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**REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE (I)  
ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE NATIONAL YOUTH  
COUNCIL BILL, 2009.**

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**Clerk's Chambers  
National Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
NAIROBI**

**November, 2009**

## PREFACE

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

1. The Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare was constituted on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 during the Third Session of Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Parliament pursuant to provisions of Standing Orders 198 (1). The Committee executes its mandate in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 198 (3), from which it draws its mandate to-
  - i. investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and Departments;
  - ii. study the programme and policy objectives of the Ministries and Departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
  - iii. study and review all legislation after First Reading subject to the exemptions under Standing Order 101 A (4);
  - iv. study and review all legislation referred to it;
  - v. study, assess and analyse the relative success of the Ministries and Departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with its stated objectives;
  - vi. 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; and
  - vii. Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.
2. The Committee is mandated to consider the following issues; Labour, Trade Union Relations, Manpower or Human Resource Planning, Gender, Culture and Social Welfare, Youth, Children's welfare, National Heritage, betting, and lottering..
3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following Ministries:
  - i. Ministry of Labour and Human Resource;
  - ii. Ministry of State for Youth Affairs and Sports;
  - iii. Ministry of Gender and Children Development;
  - iv. Ministry of State for National Heritage and Culture;
  - v. Ministry of State for Special Programmes and
  - vi. Office of the Vice-President and Ministry of Home Affairs.
4. The Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare comprises the following Members: -
  - i. The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, M.P. – Chairperson
  - ii. The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P. – Vice-Chairperson
  - iii. The Hon. Elijah Lagat, M.P.
  - iv. The Hon. Joseph Oyugi Magwanga, M.P.
  - v. The Hon. Kiprono Magerer, M.P.
  - vi. The Hon. Adan Keynan, M.P.

- vii. The Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.
- viii. The Hon. Alfred B. Odhiambo, M.P
- ix. The Hon. Clement Waibara, M.P.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

5. Pursuant to Standing Order 111(1) A Bill having been read a First Time shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee Without question put. The Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare deliberated with the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and other stake holders who sent their memoranda to the Committee.
6. In considering The National Youth Council Bill, 2009 after the second reading on July 23, 2009, the Committee received a comprehensive brief from The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, The African Youth Trust and other stake holders. The Committee has held several meetings with the Minister where it received submissions, presentations and other reports. The Minister was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary Mr James Waweru, EBS and other technical Officers.
7. In its deliberation, the Committee dealt with many issues among them the:-

Defining the 'Youth' to mean a person aged between 18 and 35 years

Functions of the Council is to register, regulate all youth groups, youth led initiatives, youth focused community based organizations, youth serving non-governmental organizations and the youth led civil society.

The functions of the board were added to include among others to mainstream youth agenda in all policies and decision making organs of all private and public organizations. The Board to provide a general oversight in the management of the Youth Enterprise Fund and other devolved funds targeting the youth.

The following were incorporated to the Board:-

The Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for finance or his/her representative, the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for education or his/her representative, the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for internal security and provincial administration or his/her representative all to be appointed in writing;

Eight other persons aged between 18-35 years appointed by the youth and appointed by the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs;

Not more than eight persons aged (18-35 years) with at least three females and one youth with disability.

8. **Acknowledgements**

The Committee wishes to thank the Office of the Honourable Speaker and the Liaison Committee for the necessary support extended to it in the execution of its mandate as well as the Office of the Clerk for providing the necessary logistical and technical support. The Committee further wishes to thank the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, the Permanent Secretary and the Technical Staff who appeared before the Committee for providing the necessary information and responding to issues raised by Members during the deliberations.

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

9. Based on the deliberations, submissions, presentations and evidence produced, the Committee recommends:-



**The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, MP**  
**Chairperson**

**Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare**

**Dated: November 26, 2009**

**THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL BILL, 2009.**  
**PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS**

**PART 1- PRELIMINARY**

*Definition of 'Youth' to mean a person aged between 18 and 35 years.*

**PART II – ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Clause 4. Functions of the Council**

**Function (a) to be deleted and replaced as a whole by:**

**New Sub Clause Function (a) to read**

*To register and regulate all youth groups, youth-led initiatives, youth –focused community-based organizations, youth-serving non-governmental organizations and the youth-led civil-society organizations.*

**In addition, the following functions will be added to the already existing functions of the Council;**

**New Sub Clauses n, o, p.**

- n) to mainstream youth agenda in all policies and decision-making organs of all private and public organizations;*
- o) to nominate a youth representative in decision-making bodies, boards, agencies and other institutions of the government and the private sector.*
- p) to provide a general oversight in the management of the Youth Enterprise Fund and other devolved funds targeting the youth.*

The Ministry will take the necessary steps to ensure that the NGO called National Youth Council is not confused with the proposed government's National Youth Council.

**Clause 5. Composition of the Council**

**(1) The following shall also be included in the composition of the Council:**

**New Sub Clauses i, ii, iii, iv, v.**

- i. the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for finance or his/her representative appointed in writing;*
- ii. the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for education or his/her representative appointed in writing;;*
- iii. the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for internal security and provincial administration or his/her representative appointed in writing;*
- iv. Eight (8) other persons aged between 18-35 years appointed by the youth and appointed by the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs;*

- v. *Not more than eight persons aged (18-35 years) with at least three (3) females and one (1) youth with disability nominated by the National Youth Assembly to be appointed by the Minister in-charge of Youth Affairs.*

**(2) Appointment of Chairperson**

**New further qualifications a, b, c.**

*A person shall not be appointed a chairperson unless such a person:-*

- a) has 3-5 years experience in youth development work gained locally or internationally.*
- b) Be a person of high integrity, ethical and responsive to youth aspirations and needs.*
- c) The chairperson shall be proposed by the National Youth Council appointed by the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs.*

**Clause 6 Powers of the Council**

**Clause 6(2) to be deleted and replaced as a whole:-**

**New Sub Clause 6(2)**

*The Council shall have all the powers necessary for the proper and effective performance of its functions under this Act, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Council shall have powers to create branches from sub-location/ward level up to the national level and any other branch it may consider necessary or desirable in the promotion of Youth Empowerment and Development.*

**1. Conduct of Business and Affairs of the Council**

**New Clause 7(3) to be inserted and to read**

*To conduct free and fair elections countrywide as provided in the last Schedule.*

**Clause 10. Secretary**

**New qualifications added to the existing ones I, ii, iii.**

- i) The Secretary's age will be within the 18-35 years age bracket;*
- ii) The Secretary shall hold office for a period not exceeding five (five) years or exceed the age of 35 years whichever comes first*
- iii) The terms and conditions of employment of the Secretary will be determined by the Council from time to time*

**PART III- ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD**

*The roles and functions of the Council and Board are complementary as the Board will play an advisory role.*

**Clause 16. Establishment of the Board**

**Clause 16(c)** be deleted and replaced with:

**New Clause 16(c) to read**

*Eight persons aged between 18-35 years to be nominated by the National Youth Council for appointment by the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs. The Council will forward the names of three persons from each province for the Minister to appoint 8 persons and balance the appointments to ensure gender equity.*

**16 (d)** *in addition to the identified bodies to nominate one person each for appointment by the Minister to The Board, the following bodies should be included under similar terms:*

- x) Kenya Scout Association;*
- xi) Kenya Girl Guides Association;*
- xii) National Agency for Campaign Against Drug Abuse ( NACADA) Authority*

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL  
COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 IN THE SMALL DINING HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
AT 11.00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, MP - **Chairperson**  
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, MP - **Vice- Chairperson**  
The Hon. Alfred B. Odhiambo, MP  
The Hon. Gideon Konchella, MP  
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, MP

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

The Hon. Kiprono Magerer, MP  
The Hon. Adan Keynan, MP  
The Hon. Joseph Lagat, MP

**ABSENT**

The Hon. Clement Waibara, MP

**IN-ATTENDANCE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Mr Aradi Mudii- Protocal /Resesearch officer

**PRAYERS**

**MIN /2009 DELIBERATION OF THE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

- The Chair called the meeting to order and Raised issues on quorum,
- The pending work (ministry programmes)
- Informed the committee on the plans and communication with Suny Kenya to support the Strategic plan..
- Field visits
- National youth council Bill, need to be discussed and given input on the bill and come up with amendments if any.
- Plans for local trips and international trips.
- Members acknowledged poor performance of the committee and felt the Committee can do better.
- Members raised issues of members who have not attended meetings consecutively.
- Time keeping was raised and members were urged to observe.
- Organize a workshop for coming up with a strategic plan.

**MIN /2009 FOREIGN TRIP**

- Ministers to include members of the committee to accompany the Ministries officials on foreign trips which should be rotational



- Raised concerns that the Ministries have not involved the committee.
- Minutes to give a programme for the foreign trips and.
- All conferences related to the committee.

**Foreign trips**

South Africa, Malaysia and UK 1<sup>st</sup> Feb-17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Spain 19<sup>th</sup> April-25<sup>th</sup> April Belgium

Israel 23<sup>rd</sup> November-30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Workshop**

3 days workshop - 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Oct Mombasa

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> to meet ministers

Visit to constitution of all youth empowerment centers in the country. Kazi kwa Vijana

**MIN 35/2009**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at forty minutes past Eleven O'clock.

Signed..... Date.....

**Chairperson**

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON TUESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2009 IN THE SMALL DINING ROOM, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10:35AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, MP - Chairperson  
The Hon. Adan Keynan, MP  
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, MP  
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, MP

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

The Hon. Magerer Lang'at  
The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, MP - Vice-Chairperson  
The Hon. Gideon Konchellah, MP  
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, MP

**ABSENT**

The Hon. Clement Waibara, MP

**IN-ATTENDANCE: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Miss Susan Maritim - Clerk Assistant III  
Mr. Mudii Aradi - Protocol Officer  
Mr. Dennis Abisai - Legal Clerk

**IN-ATTENDANCE: MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS OFFICIALS**

2. Hon.(Prof.) Hellen Sambili, MP - Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
3. Mr. Julius Kubai - Director of Youth
4. Mrs. Christabel Adhiambo - Chief Youth Officer
5. Mr. Micheal Githinji - Chief Youth Officer
6. Mr. Josephine Ouma - Youth Officer

**MIN. NO. 042/2009 INTRODUCTION**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:35am and opened the meeting with a word of prayer. She formally introduced members of the committee and parliamentary staff to the Minister of Youth Affairs and her team and vice-versa.

The main agenda of the meeting was to further discuss the National Youth Council Bill, 2009 after amendments proposed by Honorable Members during the Bill's Second Reading on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009.

**MIN.NO. 043/2009 DELIBERATIONS ON THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL BILL, 2009**

The Minister thanked the Honorable Members for supporting the Bill and assured them that their comments and suggestions will be incorporated into the Bill during done when the Bill is enacted into law.

The following amendments will be introduced at the Committee Stage of the Bill:

## **PART 1- PRELIMINARY**

*Definition of 'Youth' to mean a person aged between 18 and 35 years.*

The minimum age of 15 as earlier contained in the Bill was found to be too young especially when the 15-year old is put in a decision-making position yet according to the law he/she is regarded as a child and under his/her parents/guardians. 35 year olds were also regarded as youth and should not be locked out of the definition of youth.

## **PART II – ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

### **4. Functions of the Council**

**Function (a) is deleted and replaced as a whole by:**

To register and regulate all youth groups, youth-led initiatives, youth –focused community-based organizations, youth-serving non-governmental organizations and the youth-led civil-society organizations.

**In addition, the following functions will be added to the already existing functions of the Council;**

- q) to mainstream youth agenda in all policies and decision-making organs of all private and public organizations;*
- r) to nominate a youth representative in decision-making bodies, boards, agencies and other institutions of the government and the private sector.*
- s) to provide a general oversight in the management of the Youth Enterprise Fund and other devolved funds targeting the youth.*

The Committee raised concern about duplication of the role of the proposed Youth Council stating that that there is already an existing Youth Council registered under the NGO Bureau. The Minister assured the Committee that the Youth Ministry aims to consolidate all youth-related matters to be under the Ministry for easy co-ordination of youth matters.

The Ministry will take the necessary steps to ensure that the NGO called National Youth Council is not confused with the proposed government's National Youth Council.

### **5. Composition of the Council**

**(1) The following shall also be included in the composition of the Council:**

- vi. the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for finance or his/her representative appointed in writing;*

- vii. *the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for education or his/her representative appointed in writing;*
- viii. *the Permanent Secretary in the ministry for the time being responsible for internal security and provincial administration or his/her representative appointed in writing;*
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- e) *Be a person of high integrity, ethical and responsive to youth aspirations and needs.*
- f) *The chairperson shall be proposed by the National Youth Council appointed by the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs.*

**7. Powers of the Council**

**6(2) be deleted and replaced as a whole to read as follows:-**

*The Council shall have all the powers necessary for the proper and effective performance of its functions under this Act, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Council shall have powers to create branches from sub-location/ward level up to the national level and any other branch it may consider necessary or desirable in the promotion of Youth Empowerment and Development.*

**8. Conduct of Business and Affairs of the Council**

Introduce 7(3) which will read

To conduct free and fair elections countrywide as provided in the last Schedule.

**10. Secretary**

- iv) *The Secretary's age will be within the 18-35 years age bracket;*
- v) *The Secretary shall hold office for a period not exceeding five (five) years or exceed the age of 35 years whichever comes first*
- vi) *The terms and conditions of employment of the Secretary will be determined by the Council from time to time*

**PART III- ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD**

The roles and functions of the Council and Board are complementary as the Board will play an advisory role.

## 16. Establishment of the Board

### 16(c) be deleted and replaced with:

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**16 (d)** in addition to the identified bodies to nominate one person each for appointment by the Minister to

The Board, the following bodies should be included under similar terms:

- xiii) Kenya Scout Association;
- xiv) Kenya Girl Guides Association;
- xv) National Agency for Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NACADA) Authority

### **MIN.NO. 044/2009 COMMITTEE PROGRAMME**

The Committee was concerned about its activities running behind schedule in most of the planned activities. The committee has planned to undertake field visits during the last recess but none took place. In view of this, the committee planned to meet various Ministries in preparation for a workshop to map out the committee's strategic plan.

The meetings will be as follows:

<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>
Tuesday 17.11.2009 10:00am	Office of the Vice-President and Home Affairs	a) Ministry's Strategic Plan in relation to the Government's Vision 2030. b) Ministry's action plan on congestion in the country's reform and correctional facilities and what is being to reduce congestion in these facilities.
Thursday 19.11.2009 10:00am	Ministry of Special Programmes	a) Ministry's Strategic Plan in relation to the Government's Vision 2030. b) The status of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the country:- i) What is the status report on the recently conducted IDP resettlement exercise? ii) How much did the exercise cost? iii) What were the challenges experienced in conducting of the

		exercise? iv) Have all IDPs been resettled?
Friday, 20.11.2009 10:00am	Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ministry's Strategic Plan in relation to the Government's Vision 2030.</li> <li>b) Ministry's response on increased violence meted out against women and children: What is the Ministry doing to curb these cases?</li> <li>c) Disbursement status of the Women Enterprise Fund</li> <li>d) Planned activities for the Gender Commission</li> </ul>
Monday 23.11.2009 2:30pm	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ministry's Strategic Plan in relation to the Government's Vision 2030.</li> <li>b) To shed light on the controversy surrounding the re-appointment of the Youth Enterprise Fund Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Umuro Wario</li> <li>c) Disbursement status of the Youth Enterprise Fund</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 24.11.2009 10:00am	Ministry of Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ministry's Strategic Plan in relation to the Government's Vision 2030.</li> <li>b) Ministry of Labour's action plan on labour conditions of employees especially in flower farms and EPZ in light of several complaints from employees of these companies.</li> <li>c) To shed light on the fate of the intern teachers in lieu of the pending court case filed by the Kenya National Union of Teachers seeking to halt recruitment of intern teachers.</li> </ul>

The workshop for strategic planning was set for 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at a hotel to be confirmed in Mombasa. The secretariat was asked to make the necessary arrangements for the workshop.

The committee also planned to undertake foreign trips beginning February 2009 and asked the secretariat to initiate communication with the countries that had been earlier proposed by the committee. The committee also proposed to travel to The Hague.

**MIN.NO. 045/2009 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Date of the next meeting set for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am at the small dining room.

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE  
ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009  
IN THE SMALL DINING ROOM, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10:00 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

The Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, MP - Chairperson  
The Hon. Alfred Odhiambo, MP  
The Hon. Joseph Magwanga, MP  
The Hon. Clement Waibara, MP

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

The Hon. Lenny Kivuti, MP - Vice-Chairperson  
The Hon. Gideon Konchellah, MP  
The Hon. Elijah Lagat, MP  
The Hon. Adan Keynan, MP  
The Hon. Magerer Lang'at

**IN-ATTENDANCE: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

J.G. Wanyoike Clerk Assistant

**PRAYERS**

**MIN 46/2009 DELIBERATIONS; MINISTER OF STATE FOR SPECIAL  
PROGRAMMES ON THE MINISTRY'S MANDATE AND FUNCTIONS IN  
RELATION TO VISION 2030.**

The Hon Naomi Shaaban, EGH, MP , Minister of State for Special Programmes  
Accompanied by Messers;- Mr Ali D. Mohammed CBS, Permanent Secretary, Professor  
Alloys Orago - Director National Aids Control Council, Mr Wilfred K. Ndolo – Director,  
Mitigation and Resettlement, Mr Moses C. Gituai – Senior Deputy Secretary, Mr Thomas  
Mocha – Secretary, National Humanitarian Fund, Mr CalvinS. Matendechero – Chief  
Finance Officer and Mrs Trupena Mokaya – Deputy Chief Economist Informed the  
Committee that;

The specific mandate of the Ministry as outlined in the Presidential Circular No.1/2008  
is: Special Programme Policies;-

- Mitigation and Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs);
- Co-ordination of Disaster Risk Reduction Programmes;
- Co-ordination of the Campaign against HIV and AIDS;
- National AIDS Control Council (NACC);
- National Humanitarian Fund;

- Disaster and Emergency Response Co-ordination; and
- Western Kenya Community Driven Development and Flood Mitigation Project.

The mandate is cross-cutting like gender, youth, HIV etc and it may not be placed under any one sector or pillar it has effect on all the pillars, economic, political and social.

It provides safety nets through risk reduction and saves lives and property through response.

Offering a twin support to both investments and the people and provides a mechanism to mitigate against property destruction. It also gives relief that enables normal life to continue even in the face of catastrophies. In the absence of such mechanisms, it only requires a single disaster like the Post Election Violence to reverse any developmental progress.

#### **Functions of the Ministry:**

- Formulation of Comprehensive Disaster Management Policies and Programme,
- Co-ordination of the implementation of Comprehensive Disaster Management Policies and Programmes,
- Facilitation of the establishment of an Institutional Framework for effective Disaster Management,
- Co-ordination of Resource Mobilization for Disaster Management
- Co-ordination of resettlement and Mitigation Programme for Internally Displaced Persons
- HIV and AIDS Campaign Co-ordination

#### **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

- The Millennium Declaration of September 2000 identified protection of the vulnerable and intensification of co-operation to reduce the number and effects of natural and man-made disasters.
- The MDGs commits governments to ensure that children and all civilian populations that suffer disproportionately the consequences of natural and artificial disasters are given assistance and protection so that they can resume normal life as soon as possible.
- The Ministry focuses on poverty reduction, employment.

#### **Vision 2030 and the Medium Term Plan 2008-2012**

- That Poverty-disaster interface in Kenya is quite perplexing.
- Disasters have had adverse long-term impact on social- economic activities of the poor. The poor are more vulnerable to any kind of disasters due to depletion of assets, income erosion arising from loss of employment, increased indebtedness, and out migration.



- Vision 2030 envisages growth both with speed and extent of economic activities even with the face of such devastating expectations such as effects of global warming, negative effects of industrialization, urbanization, population pressure, etc disasters in waiting.

### **Post Election Violence**

That during 2007 Post Election Violence, the country was rocked by an orgy of violence which led to destruction of property and loss of life. ie 663,921 people were displaced and about 78,254 houses were destroyed country wide.

A total of 350,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) sought refuge in 118 camps spread all over the country. About 313,921 IDPs were integrated within communities across the country.

The government rolled out several strategies in order to address the growing IDP problem. Some of the Strategies employed included the following:

- IDP profiling: to get the accurate number of the affected
- Operation Rudi Nyumbani: to help IDPs return to their homes and farms  
Provide start-up funds of KShs 10,000/- to each IDP household
- Provide KShs 25,000 for reconstruction of houses
- Provide food to the Internally Displaced Persons until they harvest their crops
- Reconstruction of infrastructure facilities e.g. Schools
- Peace building and reconciliation to create harmony amongst communities
- Psychosocial counseling of IDPs to heal post-election traumas
- Relief food provision to IDPs by both GoK and W.F.P

### **MIN 47/2009 ACHIEVEMENTS**

- A total of KShs 242 million has been disbursed to reconstruct 138 schools damaged during Post Election violence.
- A further KShs 123 million was disbursed to the Kenya Army to construct 16 schools in Mob and Uasin Gishu Districts.
- SAFAL Group of Companies has constructed two schools as a donation.
- The U.S. military in collaboration with the GoK has constructed two schools, Rukuini Secondary and Rukuini Primary school in Uasin Gishu at a cost of KShs 24 Million.
- Red Cross has rehabilitated Sugoi Girls , Ngarua Primary, and Anensens Secondary School.
- Camps have been closed
- Peace has been built within communities
- People have gone back to their farms
- Some IDPs have bought land with the start-up capital provided by GoK and settled

- Some well-wishers have donated land for resettlement of IDPs
- Schools have been reconstructed thereby giving school-going IDPs children an opportunity to go-on with their studies
- Though over 350,000 IDP5 have gone back to their farms it has not been possible for the Government to plough all IDP farmland as well as giving adequate farm inputs such as seeds and fertilizer.

**MIN 48/2009 LEGAL NOTICE OF 2007.**

The Committee was informed that the 2009 Legal notice was specific that it only refers to the 2007 post election violence IDPs and other IDPs are not covered by the Legal Notice.

**MIN.NO. 49/2009 ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL BILL AMMEMDMENTS, 2009**

The Committee perused the National Youth Council Bill 2009 report and adopted it with amendments as under;-

**MIN.NO. 50/2009 APOLOGY FROM THE MINISTER FOR GENDER AND CHILDREN.**

The Committee was informed that the Minister for Gender and Children was out of the Country on official Duties and had requested that the meeting scheduled for Friday November 20, 2009 at 10.00am kindly be rescheduled to another date. The Committee deliberated about the request and acceded to it.

**MIN. NO. 51/2009 ADJOURNMENT**

And there being no other business, the Chairperson adjourned the sitting at 1.00 am until Monday, November 23 2009 at 2.30 pm.

Signed ..... Date.....  
(Chairperson)