



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, H.E PETER MUNYA DURING THE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND COUNTIES, 12TH APRIL, 2017

I am pleased to address you here today as we sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Council of Governors on the implementation modalities of the Small Scale Irrigation and Value Addition Project (SIVAP).

1. This is a momentous occasion for the Nation as we look forward to embracing Climate resilient agriculture, which is commercially oriented and bolsters food security.
2. It is worth noting that over the last 50 years, Kenya has suffered chronic food insecurity due to a conglomeration of factors including prolonged drought spells, unreliable rainfall patterns and skyrocketing prices of food commodities.
3. With the advent of devolution, the County Governments have harnessed sector opportunities to build a robust agricultural sector that has improved nutrition and access to clean water, private sector investment and resilience of small scale farmers. In order to enhance water access and sustainable natural resources management, County Governments have been keen to increase land acreage under irrigation.
4. This has been made possible through initiatives such as development of small scale irrigation schemes, development and rehabilitation of irrigation canals and purchase of irrigation kits.
5. We are grateful for the support accorded to the Counties by the Ministry of Agriculture and our development partners, in their efforts to enhance the Country`s food security.

6. We reaffirm our commitment towards achieving the success of this noble initiative and particularly thank the African Development Bank for their financial support towards this project.
7. The County Governments will fully cooperate in the implementation of the project by providing the necessary s and overseeing the implementation of the project.
8. The Small Scale Irrigation and Value Addition Project (SIVAP) is co-financed by the Government of Kenya and African Development Bank to a tune of Kshs. 8.833B and is expected to run for six years.
9. The project targets 10,400 households in 11 beneficiary counties namely; Meru, Murang'a, Kajiado, Bomet, Nyeri, Nyandarua, Machakos, Makeni, Kitui, Tana River and Tharaka Nithi Counties. The broad objective of the project is to contribute to poverty reduction by enhancing agricultural productivity, income and food security among the beneficiary counties.
10. The project has four main components which include; enhanced irrigation infrastructure and water resource development, improved access to markets and strengthening value chains, institutional strengthening and capacity development and project coordination and management.
11. The overarching project goals will be achieved through activities such as development and rehabilitation of irrigation schemes and rural infrastructure, soil and water conservation, value addition and marketing of agriculture products. This will lead to strengthened value chains, improved access to markets, increased water access, enhanced capacity of the Counties increased production and reduced post-harvest losses, thus contributing to the overall food security.

The Council reaffirms its commitment and willingness to cooperate in the project implementation which will go a long way in having a unified and comprehensive direction towards commercially oriented value – chain focused agricultural development in the country.

H. E. PETER MUNYA
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Annex 1: key investments for the small irrigation and value addition project

County	Scheme	Acreage (Ha)	Estimated Investment (Cost tables) (Kshs)
Murang'a	Rubiru	308	345,268,000
	Gikindu	340	203,660,000
Tharaka Nithi	Makanyaga	206	230,926,000
	Ruungu	200	224,200,000
	Kirumi Kiamunjari	226	253,346,000
Bomet	Kaboson	250	280,250,000
Makueni	Utangwa	90	53,910,000
	Kyee Mwee	42	25,158,000
Nyandarua	Kagongo Wendani	166	186,086,000
Kajiado	Oleshonko Oleshuru	577	345,623,000
Nyeri	Ndiriti	225	134,775,000
Meru	Buuri	275	308,275,000
County	Activity	Target No	Estimated Investment (Cost tables) (Kshs)
Tana River	Development of micro-irrigation schemes (5 Ha) & Micro dams, water pans with animal water trough and 2Ha drip irrigation system	15	96,675,000
Kitui	Development of micro-irrigation schemes (5 Ha) & Micro dams, water pans with animal water trough and 2Ha drip irrigation system	15	96,675,000

Machakos	Development of micro-irrigation schemes (5 Ha) & Micro dams, water pans with animal water trough and 2Ha drip irrigation system	15	96,675,000
Makueni	Development of micro-irrigation schemes (5 Ha) & Micro dams, water pans with animal water trough and 2Ha drip irrigation system	15	96,675,000
Tana River	Water harvesting and storage infrastructure	20	19,400,000
Kitui	Water harvesting and storage infrastructure	20	19,400,000
Machakos	Water harvesting and storage infrastructure	20	19,400,000
Makueni	Water harvesting and storage infrastructure	20	19,400,000
County	Activity	Target No	Estimated Investment (Cost tables) (Kshs)
Tana River	Erosion Control infrastructure (gabions, CODs)	75	36,450,000
Kitui	Erosion Control infrastructure (gabions, CODs)	75	36,450,000
Machakos	Erosion Control infrastructure (gabions, CODs)	75	36,450,000
Makueni	Erosion Control infrastructure (gabions, CODs)	75	36,450,000
Tana River	Watershed/ catchment area development	3750 Ha	48,750,000
Kitui	Watershed/ catchment area development	3750 Ha	48,750,000
Machakos	Watershed/ catchment area development	3750 Ha	48,750,000
Makueni	Watershed/ catchment area development	3750 Ha	48,750,000