission communicated the decision e to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical planning and the Governor Kwale County for implementation on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. It is therefore the responsibility of the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to implement the report on the ground.

#### **Committee Observation**

The Committee observed that titles deeds were erroneously issued in the first allocation of land in the scheme and could only be revoked through a judicial process, Consequently the government through the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning bored the responsibility of effecting the revocation and not members of the community.

- c) Petition by Hon. Ken Kiti Chonga, MP on behalf of the indigenous people of Vipingo regarding land injustices committed against the Community
  - i. Land in Vipingo Sisal Farm located along the 10-mile coastal strip was allocated under the Land Titles Ordinance in 1913 under a 999 years leasehold;
  - ii. The following firms had applied for development applications over the years resulting to sub-divisions and conversion to a 99 year leasehold;
    - a. Vipingo Development Limited
    - b. Vipingo Energy Limited
    - c. Vipingo Golf & Club House
    - d. Vipingo Ridge Limited
    - e. Mombasa Cement
    - f. Sunsale Trading Limited
    - g. Rea Vipingo Plantation
    - h. Centum Investment Co Ltd
    - i. Rea Trading Limited
  - iii. Residents of Vipingo had filed case in Court regarding the land in question and had recently lost a case ELC No. 343 of 2016.
  - iv. The community filed a Historical Land Injustice claim no. NLC/HLI/495/2018 against Vipingo Sisal Estate Limited.
  - v. Both parties were invited to attend an HLI proceedings sitting at kilifi on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. The Community attended but the Vipingo Sisal Estate Limited did not attend.
  - vi. The term of the inaugural Commission came to an end before the Historical Injustice Case was determined.
  - vii. The matter was among 43 other claims the current Commission has made arrangements to finalize once the COVID 19 protocols by the Ministry of Health is lifted. However, the Chairperson promised to fast track the consideration of the said HLI within ninety days.

#### **Committee resolution**

The Committee requested the Chairperson National Land Commission to submit to the Committee within 14 days, the status of the leases of the firms in Vipingo, indicating whether the said leases had been converted to a 99 – year lease or not and the timelines left of the leases of each firm/farm in vipingo.

## d) Petition by residents of Keiyo North Constituency regarding compulsory acquisition of land and compensation of the residents by the government

- i. The acquisition was undertaken simultaneously with that for Kaptarakwa Rural Health Centre and are both in the land acquisition file No. 834.
- ii. The acquisition was done through Gazette Notice Nos. 4260 & 4261 being intention to acquire land and notice of inquiry respectively.
- iii. A total of 58 project affected persons (PAPs) were identified after a successful process of inspection, awarding and requisition of compensation funds.
- iv. There appeared to have been a delay in the release of funds initially assessed with back and forth correspondences on the same the defunct Commissioner of Lands and the Ministry of Education.
- v. The affected persons were to be allocated alternative land at Sergoit grounds after the Head of State pronouncement of land for land compensation with anticipation that each would get about 5 acres.
- vi. The alternative land was surveyed and sub-divided into about 160 parcels of various sizes for allocation.
- vii. The PAPs were allocated alternative land as evidenced by a sample of letter of allotment by the DC's Office for Mr. Francis Cheplaiti of ID No. 0243711/63.
- viii. The PAPs were not satisfied with "free land" being allocated to strangers.
- ix. The Commission sought from the County Commissioner a list of persons allocated land at SERGOIT grounds and their respective acreages through a letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019
- x. The said report was submitted to the Commission on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and it entailed the following;
  - a. Land owners were compensated with alternative land at Sergoit holding grounds.
  - b. The available land was used to compensate other land owners whose land was acquired for other projects.
  - c. The total acreage was 300 acres against a presidential pronouncement of 600 acres.
- xi. On the above basis, the Commission confirmed that land owners/petitioners were compensated with alternative land.

#### Committee resolution

The Committee noted the submissions by the Chairperson National Land Commission and requested that the ground report from the County Commissioner Keiyo County be availed to the Committee for consideration.

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/131: ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

The Committee was informed that a new legislative proposal – The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya Bill, 2020 - was referred to the Committee for consideration.

#### MIN. NO. NA/DCS/LANDS/2020/132: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at one-minute past one o'clock. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

Signature
HON. DR. RACHAEL KAKI NYAMAI, CBS, M.P.
(Chairperson)

22 - 09 - 2020

#### REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT- (FOURTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 003 of 2020)

## REGARDING REGULARIZATION OF THE GOLINI SETTLEMENT SCHEME ALLOTMENTS

I, the undersigned, on behalf of residents of Golini, Kwale County;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following: -

- **1. THAT,** residents of the then Golini Location in present day Matuga Constituency have been living on their land for many years and utilizing it to sustain their economic needs;
- **2. THAT,** between 1969 and 1971, land in the said Location was adjudicated for purposes of registration, except parcel with LR. No. 5003 which was registered as community land and occupied by residents as a community;
- **3. THAT,** in 1994, Golini Settlement Scheme was established on LR. No. 5003 with the intention to benefit the local community that owned the land under communal land tenure system;
- **THAT,** following complaints raised by locals regarding the process, the District Plot Allocation Committee formed a taskforce in 2003 to look into the matter and recommend appropriate remedies;
- **5. THAT,** a Ministerial Directive made on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 directed re-survey of the land in question, which process resulted in sub-division of two hundred and sixty-eight (268) plots based on the recommendations of the Golini Settlement Scheme Taskforce Report;

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#### **PUBLIC PETITION**

## REGARDING REGULARIZATION OF THE GOLINI SETTLEMENT SCHEME ALLOTMENTS

- **6. THAT**, after the re-survey, Kwale County Lands Board and the National Land Commission sanctioned verification of the process with a view to hear and sort out any unresolved issues and recommend how to amend and/or operationalize the Taskforce Report;
- **7. THAT,** since the 2007 re-survey, residents of Golini have never been issued with fresh allotment letters yet the initial map has not yet been abolished, leading to erroneous allocation of the land;
- **8. THAT**, in 2017, the National Land Commission delivered its findings and recommendations at a public *baraza* in the presence of affected beneficiaries, noting that the said land was ancestral as evidenced by homesteads, graveyards and mature trees;
- **9. THAT,** residents have sought assistance from all relevant state institutions but no satisfactory response has been given;
- **10. THAT,** the matters raised in this Petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body;

**THEREFORE,** your humble Petitioners pray for the intervention of this House through the Departmental Committee on Lands, to compel the concerned department to consider issuing them allotment letters in respect of the re-survey map of the year 2007 and restrain the beneficiaries of the allotment in the first survey from selling their respective plots before full issuance of allotment letters as per the re-survey of the year 2007 is concluded.

And your **PETITIONERS** will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY,

HON. TANDAZA KASSIM SAWA, MP MEMBER FOR MATUNGA CONSTITUENCY

DATE: 28.2.2020

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# MINISTRY OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING

# RESPONSES TO PETITIONS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS

## Honourable Chair,

Pursuant to a letter Ref. NA/DC/LANDS/2020/ (025) dated May 18, 2020, the Committee invited the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to submit written responses on the issues raised in the following petitions;

- 1. Petition by Hon. Tandaza Kasim Sawa, MP on behalf of beneficiaries of Golini Settlement Scheme on regularization of allocation of land in the Golini Settlement Scheme.
- 2. Petition by Hon. Anthony Tom Oluoch, MP on behalf of residents of Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency regarding imminent eviction of residents by the Kenya Police Service.

# Honourable Chair, I wish to respond as follows;

1. Petition by Hon. Tandaza Kasim Sawa, MP on behalf of beneficiaries of Golini Settlement Scheme on regularization of allocation of land in the Golini Settlement Scheme

## Honourable Chair,

#### Background

Golini Settlement Scheme was declared in 1994 on L.R 5003 with an area of approximately 377.02 Ha. It was registered in October 1999 after completion of planning, squatter verification and survey. The scheme realized 395 plots which were registered and title deeds issued.

Complaints from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated formation of a committee by the District Plot Allocation Committee in 2003. The scheme

was then abolished vide a ministerial directive of March 2, 2007 and a re-survey done as per ground occupancy. 268 parcels were realized in the re-survey.

The petitioners have requested issuance of letters of allotment in respect of the re-survey map of the year 2007 and restrain the beneficiaries of the allotment in the first survey from selling their respective plots before full issuance of allotment letters as per the resurvey of the year 2007 is concluded.

A legal conflict arose as there were 152 titled parcels from the initial allocation. The resurvey could only be registered upon the nullification of the first allocation.

In 2017, the National Land Commission in its recommendation stated that the scheme was improperly demarcated and registered. The Commission directed that the re-survey should be upheld and new titles reflecting the ground position be issued. However, it did not recommend the nullification of the already existing titles thereby creating a legal hurdle in the implementation of the taskforce report.

However, since the mandate of the National Land Commission to review grants and dispositions under section 14 of National Land Commission Act, 2012 has expired we advise that the aggrieved parties can initiate judicial proceedings to facilitate cancellation of existing titles.

2. Petition by Hon. Anthony Tom Oluoch, MP on behalf of residents of Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency regarding imminent eviction of residents by the Kenya Police Service

The Petitioners aver that they have lived on the land in question for over twenty years and have developed temporary and permanent residences and several public utilities on the land. They also claim to be living in fear of imminent eviction, particularly in Kosovo and Mathare B areas after the Kenya Police Service alleged to have been issued with a title deed to the land and have petitioned the Committee to;

- i) Inquire into the matters raised in the petition relating to the alleged ownership of land in Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency with a view to ensuring that rights of residents to land are not subverted by the Kenya Police;
- ii) Intervene through the relevant Government Ministries to halt any potential eviction of residents of Hospital Ward from their land by the Kenya Police until the dispute is investigated by the relevant authorities and resolved;
- iii) Intervene through the Ministry of Lands and the National Land Commission to ensure that land in Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency is adjudicated and verified residents issued with title deeds and appropriate sections of the land designated for public amenities safeguarded.

## Honourable Chair,

Records held in the Ministry reveal that the land in question occupies two parcels namely L.R. NO. 209/6513 measuring approximately 2.47 acres, and L.R. NO. 209/8600 measuring approximately 80.7 acres.

The title for L.R. NO. 209/6513 was registered on March 18, 1965 in favour of the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury on a 99-year lease with effect from January 1, 1961. The land was to be used for police staff housing. A copy of the title is attached as **Annexure** 1.

In 1967, an additional 74 acres was reserved for Mathari Police Depot Rifle Range by the then Commissioner of Lands vide a letter Ref. No. 36040/130 dated April 29, 1967. A copy of the letter is attached as Annexure 2.

Upon survey, the portion was issued an L.R. NO. 209/8600. It measures approximately 32.65 Ha (80.7 acres) as delineated in survey map no. F/R 134/199 dated 1976. Annexure 3A is a copy of the map and Annexure 3B is a satellite overlay of the area.

An allotment letter for L.R. NO. 209/8600 Ref. No. 36040/165 in favour of the Principal Secretary to the Treasury as trustee for Mathari Police Post was issued by the Ministry of Lands on November 4, 2010.

The allotment letter Ref. No. 36040/293 was then re-issued by the National Land Commission on July 18, 2019 in favour of the Cabinet Secretary to the National Treasury as trustee for Mathari Police Depot. Copies of both letters of allotment are attached as Annexures 4&5 respectively. The Ministry is in the process of preparing title documents in respect of these allotment letters.

Honourable Chair, from the foregoing, the land in question is the property of the Kenya Police Service.

Honourable Chair, I submit.

Farida Karoney, EGH CABINET SECRETARY

June 9, 2020

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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS P.O. Box 30089 NAIROBI

Permanent Secretary to the Treasury (Ministry of Provincial Administration & Internal Security) P.O. Box 30007 Nairobi

Ref. No...36040/165 SIR(s) MA'DAM, DATE: 4th November 2010

# RE: LR NO. 209/8600 - MATHARI POLICE POST

LETTER OF ALLOTMENT	_
I have the honor to inform you that the Government, on behalf of . County Council hereby offers you a grant of the above plot shown No subject to your formal written acceptance of the payment of the charges as prescribed hereunder:	
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GENERAL: This Letter of Allotment is subject to, and the grant the provisions of, the Government Lands Act (Cap. Edition the Laws of Kenya) and title will be issued of Titles Act (Cap. 281) or the Registered Land Act SPECIAL CONDITIONS: See attached.	will be made under 280 of the Revised
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If the above plot is still unsurveyed at the time you commence building you should exercise the greatest care to ensure that any building or other works are contained within the boundaries of the plot for should you inadvertently overstep the aforesaid boundaries the coast of removal and reconstruction must be borne by you.

The issue of the Government grant or lease will be undertaken as soon as circumstances permit.

Your full name (s) in BLOCK LETTERS should be given for the purpose of the grant which will be submitted later to you. The attached special conditions form part of the offer which should be accepted in writing. The Government shall not accept any liability whatsoever in the event of prior commitment or otherwise.

> I have the honour to be, Sir(s) Madam. Your obedient servant,

Authority: Govt. F 36040

.....P.K. KAHÚHO... For Commissioner of Lands

TO: P/S Ministry of Lands and Settlement, Nairobi The Director of Surveys, Nairobi.

The Town Clerk Nairobi

The Clerk to the Council, County Council of ....

The District Commissioner Nairobi

The Director of Physical Planning, Nairobi

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# NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

# RESPONSE TO PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

# **REPORT BY:**

GERSHOM OTACHI BW'OMANWA CHAIRMAN

**15**<sup>TH</sup> **SEPTEMBER**, **2020** 

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  Teachers Training College

### HON CHAIR.

We are in receipt of an invitation dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, to provide responses to petitions referred to the Departmental Committee on Lands. The responses are as contained in the report hereunder:

# (i) PETITION BY HON. ANTHONY TOM OLUOCH, MP ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF HOSPITAL WARD IN MATHARE CONSTITUENCY REGARDING IMMINENT EVICTIONS OF THE RESIDENTS BY THE KENYA POLICE SERVICE

The Petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Lands:

- 1. Makes inquiries into the matters raised in this Petition relating to alleged ownership of the land in Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency with a view to ensuring that the rights to land of residents are not subverted.
- 2. Intervenes through the relevant government ministries to halt any potential eviction from their land by the Kenya Police until the dispute is investigated by the relevant authorities and resolved.
- 3. Intervenes through the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning and the National Land Commission to ensure that Mathare Constituency is

adjudicated and verified, residents issued with title deeds and appropriate sections of the land designated for public amenities safeguarded.

#### RESPONSE

#### **HON CHAIR**

The parcel of land which is subject to this petition is known as land reference No. 209/8600. It is situated in Mathare Constituency and measures 32.65 ha. The reference for this land is file No. 36040 which is in the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning. We did not access it. From the information that the Commission got from the Kenya Police, there is an allocation to Kenya Police who were issued an allotment letter Ref: 36040/165 in November 2010. The Kenya police accepted the offer as indicated by receipt No. 4350218 of 19th February 2016.

The acceptance of the offer was followed by subsequent correspondence between the Land Secretary Ministry of Lands and the Director of Surveys that culminated on forwarding of Deed Plan Number 398470 for Land Reference No. 209/8600. There was also indication that there were earlier commitments which gave rise to Deed Plans 271348 to 271484 for LR Nos. 209/16806-42 (about 36 subplots).

We were not able to establish the current status on registration or documentation progress on LR 209/8600 since the time the Deed Plans were received from the Director of Surveys since the correspondence files were not available. The Ministry of Lands to provide the current status.

From the Google maps and site inspection, we established the following:

- 1. People living in the informal settlements have encroached and occupied 15.77 ha of the Police land (LR 209/8600).
- 2. National police Service have occupied about 12.90 ha
- 3. A portion measuring approximately 2.2 ha is open space and under cultivation.

- 4. The informal settlement is developed with semi-permanent structures mainly of iron sheets and mud covering about 90% and very few permanent houses covering about 10% of the area occupied.
- 5. The area occupied by the Police has permanent buildings which include police line and newly constructed sub-county office.

## ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS

- 1. The National Police Service has ownership documents for the land that they occupy in Mathare Constituency vide letter of allotment Ref: 36040/165 issued on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 for land reference number 209/8600 measuring 32.65 ha.
- 2. The Commission is not aware if the Police have issued eviction notice to the persons squatting on their land at Mathare.
- 3. The Commission is not aware if the Police have prevented the youth and children from accessing and using the only available playground.
- 4. The Commission is not in a position to adjudicate and issue titles for any land in Hospital Ward in Mathare Constituency as the same has been allocated and hence not available.

# (ii).PETITION BY HON TANDAZA KASSIM SAWA, MP ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF GOLINI SETTLEMENT SCHEME ON REGULARIZATION OF ALLOCATION ON LAND IN GOLINI SETTLEMENT SCHEME

The Petitioners pray for intervention of the House through the Departmental Committee on Lands, to compel the concerned department to consider issuing them allotment letters in respect of the re-survey map of the year 2007 and restrain the beneficiaries of the allotment in the first survey from selling their respective plots before full issuance of allotment letters as per the re-survey of the year 2017 is concluded.

#### **RESPONSE**

HON.CHAIR,

Golini settlement scheme was established in 1994 on L.R 5003 as settlement scheme NO.469 with an area of 377.02 ha. 395 plots were realized, the scheme was registered and titles deeds issued.

Complains from locals alleging marginalization during plot allocation necessitated formation of a Task force committee by the District Plot Allocation Committee in 2003, which produced the Golini Task Force Report.

The scheme was abolished through a ministerial l directive on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, and a re- survey done as per ground occupancy, realizing 268 plots as was recommended by the task force.

Conflicting legal status arose after the second re- survey as the first survey and allocation was not nullified and the same had already been registered.

It is on the strength of this resurvey that the Kwale County Land Management Board sought to hear any unresolved/pertinent issues and give recommendations on how to amend and or operationalize the task force proposals with a view of resolving the dispute in the second survey and make recommendations that were to resolve the Golini impasse.

In January 2017, the National Land Commission made recommendations under Article 67(2)(e) on historical land injustices as follows:

- The first survey map used to allocate the land be abolished because it led to erroneous allocation
- The letters of offer that followed were hence null and void
- The second survey map that was done with the consent and involvement of Golini people be upheld and used as a basis of allocation of the subject land
- Fresh letters of offer be issued in conformity with this map subject to resolving boundary and inheritance matters therein.
- A proper PDP be prepared to reflect the existing land use and public utilities
- New titles reflecting the actual scenario on the ground be issued and registered thereafter.

This decision was communicated to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands and Physical planning and the Governor Kwale County for implementation in a letter reference NO.NLC/CHAIRMAN/VOL.XIX/49 of 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017as per the attached report).

# (iii).PETITION BY HON.RICHARD KEN KITI CHONGA MP. ON BEHALF OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF VIPINGO

- (a) The Petitioner prays that the national Assembly inquiries into the circumstances that led to irregular dispossession of Vipingo Community land from its indigenous owners by private entities, with a view to reverting ownership of the said land to the indigenous people of Vipingo in Kilifi County.
- (b) Makes any other recommendations it deems appropriate in the circumstances of the petition.

#### **RESPONSE**

### HON CHAIR,

(a) Vipingo Sisal Farm is along the 10 mile coastal strip. It was allocated under the Land Titles Ordinance in 1913 with 999 years leasehold and is owned by people who are citizens of Kenya. It was allocated specifically for sisal farming.

However over the years we have had several development applications affecting the farm that has led to several sub divisions some of which have converted to 99 years leases and transferred to several farms such as;

- Vipingo Development Limited
- Vipingo Energy Limited
- Vipingo Golf and Club House
- Vipingo Ridge Limited
- Mombasa Cement
- Sunsale Trading Limited

It is also noted that ownership has been changing hands to other companies which are incorporated with stakes such as REA Vipingo Plantation Incorporated in 1995 for sisal farming with shares floated in Nairobi Stock Exchange in 1996, Centum Investment Company acquired large acreage of the same land as well as REA Trading Limited. This makes it difficult to track down the real ownership of the land

Residents have for years been going to court against the sisal plantation owners .However they lost in case ELC. No.343 of 2016.

The Community filed a historical Land Injustice claim no.NLC/HLI/495/2018 against Vipingo Sisal Estate Limited. Both parties were notified to attend the Historical Land Injustices proceedings sitting at Kilifi on 30th.August 2018. The Community attended the hearing sitting and were represented by Mr. James Kalenga Mganga, but Vipingo Sisal Limited did not attend. The community was allowed to state their claim which they said they wanted restitution and compensation for loss of their land which they claimed was taken away from them by colonial masters with a promise of resettlement and compensation. However Vipingo Sisal Estate had embarked on selling the same to other parties and therefore it was seen wise that the land should revert to the original owners which are the community.

However, the Commission did not conclude the hearing concerning this particular claim because the respondent who is Vipingo Sisal Estate did not appear for the proceedings. The Historical Land Injustices committee of the commission promised to schedule another sitting at a later date .Unfortunately their term came to an end. This matter is among the 43 claims that were not concluded and the current commission has made arrangements to finalize them after the current protocols by the Ministry of Health on Covid-19 have been relaxed to allow for public gathering. It is also important to note that the ELC Case no.343 of 2016 could have an impact on the outcome of this claim.

# (iv)PETITION BY RESIDENTS OF KEIYO NORTH CONSTITUENCY ON COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AND COMPENSATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TAMBACH TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE.

The Petitioners claim that their land was acquired by Government in 1985 for construction of a teacher training college in Keiyo after which they duly vacated the parcels to allow for the construction of Tambach Teachers College and awaited compensation by means of allocation of alternative land. The aforementioned compensation was afforded to other persons who were not original land owners and the legitimate beneficiaries have not received any form of compensation to date

The petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Lands investigates the matters raised in this petition with a view to ensuring that their property rights are upheld by being paid, fair and timely compensation for their land.

#### RESPONSE

### HON CHAIR,

The acquisition was undertaken simultaneously with that for Kaptarakwa Rural health centre and are both in the land acquisition file No. 834

Acquisition of land for the subject project was done through gazette notice number 4260 and 4261 being notices of intention to acquire land and inquiry respectively both dated October 1985.

It is evident from the file that the process was undertaken by the office of the Commissioner of Lands (CoL) (now defunct).

The processes of inspection, awarding and requisition of compensation funds were successfully undertaken.

A total of 58 Project affected Persons (PAPs) had been identified.

There seems to have been a delay in release of funds initially assessed with back and forth correspondences on the same between the CoL and the Ministry of Education.

A head of state pronouncement seems to have directed a land for land compensation other than cash compensation.

The affected were to be allocated alternative land at Sergoit grounds, an arrangement that they seem to have been agreeable to in anticipation that each would get about 5 acres.

The alternative land was surveyed and subdivided into about 160 parcels of various sizes for allocation.

The PAPs were allocated alternative land as evidenced by a sample of the letter of allotment by the District Commissioners office for Mr. Francis Cheplait of id no. 0243711/63

The PAPs were not satisfied with the various lands allocated to them and they complained of strangers being allocated "free land". The Commission wrote to the office of County Commissioner – Elgeyo Marakwet vide letter ref.

VAL.834/53 dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to furnish the Commission with the full list of persons allocated land at SERGOIT grounds and the respective acreage.

A response from the County Commissioner was received vide letter ref. CON.LND.CC.16/3/1/VOL.1/61 dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Attached is a report by a working group chaired by the assistant County Commissioner.

## **MAIN FINDINGS:**

Land owners were compensated with alternative land at Sergoit holding grounds.

The land available at Sergoit grounds was made available to compensate other land owners whose land was acquired for other projects.

The total acreage was 300 acres against a presidential pronouncement that it was 600 Acres.

The land was enough for everyone.

It is therefore the Commission's confirmation that the land owners were compensated with alternative land.

Thank you Hon. Chair

GERSHOM OTACHI BW'OMANWA

**CHAIRMAN**