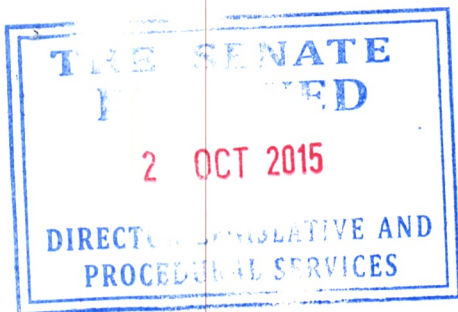


REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF LAND, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON STATUS OF SUB-COUNTY LAND CONTROL BOARDS IN MERU COUNTY

a) How much money the Government has paid as allowances to the members of each of the sub-county Land Control Boards in Meru County since 2013

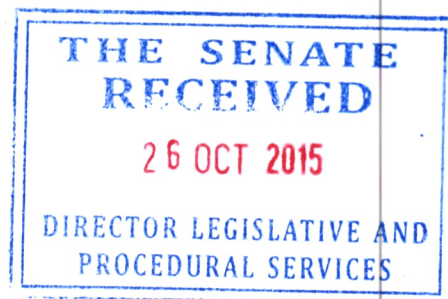
No money has been allocated to the Meru Land Control Boards for the last two Financial Years. This is due to the fact that during the transition to devolved Governments, funds for operations of County Land offices including land Control Boards were inadvertently channeled to the County Governments on the assumption that all of the Ministry functions had been devolved.

However, it was later clarified that the Land Registration Function is still under the National Government under which Land Control Boards are managed. Unfortunately the county Governments did not reimburse these funds to County Land Offices to enable payment of allowances to Board members.

Due to this anomaly, the Ministry was unable to fund the Land Control Boards thereby incurring outstanding debts for allowances of the members of the Boards.

Meru Land Control Boards are among those affected, At the moment, the Ministry owes the members of these boards (9 Land Control Boards) Kshs. 1.4 million).

During this Financial Year, the Ministry received insufficient funds to operationalise these boards and as a result intends to request for special funding from Treasury to offset this debt.



b) Why the Government disbanded the Sub-County Land Control Boards in Meru County thereby frustrating all legal and economic transactions in land within the County

The Government has not disbanded any Land Control Board in the Country. Despite the lack of funds during the last two Financial Years, the boards have been operational.

c) How the Government intends to facilitate the land Market in Meru County through critical land transactions such as land purchases, leases and charges without Land Control Boards

As mentioned in (b) above, no Land Control Board has been disbanded. This therefore implies that all land transactions are ongoing so long as they meet all the legal requirements.

d) Why the Land Control Boards have not been devolved to the County Governments given that county planning and development is a devolved function under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution.

According to the Land Control Board Act (Cap 302) Land Control Boards are established at the former District and divisional levels (county and sub-county) as a function of the National Government.

If Land Control Boards are to be devolved to the County Governments then there is need to amend the Acts to allow for the same.

e) Why the Land Control Board in Kisumu County has not been established

It is not true that there is no Land Control Board in Kisumu. The board is operational and infact the last meeting was held on 10th June 2015 while the next is scheduled for 29th July 2015.

f) Whether the issues affecting Meru County, raised in (a) to (d) above, affect other counties. And if so, which counties are affected.

As mentioned in (a) above, the allocated funds are insufficient to offset the accrued arrears for all Land Control Boards.

g) Whether the action to disband Sub County Land Control Boards was part of the plan to record land file in digital form. And if so, when those files in digital form, would be taken to the counties and specifically in Kakamega County;

No Land Control Boards have been disbanded, However, it is true that the Ministry is digitizing its records/files and this will make it easier for the citizens to access better services all over the country including Kakamega.

But it should be understood that the Ministry embarked on a nationwide processing of titles that had been pending under adjudication and settlement programmes. Kakamega benefited from this and records have since been returned to the registry.

On the other hand, digitization is also part of the Ministerial activities that is on-going throughout the country and being undertaken in a phased approach. The Ministry will transfer the Kakamega files in digital form once the ICT infrastructure is in place. Meanwhile the digitized records are available on the registration system and can be searched online on e-citizen portal.

h) How the Government will harmonize the work of the Land Boards and the County Government Land issues

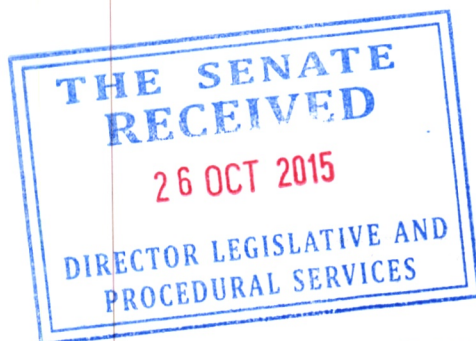
According to the Constitution, community land is vested to the County Government. The Government is in the process of formulating the Community Land Act which will provide a framework for administration and management of community lands

The Community Land Act will address issues of the operations of Land Control Boards alongside other related land issues.



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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON ISSUANCE OF TITLE DEEDS IN MERU COUNTY

QUESTIONS

1. How many title deeds have been processed and issued in Meru County since 29th March, 2015.
2. How many title deeds have been issued in each adjudication section in Meru County to date:
3. How many title deeds have not been processed and issued in each adjudication section in Meru County to date: and
4. When the remaining title deed will be issued, in view of the President's pledge to the people of Meru County that all title deeds would be issued by December, 2015

ANSWERS

- 1) According to records from the National Titling Centre a total of 894 titles have been issued in Meru County since 29th March, 2015 as listed here below:-

DISTRICT	REGISTRATION SECTION	ADJUDICATION	NO. OF TITLES
MERU NORTH	IGEMBE	AKIRANGONDU 'B'	37
MERU NORTH	KANGETA	KANGETA	8
MERU NORTH	KIANJAI	KIANJAI	2
MERU NORTH	MERU NORTH	ATHINGA/ATHANJA	1
MERU NORTH	NAATHU	NAATHU	85
MERU NORTH	NYABENE	KITHEO	30

MERU NORTH	NYABENE	URINGU I	1
MERU NORTH	TIGANIA	KITHARENE	4
TOTAL			168
DISTRICT	REGISTRATION SECTION	ADJUDICATION SECTION	NO. OF TITLES
IGEMBE	IGEMBE	UPPER ATHIRU GAITI'A'	504
IGEMBE	KIENGU	KANJOO	73
TOTAL			577
DISTRICT	REGISTRATION SECTION	ADJUDICATION SECTION	NO. OF TITLES
MERU CENTRAL	IGOJI	MWERU I	4
MERU CENTRAL	IGOJI	MWERU II	16
MERU CENTRAL	KIIRU	KIIRUA NKANDO	129
TOTAL			149

IN SUMMARY

LAND REGISTRIES	TITLE DEEDS SIGNED & SIGNED
MERU NORTH	168
IGEMBE	577
MERU CENTRAL	149
TOTAL TITLE DEEDS	894

- 2) A total of 62,563 Title deeds have been processed and issued in all adjudication sections in Meru county todate.

DISTRICT	REGISTRATION SECTION	ADJUDICATION SECTION	NO. OF TITLES
MERU NORTH	AKACHIU	AUKI	365
MERU NORTH	AKITHI	AKITHI II	1,038
MERU NORTH	AKITHI	ATHWANA-AKITHI	1,103
MERU NORTH	ATHINGA	ATHANJA	309
MERU NORTH	BUURI	BUURI 'A'	42
MERU NORTH	IGEMBE	AKIRANGONDU 'B'	4,694
MERU NORTH	ITHIMA	ANTUAMBUI	1,656
MERU NORTH	ITHIMA	NTUNENE	432
MERU NORTH	KANGETA	KANGETA	1,525
MERU NORTH	KIANJAI	KIANJAI	8,868
MERU NORTH	KIANJAI	MITUNTU	17

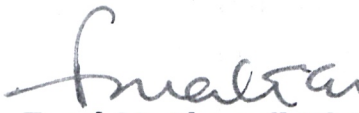
MERU NORTH	KIANJAI	THAU	159
MERU NORTH	KIEGOI	KINYANKA	640
MERU NORTH	MERU NORTH	AKITHI I	337
MERU NORTH	MERU NORTH	ATHINGA/ATHANJA	7,103
MERU NORTH	MIKINDURI	ATHWANA	363
MERU NORTH	NAATHU	NAATHU	9,410
MERU NORTH	NJIA	BURI-E-RURI	1,113
MERU NORTH	NJIA	CIA-MWENDWA	2,021
MERU NORTH	NJIA	KIEGOI	60
MERU NORTH	NJIA	LIBURU	153
MERU NORTH	NJIA	LIBURU TEA SCHEME	59
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	ANTUBETWE-NJOUNE	933
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	KIRINDINE 'A'	1,928
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	KITHEO	3,401
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	MBEU II	354
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	MBEU III	346
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	OLD KIARIE SCHEME	1,953
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	URINGU I	6,706
MERU NORTH	NYAMBENE	URINGU III	979
MERU NORTH	THAU	MUMUI I	828
MERU NORTH	TIGANIA	KITHARENE	3,602
MERU NORTH	TIGANIA	TEA SCHEME KIRIMANCHUMA	8
MERU NORTH	TIGANIA	THANANGA	58
TOTAL			62,563

3) There are 72,660 Title deeds that have not been processed and issued in Meru County as indicated here below:-

MERU COUNTY	ADJUDICATION SECTION	NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED TITLE DEEDS
	Uringu 11	6436
	Kianjai	1383
	Uringu 1	129

	Akithi III	3911
	Kitharene	2116
	Athinga/Athanja	1800
	Athiru/Rujine	10535
	Amwath/Maua	6066
	Upper Athirugaiti 'A'	20
	Kiengu/Kanjoo	236
	Naathu	873
	Akirangondu 'B'	304
	Mbeu I	8991
	Kiguchwa	7550
	Antuamburi	12290
	Lower Athiru/Gaiti'A'	4551
	Antubetwe Kiongo Ndoileli	5469
	TOTAL	72,660

- 4) Issuance of Title deeds is an ongoing exercise and the Ministry is committed to finalize this process by end of December 2015 as pledged by His Excellency the President.


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