

PETITION BY THE KINNA ELDERS AND HERDERS CONCERNING THE GRABBING OF COMMUNITY LAND & OTHER PUBLIC UTILITY RESERVE LANDS IN KINNA

We the undersigned elders and herders from kinna wish to make this solemn petition to the County Assembly of Isiolo concerning the above stated subject matter.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kinna is social economically positioned at the heart of this county and serves as the upcoming agro pastoralist and investment hub. The unique geo-position of the ward and other special character that includes; its proximity to the Kenya's highland, the unique indigenous flora and fauna and its rich blend of diverse livelihood has made the ward the centre of myriad attentions due various conflicting interests.

For instance, Kinna was known for its rich horticultural farms alongside the indigenous pastoralism of the North. Additionally the area has been facing various trending challenges with changing times that included rapid urbanization, increased economic human activities in the delicate ASAL ecosystem, the effects of climate changes, insecurity related to scramble for natural resources and other developmental challenges like mushrooming land grabbers and speculators.

Due to the foregoing issues the area has faced fundamental challenges in the management and administration of the community rangelands and critical concerns were observed in the following areas;-

- Uncoordinated scramble by the various land user interest groups that includes increasing needs for the expanding human settlements and increasing demands for the farm lands.
- Wildlife and human conflicts in the semi arid rangeland of Kinna
- Uncontrolled encroachment to the community grazing lands by the now trending land speculators and grabbers.

In spite of the foregoing issues and other cross cutting challenges affecting the rangelands;

We the undersigned elders from the area are particularly more concerned by the current dangerous trends by the assorted individuals who are already on massive land grabbing escapade in the area. This is a matter of public concern as the huge tracks of community lands are being fenced off by individuals in cahoots with mega land grabbing cartels both internally and from across the county.

The land grabbing syndicate is even more alarming as the cartels go on unquestioned spree that has so far not spared the grazing land, the community water points and animal corridors.

... and herders from the area believe the issues that arose

- ✓ **Gravious matter of public interest** and that the august County assembly of Isiolo should treat the matter with utmost caution, interest and urgency it deserves. Indeed there is already a **looming internal conflict** over the land exacerbating the already sorry situation caused by external aggression over the grazing land.
- ✓ That the matter is squarely within the mandate of the County government as per the **Constitution of Kenya 2010** and the relevant constitutional implementation statutes that includes **Community Land Act, Land Registration act** and others.
- ✓ That the **Community Land Act** inter alia requires the County government to among other things protect, conserve and hold in trust the unregistered community land on behalf of the communities
- ✓ The law further requires the county government to coordinate, regulate and facilitate where appropriate registration and use of the unregistered community land.
- ✓ That the concerned community representatives have raised red flags over the matter and the same was severally brought to the attention of the various relevant authorities including the county leadership and the department of land in vain.

OBJECTS OF THE PETITION

- To protect and safeguard the community lands for the interests of all and our generations
- To coordinate and/or regulate land user system of the community land in a sustainable way
- To institutionalize the land registration system to safeguard it from the dangerous grasps of the speculators and grabbers who are currently holding illegal tracks of land speculating for the government compensation and price hikes particularly along the major development corridors

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In this regard, we wish to seek your consideration of this particular petition and make the following prayers;-

1. To direct all relevant authorities to take appropriate measures on the rampant land grabbers and speculators in the area
2. To take appropriate measures in protecting unregistered community land as required by the law that includes 3km demarcation of the Kinna settlement area from the unregistered community land to forthwith stop ballooning encroachment of the human activities on the unregistered land.
3. To make unequivocal declaration on the status of the unregistered community land in Kinna to immediately halt the activities of the grabbers
4. Any other remedies that the august house deems it fit to address the foregoing matters of public interest.

The matter raised herein is not before any court of law and/or constitution bodies and thus the County Assembly may competently discharge on the same.

Signed this ^{26th}.....day of October 2020.

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