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**REPORT ON THE MOTION BY HON. PHILIP RONO ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (NAVCDP) IN KERICHO COUNTY**

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ABBREVIATIONS

CDDCs	- Community Driven Development Committees
CPCU	-County Project Coordinating Unit
CPSC	-County Project Steering Committee
CDP	-Community Development Plans
FLID	-Farm Led irrigation development (FLID)
FPO	-Farmer Producer Organization
IG	-Inclusion Grant
NAVCDP	-National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project
NPCU	-National Project Coordination Unit
PDO	-Project Development Objective
PICD	-Participatory Integrated Community Development
SACCO	-Savings and Credit Cooperative Society
FCS	- Farmers Cooperative Society

1.0 Preface

1.1 Introduction

The joint committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife was established through a communication from Hon. Speaker on Tuesday 15th July 2025. The purpose of the committee was to inquire into NAVCDP implemented by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperative Management pursuant to County Assembly of Kericho Standing Order.....

1.2 Mandate of Committee

The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife is contained in the Second Schedule of the Kericho County Assembly Standing Orders and concerns “*all matters related to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, irrigation, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control and fisheries, animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for the accommodation, care and burial of animals and veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession)*” and “*all matters related to cooperative societies, local tourism, museums, county parks, beaches and recreation facilities.*”

1.3 Membership of the Joint Committee

The Committee members are as follows:

- 1. Hon. Julius Siele - Chairman, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
- 2. Hon. Philip Mutai - Chairman, Cooperative Management
- 3. Hon. Beatrice Chepkemoi - Vice Chairperson, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
- 4. Hon. Mathew Korir - Vice Chairman, Cooperative Management
- 5. Hon. Erick Bett - Member
- 6. Hon. Francis Terer - Member
- 7. Hon. Kipngeno Kirui - Member
- 8. Hon. Kiprotich Rogony - Member

9. Hon. Richard Langat	- Member
10. Hon. Cheruiyot Bett	- Member
11. Hon. Anthony Ruto	- Member
12. Hon. Opille Noella	- Member
13. Hon. Bett Gladys	- Member
14. Hon. Vincent Koskei	- Member
15. Hon. Rono Philip	- Member
16. Hon. Korir Fancy	- Member
17. Hon. Paul Chirchir	- Member
18. Hon. Amos Birir	- Member

2.0 Legal Framework Guiding the Execution of Joint Committee's Mandate

The Joint Committee in exercise of its mandate is guided by the legal framework in place; the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; the County Governments Act, 2012; Public Finance Management Act, 2012; Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 and the County Assembly of Kericho Standing Orders.

2.1 The Constitution of Kericho, 2010

Article 185 establishes the mandate of a County Assembly and states as follows;

1. The legislative authority of a County is vested in and exercised by its county assembly.
2. A County Assembly may make any laws that are necessary for, or incidental to, the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the county government under the Fourth Schedule.
3. A county assembly, while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the county executive committee and any other county executive organs.

4. A county assembly may receive and approve plans and policies for –
 - a. The management and exploitation of the county’s resources; and
 - b. The development and management of its infrastructure and institutions.

Under **Article 183 (3)**, the County executive committee is obligated to provide the county Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the county.

2.2 The County Governments Act, 2012

Section 39 (2) provides that a committee of the County Assembly may require a member of the Executive Committee:-

- a. Attend or appear before the committee, and
- b. Answer any questions relating to the member’s responsibilities.

2.3 County Assembly of Kericho Standing Orders

Pursuant to County Assembly of Kericho Standing Orders No.197 and 204 , the County Assembly Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife has been given a major role of over sighting the County executive particularly on;

‘all matters related to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, irrigation, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control and fisheries, animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for the accommodation, care and burial of animals and veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession)’ and ‘all matters related to cooperative societies, local tourism, museums, county parks, beaches and recreation facilities.’

3.0 Joint Committee Methodology and Strategy

The Joint Committee used the following methodologies and strategy to deliver its mandate:

- i. Committee meetings;

- ii. Committee's oversight visits and interviewing identified beneficiaries of NAVCDP;
- iii. Meeting with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives (NAVCDP Steering Committee);
- iv. Analysis of findings by the Committee and ;
- v. Report writing

3.1 Joint Committee meetings;

The Joint Committee held meetings to consider the motion, prepare work plan and any other matter necessary for the Joint Committee to execute its mandates as per the Kericho County Assembly's Standing Orders

3.2 Joint Committee's oversight visits and interviewing identified beneficiaries of NAVCDP;

The Joint Committee conducted oversight visits to all the projects funded by NAVCDP in the County;

3.3 Meeting with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives (NAVCDP Steering Committee);

The Joint Committee held a meeting with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives (NAVCDP Steering Committee) on issues raised in the motion against the findings on the oversight visits;

3.4 Analysis of findings by the Joint Committee;

The Joint Committee analysed the findings of oversight visits and response by the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives and Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives (NAVCDP Steering Committee).

3.5 Report writing

The Joint Committee after Committee meetings, oversight visits and meeting with

NAVCDP Steering Committee prepared a report on the motion for consideration by the House.

4.0 Motion by Hon. Philip Rono on National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)

On 15th July, 2025, Hon. Philip Rono moved a motion on the floor of the house; (*See Annexure 1, a copy of motion by Hon.Philip Rono*).

The motion entailed the following;

“ AWARE that the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) is a Government of Kenya initiative co-financed by the World Bank and aimed at increasing market participation and value addition for targeted farmers in priority value chains across selected counties, including Kericho County;

FURTHER AWARE that the NAVCDP targets to enhance agricultural productivity and improve livelihoods through interventions such as capacity building, provision of inputs, infrastructure development, farmer aggregation and access to markets;

COGNIZANT that the successful implementation of NAVCDP requires transparency, effective coordination and proper monitoring to ensure that public funds are utilized for the intended purpose and that all wards within the County benefit equitably;

NOTING that there are growing concerns among residents and stakeholders regarding the visibility, progress, cost, and outcomes of NAVCDP projects across various wards within Kericho County;

NOW THEREFORE, this House RESOLVES to mandate the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries to:

- 1. Investigate the implementation of all NAVCDP projects within Kericho County since its inception;*

2. *Establish the specific programs carried out under NAVCDP in each ward;*
3. *Determine the cost of each project and confirm whether payments were made and to whom;*
4. *Identify the signatories managing the NAVCDP fund at the county;*
5. *Evaluate the outcomes and effectiveness of the implemented programs in relation to their objectives and impact on local farmers; and*
6. *Table a comprehensive report in this House within Twenty One (21) days with appropriate recommendations for further action''*

4.1 Committal to Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism & Wildlife

The motion was committed to the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism & Wildlife on 15th July, 2025 for inquiry and reporting to the House.

The County Assembly Clerk wrote to the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives to respond to the issues raised in the motion.

4.2 Response to the motion by the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives

The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives responded to the motion vide a letter referenced as **REF: KEC/33/1/VOL.I/143** dated **29th July, 2025**. (*See Annexure II, being a copy of the response from County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives*)

The Joint Committee held meetings to deliberate on the response from the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives as responded.

4.3 Joint Committee Oversight visits to the projects funded by NAVCDP

On 31st July, 2025, the Joint Committee made oversight visits to the projects funded by NAVCDP in the County to ascertain on the facts against the response by the CECM on the implementation status of NAVCDP projects as follows:

a. Status of SACCO Inclusion Grant

S/No.	Project	Ward	Findings	Observation	Provisions of Law breached
1.	Kalyet Almasi SACCO Society Ltd	Kipkelion	-The officials of the society could not be found as their offices were closed at the time of the visit	-	-
2.	Kamasian SACCO Society	Kamasian	-Benefited on office table, fireproof cabinet and office	No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP.	-
3.	Tuiyo SACCO Society Ltd	Kunyak	The SACCO benefited on chair, fireproof cabinet with broken glasses and office table	No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP	This is in contravention of Section 48 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. The Inspection and

					acceptance committee did not carry out due diligence before the acceptance of goods as the goods delivered were in bad state.
4.	Kichma SACCO Society Ltd	Chepseon	The offices were closed at the time of the visit		
5.	Kolongei SACCO	Ainamoi	-Received financial support of Kshs. 420,000, office table, fireproof metal cabinet, desktop computer, CPU and uninterrupted power supply (UPS)	-No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP -No bank in slips/statements to ascertain the cash disbursed	

6.	Torochgaa SACCO Society Ltd	Seretut/Chep tororiet			
7.	Sigowet Ward CDDC SACCO Society Ltd	Sigowet	Benefited from NAVCDP on office furniture including chair, table and a cabinet and cash disbursement of Kshs 410,000	-No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP -No bank in slips/statements to ascertain in the cash disbursed	There was contravention of Section 159 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015
8.	Kaplelartet SACCO Society Ltd	Kaplelartet	Benefited from NAVCDP on office chair, table and a cabinet and cash disbursement of Kshs 410,000	-No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP -No bank in slips/statements to ascertain in the cash	This is in contravention of Section 48 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. The Inspection and acceptance

				disbursed	committee did not carry out due diligence before the acceptance of goods as the goods were delivered in bad state.
9.	Soliat Tegemeo SACCO Society Ltd	Soliat	Benefited from NAVCDP on office chair,table and a cabinet and cash disbursement of Kshs 410,000	-No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP -No bank in slips/statements to ascertain in the cash disbursed	This is in contravention of Section 48 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. The Inspection and acceptance committee did not carry out due diligence before the acceptance of goods as the goods were

					delivered in bad state.
10.	Soin SACCO Society Ltd	Soin	Benefited from NAVCDP on office chair, table and a cabinet and cash disbursement of Kshs 410,000	-No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP -No bank in slips/statements to ascertain in the cash disbursed	This is in contravention of Section 48 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. The Inspection and acceptance committee did not carry out due diligence before the acceptance of goods as the goods were delivered in bad state.
11.	Ufalme Wallet SACCO Society Ltd	Chemosot	Benefited from NAVCDP on office cabinet, table, executive chair, desktop computer,	-No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were	This is in contravention of Section 48 of the

			printer and cash disbursement of Ksh 111,000	supplied by NAVCDP -No bank in slips/statements to ascertain in the cash disbursed	Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. The Inspection and acceptance committee did not carry out due diligence before the acceptance of goods as the goods were delivered in bad state.
12.	Cherobu SACCO Society Ltd	Cheboin	Benefited from NAVCDP fireproof filing cabinet, office chair and a table, complete computer desktop and has received Ksh.110,000 inclusion grant.	-No delivery notes and assets register to proof that they were supplied by NAVCDP -No bank in slips/statements to ascertain in the cash	This is in contravention of Section 48 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. The Inspection and acceptance

				disbursed	committee did not carry out due diligence before the acceptance of goods as the goods were delivered in bad state.
13.	Chilchila SACCO Society Ltd	Chilchila	The SACCOs offices were closed at the time of the visit	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
14.	Kisiara SACCO Society Ltd	Kisiara	Benefited on fireproof metal cabinet, complete computer desktop, Epson printer , office chair and table.	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation	
15.	KATEBU SACCO Society Ltd	Tebesonik	During the scheduled ward visits, the SACCO premises located at Tebesonik centre was closed.	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of	

				Inclusion Grant	
16.	Londiani Mkulima SACCO Society Ltd	Londiani		Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
17.	Kedowa Kimugul SACCO Society Ltd	Kedowa/Kim ugul		Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
18.	Kericho SACCO Society Ltd	Kapsaos	-Benefited on fireproof Metal cabinet, computer desktop computer, printer(Epson),office chair, CPU, Uninterrupted power supply (UPS) -The cost of all office equipment was not ascertained	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	

			as there were no official receipts/delivery notes		
19.	Kipchintai SACCO Society Ltd	Kipchimchim	-Benefited on office table ,chair, fireproof metal cabinet, Desktop computer, Printer (Epson) make, CPU, uninterrupted power supply (UPS) -No financial support -No delivery documents on the same	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
20.	Kipchebor SACCO Society Ltd	Kipchebor	-Benefited from NAVCDP on office table ,chair, fireproof metal cabinet, Desktop computer, Printer (Epson) make,CPU, uninterrupted power supply (UPS) - No financial support - No delivery documents on the same	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	

21.	Topland SACCO Society Ltd	Kapgugerwet	Have not received any support from NAVCDP	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
22.	Kapsoit Oasis SACCO Society Ltd	Kapsoit	-Benefited on office table ,chair, fireproof metal cabinet, Desktop computer, Printer (Epson) make, CPU, uninterrupted power supply (UPS) No financial support -No delivery documents on the same	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
23.	Belmoi SACCO Society Ltd	Kapsuser	-New SACCO,officials hesitant to meet/give information to the Committee -Have not benefited from NAVCDP	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
24.	Waldai SACCO	Waldai		Pending approval by	

	Society Ltd			CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
25.	Kabianga Borot SACCO Society Ltd	Kabianga		Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
26.	Freeland SACCO Society Ltd	Litein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Benefited on office table ,chair, fireproof metal cabinet, Desktop computer, Printer (Epson) make, CPU, uninterrupted power supply (UPS) -No financial support -No delivery documents on the same 	Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
27.	Kapkatet	Kapkatet	-Benefited on office table ,chair,	Pending approval by	

	SACCO Society Ltd		fireproof metal cabinet, Desktop computer, Printer (Epson) make, CPU, uninterrupted power supply (UPS) -No financial support - No delivery documents on the same	CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
28.	Cheplanget SACCO	Cheplanget		Pending approval by CPSC due to lack of funds for implementation of Inclusion Grant	
29.	Inua Mkulima SACCO Society Ltd	Tendeno/Sorget		-The SACCO Society Ltd has not yet complied to conditions of NAVCDP support	
30.	Chaik CDDC SACCO Society	Chaik	- Has not started since it had not met the criteria	-The SACCO Society Ltd has not yet	

	Ltd		required for support from NAVCDP	complied to conditions of NAVCDP support	
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b. Status of FPOs Inclusion Grant

S/No.	Project	Ward	Findings	Observation
1.	Cheptililbei FCS Ltd	Kipkelion	The Society's office was closed at the time of the visit	Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
2.	Chelilis New FCS Ltd	Chemosot		Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
3.	Kipagenge FCS Ltd	Litein		Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
4.	Kabianga FCS Ltd	Kabianga	- The society has received support from the county including	- Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval

			<p>capacity building during the procurement process of the tractor and other farm implement through NAVCDP programmes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The society has started value addition packaging fresh milk, yoghurt and Mala. 	
5.	SEEWO FCS/Housing Cooperative Society Ltd	Waldai	The society was yet to benefit from the NAVCDP programme since it was awaiting an inclusion grant of Kshs 700,000/=	Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
6.	Seretut FCS Ltd	Seretut/Cheptororiet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The society had been promised a feed mixer which is yet to be delivered. -The feeds raw materials were 	-Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval

			supplied without the mixer, straining the operations of the society -Have been promised a tractor	
7.	Chemasis Poultry FCS Ltd	Kapsuser		Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
8.	Soin Poultry FCS Ltd	Soin		Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
9.	Teluji FCS Ltd	Kaplelartet		Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
10.	Binyiny FCS Ltd	Kapsaos		Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
11.	Kericho Avocados FCS	Kapsoit	-The Society has not received	-Proposals have been

	Ltd		any support from County Government or NAVCDP	forwarded to NPCU for approval
12.	Kerain Con FCS Ltd	Ainamoi	-The Society has not received any support from NAVCDP or County Government	-Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
13.	Labaa FCS Ltd	Kipkelion		Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
14.	Kunyak FCS Ltd	Kunyak	-Received 4,500 coffee seedlings	-Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
15.	Ngoina FCS Ltd	Tebesonik		-Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
16.	Songonyet FCS Ltd	Chilchila	-The Society has not received any support from NAVCDP or County Government	-Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
17.	Kiboiywo FCS Ltd	Soliat		-Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for

				approval
18.	Kichawir FCS Ltd	Chepseon	- The Society has not received any support from NAVCDP or County Government	- Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
19.	Ruskebei FCS Ltd	Kedowa/Kimugul	- Have benefited on tractor and forage chopper from NAVCDP	- Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval
20.	Kosiachtany FCS Ltd	Sigowet	- The Society has not received any support from NAVCDP or County Government	- Proposals have been forwarded to NPCU for approval

4.4 Meeting with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives (NAVCDP Steering Committee);

The Joint Committee held a meeting with the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives (NAVCDP Steering Committee) on 2nd August, 2025 to deliberate on the issues raised in the motion by Hon. Philip Rono regarding the implementation status, successes and challenges of NAVCDP programs in the County.

During the meeting, NAVCDP Steering Committee submitted the following to the Committee;

THAT The National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) is a World Bank funded Project implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD) through the State Department for Crop Development (SDCD).

1. The NAVCDP is implemented in thirty four (34) counties covering the following areas: Mt. Kenya (Kirinyaga, Nyandarua Kiambu, Murang'a, Embu, Meru, Nyeri & Tharaka Nithi);
2. Lower Eastern (Machakos, Makueni, Kitui);
3. North Rift (Trans Nzoia, Nandi, Uasin Gishu);
4. Central Rift (Narok, Nakuru, Bomet, Kericho & Kajiado) Nyanza (Kisii, Migori, Nyamira, Kisumu, Siaya & Homa Bay);
5. Western (Kakamega, Busia ,Vihiga & Bungoma);
6. Coast (Kwale, Kilifi, Taita Taveta, and Tana River) and
7. Nairobi.

The project (NAVCDP) uses the Community Driven Development (CDD) and a value chain approach.

The specific on the guidelines as explained by the NAVCDP Steering Committee is annexed to the report.

5.0 Joint Committee findings

The Joint Committee having conducted oversight visits established the following;

- i. That there are SACCO Societies and Farmers' Cooperative Societies (Farmer Producer Organizations) in the County with management structures;
- ii. That the Farmers' Cooperative Societies (Farmer Producer Organizations) are only found in 19 (nineteen) Wards;
- iii. That the SACCO Societies and Farmers' Cooperative Societies (Farmer Producer Organizations) made the requests for support/funding under NAVCDP programs;
- iv. That the Community Driven Development Committees (CDDC) of SACCOS and FPOs informed the Joint Committee that they were not notified by the County Project Coordinating Unit (CPCU) on the dates of the delivery of office tables, chairs, desktop computers;
- v. Most Sacco Officials and FPOs officials confirmed that they were not issued with delivery note of the furniture, computers, chairs and office desks to ascertain the supplies;
- vi. Most of the office furniture delivered to the FPOs and Saccos were substandard such as cabinets with broken classes delivered to Tuiyo Sacco;
- vii. That the mode of disbursement of Funds to the SACCOs and Societies could not be ascertained during the time of the committee interrogations of the amount indicated as disbursed to the SACCOs and societies,

6.0 Joint Committee Observation

The Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife observed that;

- i. There was mass farmer registration program (the farmers profiling exercise) was conducted in all the 30 wards of Kericho and involving all the key

- stakeholders in each ward including the farmers, AGPs, village managers, area chiefs.
- ii. The Participatory Integrated Community Development (PICD) process which involved the community to identify problems within the wards as well as opportunities and interventions (documented in the PICD report, CDPs and LMAPs) were also conducted in all the 30 wards of Kericho
 - iii. The AGP program covers all the 30 wards of Kericho with each ward initially having 7 AGPs (a total of 210AGPs) who are paid a facilitation fees of KES 10,000 based on the performance as provided the circular from the National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU) through the Joint Agricultural Sector Intergovernmental Secretariat (Details of payments is provided in the of response by the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperative and;
 - iv. Details of programs in the specific ward is provided as follows:
 - a. SACCO Inclusion Grant
 - b. FPO Inclusion Grant
 - c. Enterprise Development for FPOs
 - d. Agripreneurs (AGP) Payments
 - e. Approved investment under Farmer Led Irrigation Development (FLID) and Market Access and Infrastructure Development (MA&ID)
 1. On the cost of each project and Payments made and to whom and the response is as captured in the response by the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperative, the costs and payments associated with each NAVCDP-funded project are detailed in the response submitted by the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives.
 2. The signatories to the NAVCDP Project account are as follows: -
 - i. Caleb Kipngeno Kirui, County Project Coordinator - NAVCDP
 - ii. Alfred Kipkemoi, County Project Accountant - NAVCDP

3. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperative did not provide a comprehensive report on the outcomes and effectiveness of the NAVCDP programs implemented. Specifically, there was no clear assessment of whether the program objectives were achieved, the actual impact on local farmers' livelihoods, productivity, or incomes, challenges encountered during implementation and lessons learned, sustainability measures or follow-up plans. This may undermine accountability and evaluation of value for money, inform planning for future programs and build trust among stakeholders;
4. The procurement of furniture and equipment under the NAVCDP program was conducted centrally, with minimal involvement of key stakeholders such as CDDCs, SACCOs and FPO officials. This undermines the principle of transparency in procurement, decision-making and lack of ownership;
5. Many recipient SACCOs/FPOs lacked proper financial records, including receipts, disbursement logs, and asset acquisition documentation. This may lead to difficulty in tracking the use of funds disbursed under the NAVCDP program;
6. There was absence of essential delivery documents, such as receipts, delivery notes, and procurement reports. This hindered the ability to fully verify the distribution of assets to SACCOs, FPOs and accountability in line with procurement procedures. It clearly indicates non-compliance with procurement procedures pursuant to Section 70 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015.
7. The office furniture and equipment supplied under the NAVCDP program were largely of substandard quality. This raised several concerns on non-compliance with procurement pursuant to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015. It can also be noted that this reduces usability and lifespan of the supplied items, undermining trust in the program and compromising the program's efficiency and impact;

8. There was notable lack of delivery documentation – such as delivery note, goods received vouchers, or asset registers – for assets distributed to most SACCOs and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) under the NAVCDP program. This led to inability to verify actual receipt of the procured items at the grassroots level, non-compliance with standard procurement procedures, limited traceability and accountability for assets delivered and increased risk of asset misappropriation or loss;
9. There is no clarity on the roles of SACCOs, FPOs, CDDCs and NAVCDP Steering Committee in implementation of the programs and procurement process as specified in the Inclusion Grant Guidelines, 2024. This compromises on accountability and transparency by individual level in implementation of the NAVCDP programs and;
10. The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives did not provide specific details on the payments made to SACCOs and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). The omission may result in limited financial transparency on fund utilization, inability to verify actual disbursements and trace payments to intended recipients. This is in contravention of **Article 195 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 as read together with Section 27 of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act, 2017 (1) (c)** which states that “*A person commits an offence where the person*”
fails or disobeys without sufficient cause to –
 - (i) *answer fully and satisfactorily all questions put to the person under Section 18;*
 - (ii) *produce any document, paper, book or record in the person's possession, custody or control which the person has been required to produce under Section 18.*

(2). *A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both*

7.0 Joint Committee Recommendations

The Joint Committee recommends as follows;

1. **THAT** ,the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives should ensure future reports include qualitative assessments, such as impact on farmer livelihoods, profitability, and sustainability of interventions, adopt a results-based reporting framework that connects inputs and activities to measurable changes at the farmer and community level;
2. **THAT**, for improved accountability and transparency, a public financial disclosure summary should be shared quarterly with key stakeholders (SACCOs/FPOs/CDDCs and County Assembly and all beneficiaries (SACCOs, FPOs, AGPs) should sign acknowledgments for funds or items received and payments should be tied to performance milestones and verification through field monitoring and audits;
3. **THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperative Management produces and disseminates periodic outcome and impact reports, aligning with project objectives and Key Performance Indicators to integrate monitoring, evaluation, and learning as a core component of program implementation by involving local stakeholders in the impact assessment process to ensure findings reflect grassroots realities and link future funding or program phases to measurable performance indicators and results-based reporting;
4. **THAT** the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee to adopt a more participatory procurement approach, involving local stakeholders (CDDCs, SACCOs, FPOs) in planning, specification development, and supplier vetting, ensuring timely communication with SACCOs and FPOs regarding delivery schedules and expected good, establish feedback mechanisms to capture local

concerns on procurement quality and timing and promoting decentralized procurement for smaller items, where feasible, to enhance responsiveness and accountability;

5. **THAT** the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee provides targeted financial management training for SACCOs/FPOs to build internal capacity in record keeping and reporting, develops and distributes a standardized financial reporting template for all recipient entities, makes complete and up-to-date financial documentation as a prerequisite for further disbursements or support, introduces periodic financial audits and establishes a compliance checklist for SACCOs/FPOs receiving NAVCDP support;

6. **THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee ensures that all procurement and asset distribution processes be supported by complete documentation, including signed delivery notes, receipts, and supplier invoices ,establish a centralized documentation and records system accessible to the implementing team and oversight bodies, conduct routine documentation audits and incorporate document verification into the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) framework and ensure all stakeholders (SACCOs, FPOs, CDDCs) are trained on record-keeping standards and compliance expectations;

7. **THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee implement rigorous pre-delivery inspections and enforce quality control measures during procurement requiring suppliers to adhere strictly to technical specifications, with penalties for substandard deliveries, introduce a formal verification and acceptance protocol at the delivery point, involving end-users and maintain a record of supplier performance for use in future procurement decisions;

8. **THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee provide capacity-building and training to ensure each stakeholders understand and execute their roles effectively and establish oversight and reporting structures at every level, with routine audits and community feedback mechanisms;
9. **THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee enforce a standard asset delivery and documentation protocol that includes signed delivery notes, receipts, and photographic evidence requiring that all asset deliveries be acknowledged in writing by authorized representatives of the receiving SACCOs or FPOs, establishment of a centralized asset tracking system with regular updates submitted to the NAVCDP Secretariat and Steering Committee and include periodic verification audits and physical inspections as part of the monitoring and evaluation process and develops and disseminates clear guidelines detailing the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in the implementation and procurement process and;
10. **THAT**, upon approval of this report by the House, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee provide to the County Assembly a comprehensive payment schedule indicating:
 - a. Names of SACCOs, FPOs and suppliers paid
 - b. Amount disbursed
 - c. Dates and purpose of each payment
 - d. Supporting documents (e.g., payment vouchers, delivery notes, grant agreements)
11. **THAT** this House invokes **Article 195 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya** and **Section 27 (1)(c) and (2) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act,2017** by: summoning the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture,

Livestock and Cooperatives and NAVCDP Steering Committee to explain on actions, decisions, or spending the NAVCDP funds

8.0 Acknowledgement

Mr Speaker Sir, the Joint Committee wishes to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk for the support extended to it in execution of its mandate.

Mr. Speaker Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 204, it is my pleasant duty to table report of the Joint Committee on the motion by Hon. Philip Rono for consideration by this Honorable house.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the **Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife** and Pursuant to Section 14 of the County Government Act and Kericho County Assembly Standing Order No. 204 , it is my pleasant duty to present to this House the **Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Report** on the motion by Hon. Philip Rono, County Assembly's Majority Leader on the National Agriculture Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)

Hon. Julius Siele

Signature.....Date.....

Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

Hon. Philip Mutai,

Signature.....Date.....

Chairman, Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife.