



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (FIRST SESSION)

CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 002 of 2022)

REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF HOUSE UNITS FOR KIBERA RESIDENTS FUNDED BY THE WORLD BANK

Honorable Members, as you know, Article 119 of the Constitution gives right to any person to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority. Further, Standing Order 225(2)(b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition, other than those presented by a Member. In that regard, I wish to report to the House that I have received a Petition from Mr. Peter Kinyua Waweru being the Chairperson of Ng'ando PAPs Housing Co-operative Society Limited.

Honorable Members, the Petitioner and five hundred and sixty (560) other members of the Cooperative Society are residents of Soweto, Laini Saba and Mashimoni areas of Kibera, Kibra Constituency and Lang'ata Constituency who are awaiting to be allocated the housing units under construction on the land in Jamhuri area, specifically, Ng'ando area near Station Road in Kibera.

This project is part of the Relocation Action Plan by the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works and Kenya Railways Corporation financed by the World Bank. The objective of the project was to relocate persons living near the railway operating area whose continued stay posed a safety risk to the operations of the railway.

Honorable Members, the Petitioners claim to be the intended beneficiaries of the project and were supposed to receive their units seven years ago, a dream which has not yet been realized.

The Petitioners also note that Kenya Railways Corporation had resettled similar affected persons in Mukuru, Soweto, Laini Saba, and Mashimoni areas. However, the five hundred and sixty (560) affected persons who are members of Ng'ando PAPs Housing Co-operative Society had missed out since their housing units are incomplete to date. Further, the Petitioners aver that they have complied with all the conditions given and that their houses were even demolished with a promise of alternative housing in the new project.

Honorable Members, the Petitioners state that their engagement with Kenya Railways Corporation to revive the stalled project has bore no fruit as the corporation insists, it has not yet received funds from the government to facilitate completion. Further, the Petitioners continue receiving reminders from Kenya Railways Corporation to comply with rental payments for the stalled units.

Honorable Members, the Petitioners pray that the National Assembly intervenes on their behalf to ensure that the Kenya Railways Corporation expedites the completion of the housing units and settles the intended beneficiaries, who are currently residing in deplorable make-shift shelters, as per the agreement at inception of the project.

Honorable Members, having established that the matter raised in the Petition is well within the authority of this House, I direct that the Petition be committed to the Public Petitions Committee for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 208A. The Committee is required to consider the Petition and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioners in accordance with Standing Order 227(2).

I thank you.

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