





### THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

# NARRATIVE PROJECT STATUS REPORT

PROJECT GRANT NO: 130838

**PROJECT TITLE:** STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF WOMEN AND YOUTH – LED COUNTIES FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BUDGETING PROCESS AND OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC RESOURCES IN KENYA.

## **PROJECT ACTIVITY:**

- 1. Visiting mentees to their respective work stations
- 2. Guiding mentees on their duties and responsibilities
- 3. Receiving and correcting mentees to write quality reports
- 4. Coordinating placement of mentees with consultation with County Project Coordinator
- 5. Assisting and solving work related challenges mentees faced at their working place
- 6. Communicating with mentees about project activities
- 7. In consultation with County Project Coordinator set project deadlines and calendar

**VENUE OF THE ACTIVIYT:** Kitui County

#### **INTENDED INDICATORS**

- 1. Motivated mentees ready to undertake their duties and responsibilities
- 2. Enhanced performance by mentees at their workplace
- 3. Improved report writing skills and knowledge by mentees
- 4. Successful placement of twenty mentees to their workplace.
- 5. Well coordinated mentees delivering support services to various departments.
- 6. Improved working environment of mentees at their respective work stations
- 7. Effecting communication to the mentees on matters of project activities
- 8. Mentees were capable to adhere to set deadlines for report submission
- 9. Enhanced service delivery in across several county departments where mentees are serving.
- 10. Minimized work related challenges by mentees.

### **OUTPUT**

- 1. Twenty mentees serving effectively and efficiently at different county departments as follows:-
  - Five (5) mentees serving in different village administrator offices i.e. Wikililye village,
    Kavalula Village, Kairungu Village, Kyethani Village and Kavuvwani Village
  - Four (4) mentees working in ward administrator offices i.e Migwani ward,
    Kiomo/kyethani ward, Kivou ward and Mwingi Central ward.
  - Four (4) mentees supporting governor's office i.e. Community liaison office and Project monitoring office (each department has two mentees).
  - Three (3) mentees supporting service delivery in county referral hospital i.e. Customer care office and Kitui County Health Insurance cover (KCHIC).
  - Three (3) mentees assisting in department of public participation and civic engagement.
  - One mentee supporting sub county administration office in Mwingi Central sub county.
- 2. Twenty mentees submitting monthly reports as required.
- 3. Twenty mentees meeting set deadlines thus ensuring project implementation is on course.
- **4.** Twenty mentees gained skills on leadership, service delivery, conflict solving and government working system.

- **5.** Improved service delivery and customer satisfaction as a result of support provided by the mentees.
- **6.** Effective coordination of mentorship program.



**Figure 1:** Theophilus Mwendwa, a mentee at Kairungu village educating the public on 2019/2020 budget.



**Figure 2**: Hellen Mutuo, a mentee at Mwingi Central Sub County giving hints to the community about table banking as a source of income to improve their livelihood.

#### **CHALLENGES**

- 1. Lack of facilitation when attending field activities and other day to day operations within the county.
- 2. Inadequate airtime to communicate with mentees has proved to be somehow expensive.
- 3. To attend to mentees who are physically and visually impaired was a challenge especially when it comes on the side of reading and writing so it required special skills such as Braille. Mentees with physical disability had challenges in accessing offices which are not user friendly to their physical conditions.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Attending field activities within the county has proved to be expensive hence there is need to be given a budget for facilitation for smooth monitoring of the mentees activities within their areas of operations.
- 2. Airtime to be catered to dismantle communication barriers between mentor and mentees when needs arises.
- 3. In future program, mentees who are physically and visually impaired to be supported with special training materials like Braille and special aid in attending to their matters.

4. Government should have user friendly offices so that people with disability can be able to access government offices and other public facilities.



**Figure 3:** David Mathuku (PWD), a mentee outside his Kavuvwani village office he is faced with challenges to access the office.



**Figure 4:** Peter Mwendwa, a mentor with Caleb Muimi a mentee at Kitui County referral Hospital discussing on service delivery and challenges faced given that Kitui Level V is visited by 1200 patients daily.



**Figure 5:** Peter Mwendwa, a mentor with Cornelius Kilonzo A mentee at liason office in Governors office discussing On data tabulation for M&E of projects implementation.



Figure 6: Peter Mwendwa a mentor with Violet Ngei, a mentee at the Office of Director Public Participation and Civic Engagement discussing on the challenges Mentees have faced with to attend field activities.

