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**THE MANDERA COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
FUND BILL, 2020**

A Bill for

AN ACT of Mandera County Assembly to provide for the establishment and management of Mandera County Co-operative Development Fund, to provide for the establishment of Mandera County Co-operative Development Fund Committee, and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Mandera, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1 This Act may be cited as the Mandera County Co-operative Development Fund Act, 2020 and shall come into operation on the date of Assent

Interpretation

2 In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Administrator of the Fund” means a person designated as such under Section 21 of the Act,

“Committee” means the co-operative development fund Committee established under Section (5) of the Act,

“By-laws” means the by-laws made by a society registered under Co-operative Societies Act 2012 Cap 490 of the laws of Kenya,

“Co-operative society” means a society registered under the Co-operative Societies Act 2012 Cap 490 of the laws of Kenya,

“Eligible administrative cost” means administrative expenditure allowable as determined by the Committee,

“Evaluation criteria” means criteria used to evaluate group application under this Act,

“Youth” has meaning assigned to it under Article 260 of the Constitution,

“Women” means a person of the female gender who is above 18 years of age,

“Executive Member” means the county executive committee member responsible for matters relating to Co-operative Development,

“Chief Officer” Means the County Chief Officer responsible for matters relating to Co-operative Development,

“Enterprise” means an undertaking or a business concern whether formal or informal engaged in Selling, production of goods or provision of services,

“Fund” means the Mandera Co-operative Development Fund established under this Act,

“Member of County Assembly” means county assembly members for Mandera County elected in accordance with Article 177 of the Constitution, and

“Governor” means a county governor for Mandera County elected in accordance with Article 180 of the Constitution,

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

Establishment of the Fund

3 (1) There is established a Fund to be known as the Mandera County Co-operative Development fund

(2) The Fund shall consist of—

- (a) sums of money which may from time to time be allocated and appropriated by the County Assembly for that purpose,
- (b) sums which represent the repayment of the capital and administration fees of any loan granted from the fund,
- (c) income from any investment made by the Fund,
- (d) any sums of money borrowed by the Fund with the approval of the County Assembly, and
- (e) any gifts, donations, grants and endowments made to the Fund

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund payments in respect of any expenses incurred in pursuance of the objects and purposes for which the Fund is established

Object and purpose of the Fund

4 (1) The object and purpose for which the Fund is established are—

- (a) to provide funds to be used for granting non-interest loans to co-operative societies/SACCOs with a view to scaling up their lending activities, value addition amongst other activities as may be prescribed,

- (b) to provide funds to support, revive and initiate co-operative societies/SACCOs in areas that can have an immediate impact to household economy,
- (c) to attract and facilitate investment in co-operatives sector institutions that have linkages to micro, small and medium enterprises that benefit the special groups of the society,
- (d) to provide financial support to co-operative sector institutions that support strategic and high-return interventions which directly and indirectly have the potential to trigger growth and sector-wide impact,
- (e) to attract and facilitate investment in co-operative sector institution that have linkages to low income persons, community-based organizations, and women groups, and
- (f) to provide funds to co-operative sector institutions to facilitate marketing of products and services both in the domestic and the international markets,
- (g) to model an alternative framework in funding Co-operative driven development,
- (h) to expand access to finances for promotion of Co-operative enterprises and ventures at ward level for economic growth,
- (i) to generate gainful self-employment for people in the Co-operative sector,
- (j) to fund unique business ideas that support new business set ups and bridge essential consumer services gaps

Establishment of the County Co-operative Development Fund Committee

5 (1) There is established a Committee to be known as the Mandera County Co-operative Development Fund Committee

(2) The Committee established under this section shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued,
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging or disposing of movable and immovable property,
- (c) borrowing money or making investments,
- (d) entering into contracts,

- (e) doing or performing all other acts or things for the proper performance of its functions in accordance with this Act or any other written law which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate

(3) The Committee seal shall be under the safe custody of the Secretary. The seal shall be used on authority of the Committee and shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

(4) The common Seal and Stamp of the fund, when affixed to a document and duly authenticated, shall be judicially and officially noticed, and unless the contrary is proved, any necessary order or authorization by the Committee under this section shall be presumed to have been duly given.

County Co-operatives Fund Committee

- 6 (1) There is established the Mandera County Co-op Committee
- (2) The Committee shall consist of—
- (a) the County Executive Committee member for the time being responsible for matters relating to co-operatives,
 - (b) the Chief Officer responsible for Co-operatives,
 - (c) three members who shall be appointed by the governor with the approval of the County Assembly,
 - (d) four members nominated by an association and appointed by the county governor with the approval of the county assembly,
 - (e) the funds administrator appointed by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance under sections 116 and 148 of Public Finance Management Act who shall be the Secretary of the Committee and an *ex-officio* member of the Committee

(3) The four members of the Committee appointed under Section 6 (1) (e) shall be nominated by—

- (a) an umbrella body representing Co-operative Society/SACCO in the County,
- (b) an umbrella body representing association of women engaged in Co-operative enterprises in the County,
- (c) an umbrella body representing association of youth engaged in Co-operative enterprises in the County,
- (d) a cluster association representing persons with disability engaged in Co-operative enterprises in the County

(4) The County governor shall cause the names of persons constituting the Committee to be published in the *Kenya Gazette*

(5) The chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the members and shall —

- (a) chair the committee meetings,
- (b) preside over all Committee meetings,
- (c) monitor the activities of the beneficiaries

(6) A person shall be qualified for appointment as a member of the Committee if that person —

- (a) holds at least a diploma from an institution recognized in Kenya,
- (b) has a distinguished career in a medium level management position in either the private or public sector,
- (c) holds at least five years' post-qualification professional experience,
- (d) satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution,
- (e) is ordinarily resident or has a permanent dwelling in Mandera County,
- (f) carries on business in Mandera County or has lived in the County for at least five years

Code of conduct of the Committee

7 A Committee member shall not use their office—

- (a) to improperly enrich him/herself or others using Committee's funds,
- (b) advance loans to him/herself, business associate, or a corporation partnership or other body in which the member has an interest,
- (c) accept gifts or favors from a person who has an interest that may affect the carrying out of his/her duties,
- (d) divulge Committee's information to unauthorized users,
- (e) use his/her best efforts to avoid being in a position in which his/her personal interests conflict with his/her duties

Functions of the County Committee

8 The functions of the Committee shall be to—

- (a) provide overall management, design and oversight the Fund,

- (b) consider, verify and approve funding for Society/SACCOs in the Wards,
- (c) approve disbursements of the Fund,
- (d) receive reports on the performance of the Fund,
- (e) develop relevant guidelines and review them as the need arises, to guide the operations and implementation of the Fund,
- (f) monitor and evaluate the programs and activities under the Fund,
- (g) prepare annual report on the operations and performance of the Fund to the County Executive Committee Member for Co-operatives for presentation to the County Assembly,
- (h) oversee the management and administration of the Fund including recoveries from loans beneficiaries, and
- (i) put in place necessary mechanisms for sanctions and their enforcement in case of loan repayment default,
- (j) the business and Conduct of affairs of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the First Schedule

Delegation by the committee

9 (1) The committee may establish such subcommittee as it may consider necessary for the better performance of its functions and the exercise of its powers under this act

(2) The committee may co-opt into the membership of a subcommittee established under subsection (1) such persons whose knowledge and skills are found necessary for the performance of the functions of the sub-committee

Remuneration of the Committee Members

10 The Committee shall pay its members such remuneration, fees or allowances for expenses as it may be determined by the County Public Service Board and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission

Protection from personal liability

11 No act or omission by any member of the Committee or by any officer, employee, agent or servant of the Committee shall, if the act or omission was done bona-fide for the purposes of executing a function, power of duty under the Act render such member, officer, employee, agent or servant personally liable to any action or claim

Secrecy

12 No member, officer or servant of the Authority shall disclose any information which he or she has acquired in the performance of his functions as such member, officer or servant to any person except in so far as may be necessary for the performance of such functions or for due compliance with the order of any court

Tenure of office

13 The members of the Committee, other than County Executive Committee Member, the Chief Officer and the Secretary, shall hold office for a period of three (3) years, on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the instrument of appointment, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another three (3) years

Vacation of Office

14 (1) The Chairperson may resign from office by notice in writing to the Governor through the office of the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Co-operatives

(2) Any member other than those working with the County Government may—

- (a) at any time resign from office by notice in writing,
- (b) be removed from office by the governor, or through a petition to the County Assembly, if the member—
 - (i) has served the full period of appointment, or
 - (ii) is adjudged bankrupt, or
 - (iii) has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee without its permission, or
 - (iv) is convicted of a criminal offence that amounts to a felony under the Laws of Kenya, or
 - (v) is incapacitated by prolonged physical or mental illness for a period exceeding six months, or
 - (vi) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the functions of the office

(3) Where the office of member of the Committee becomes vacant before expiry of the term of office, another person shall be appointed as provided in section 6 of this Act and the person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the member in respect of whom the vacancy occurred and shall be eligible for re-appointment

Disclosure of Interest

15 (1) A member who has an interest in any activity offered by the Committee, or other matter present at a meeting shall at the meeting and as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement of the meeting, disclose the fact thereof, and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, any question with respect to the activity or other matter, or be counted in the quorum of the meeting during consideration of the matter

(2) Without prejudice to the provision of sub-section [1], a member may give general notice to the Committee of his connection with some organization or person so that he should be deemed to be privately interested in any matter coming from the Committee Members in which the organization or person are involved

(3) A disclosure of interest made under sub-paragraph [1] shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made

(4) A member of the Committee who contravenes sub-paragraph [1] shall be liable to be disqualified from holding office

PART III—FUND ALLOCATION, MANAGEMENT AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Capital of Fund

16 The capital of the Fund shall be all moneys appropriated by County Assembly in the financial year for Co-operative, non-interest loans and any other related funds for the Co-operative Societies in the County

Fund allocation

17 The initial capital of the Fund shall be allocated as follows—

- (a) an amount not exceeding twenty per cent shall be earmarked for capacity building and administration cost of both the Committee and target beneficiaries groups,
- (b) the balance of the Fund, the Co-operative Development Fund Committee shall allocate across all registered Co-operative Societies/SACCOs or any other organized group as per the Co-operative Act of Kenya

Management of the Fund

18 (1) The access of the Fund by eligible groups shall be subject to assessment and approval of the applications by the Mandera County Co-operative Development Fund Committee

(2) The eligible qualifying amounts for a group shall be a minimum of Kshs Fifty Thousand (50,000) and a maximum of Kshs One Million (1,000, 000) shillings at any one time

(3) In determining the total amount a Co-operative Society/SACCO is eligible to receive the following criteria shall be applied—

- (a) the length of time the Co-operative Society/SACCO has been in existence,
- (b) the total amount contributed by the members of the Co-operative Society/SACCO,
- (c) the current status of contribution, and
- (d) the proposed financial plan for the loan applied

Expenditure of the Fund

19 (1) The Expenditure incurred on the Fund shall be on the basis of and limited to annual work programmes and cost estimates which shall be prepared by the administrator of the Fund and approved by the Committee at the beginning of the financial year to which they relate,

(2) Any revision of the approved annual work programme, and of any cost estimate, shall be referred to the Committee for approval

(3) Some of the costs that can be charged include—

- (a) Business Management Trainings for the Societies/SACCOs,
- (b) Co-operative extension, Advisory and Counseling service,
- (c) Information education communication Materials,
- (d) Legal Expenses, whenever legal expenses are incurred in recovering debts from loan defaulters, the total amount must be added to the defaulters outstanding loan. The amount subsequently recovered in respect to legal fees shall be transferred to the Co-operative Development fund account,
- (e) any other costs approved by the County Co-operative Development Fund Committee

Administration of the Fund

20 (1) The Fund shall be administered by the Funds Administrator appointed in line with section 6 (1) (e) of this Act

(2) The administrator of the fund shall ensure that the earnings of, or accruals to the Co-operative Development fund are retained in the fund, unless the County Executive Committee member for finance, and/or Committee directs otherwise

(3) The administrator of the fund shall ensure that money held in the fund, including any earnings or accruals referred to in subsection (2) is spent only for the purposes for which the fund is established

(4) the Fund Administrator shall—

- (a) open and operate a separate bank account with the approval of The County Executive Committee Member for Finance in consultation with the County Executive for Co-operative,
- (b) supervise and control the administration of the Fund,
- (c) consult with Executive Committee Member for Finance, Executive Committee Member for Trade and the Committee on matters relating to the administration of the Fund,
- (d) cause to be kept proper books of account and other books and records in relation to the Fund, of all activities and undertakings financed from the Fund,
- (e) prepare, sign and transmit to the County Auditor, in respect of each financial year and within three months after the end thereof, a statement of accounts relating to the Fund and submit a copy to the County treasury and the statement shall be prepared in such manner as the public Sector Accounting Standards Committee shall prescribe,
- (f) furnish additional information as he or she may consider to be proper and sufficient for the purpose of examination and audit by the County Auditor in accordance with the provision of the Public Audit Act, and
- (g) prepare a quarterly report on the receipt into and issues out of the Fund and submit it to the County Executive Committee Member for Gazettement by the 21st of every four months

Eligibility Criteria for applicants

21 The applicants who shall qualify for loan must—

- (a) be a Kenyan citizen,
- (b) be a resident of Mandera County,
- (c) is a registered Co-operative Society or SACCO with up to date Audited and satisfied records,
- (d) preference will be granted to Co-operative Societies/SACCOs that have been in existence for at least one year,
- (e) be based and operating within the Ward it seeks to make application for consideration,

- (f) operate a table banking (Chama) structures where members make monthly contribution according to the Co-operative Society/SACCO by-laws, evidence of monthly contribution will be a requirement,
- (g) the Co-operative Society/SACCO shall be able to contribute 10% of the amount requested,
- (h) hold a bank account in the name of the Co-operative Society/SACCO,
- (i) an application to the fund shall be accompanied by a signed guarantee form executed by each of the Society individually committing to repay the loan requested by the group,
- (j) individual Society/SACCO member reference letters from recognized leaders in business, religious organization, county government administration in the location validating the members' credibility,
- (k) no second loan should be granted to a Co-operative Society/SACCO until they have fully repaid the previous loan

Fund disbursement

22 The fund shall be disbursed from the Fund Account under the following conditions—

- (a) all disbursements from the fund shall be approved and minuted by the Committee,
- (b) all disbursements from the Fund shall be to the successful Co-operative Society/SACCO within the County,
- (c) all disbursements from the Fund shall be made through the bank account maintained by the successful group
- (d) the Co-operative Fund Committee shall set out general conditions and requirements for release of funds, to ensure efficient and effective management of resources
- (e) before the loans are disbursed the appropriate procedures for loan documentation must be adhered to,
- (f) a separate file must be opened for each new Co-operative Society/SACCO to contain the following—
 - (i) the application form,
 - (ii) vetting and appraisal form,

- (iii) recent coloured photograph of the Co-operative Society/SACCO officials affixed on their file,
- (iv) photocopy of both sides of the Co-operative Society/SACCO members' identity cards,
- (v) photocopy of a valid business permit and group registration certificate,
- (vi) copy of the last minutes recommending the request for the Co-operative fund,
- (g) a register for Funds issued shall be opened to record all loans disbursed with the recipient's name, identity card number, cheque number, amount, signature and date,
- (h) successful loan applicants shall be notified by the secretary through letters of offer which must be acknowledged and signified The offer for a loan shall be valid for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days

Repayment of loan

23 The repayment period for each loan element shall be determined by the followings—

- (a) the amount of money borrowed,
 - (b) the size of the Co-operative Society/SACCO,
 - (c) the proposed financial plan for the loan repayment
- (2) The loan shall not attract any interest but 3% administration fees
- (3) All Co-operative Society/SACCO shall be allowed three months' grace period before commencement of repayment of the loan element but all loans shall be payable within two years from the expiry of grace period
- (4) The Repayment shall be on monthly installment bases
- (5) loan recipients shall deposit by cash or cheques their monthly repayments for loan proceeds in to the Mandera Co-operative Development Fund Repayment Account and submit a copy of the deposit slip to the Fund Administrator who shall issue and acknowledge receipt to the receipt group
- (6) Upon variable proof of loan repayment of all loan proceeds, the Mandera Co-operative Development Fund Committee shall issue a discharge certificate to the recipient group with respect to the loan repayment

Managing delinquency and default

24 (1) To discourage late repayment and/or complete failure to repay loans, the Mandera Co-operative Development Fund Committee shall maintain a strict system of identifying such cases and taking action in good time—

- (a) a loan shall be considered to be delinquent when a borrower fails to repay two (2) consecutive installments This is equivalent to 60 days,
- (b) a loan shall be considered to be in default when the borrower is 90 days late in repayment and all efforts to make them to repay has completely failed

(2) In the event of the above two scenarios, the following will apply—

- (a) field officers will note all cases of delay during monitoring If a case of delinquency is noted the field officer will visit the client and require for an explanation,
- (b) after another one month, the field officer will visit the client and issue a demand notice,
- (c) when the case goes beyond 60 days, a final demand notice shall be issued by the officer in charge of steering committee,
- (d) at the end of 90 days, the case shall be noted and legal action taken

Retention of receipts

25 All receipts, earnings and accruals to the Fund, and the balance of the Fund at the close of each financial year, shall be retained by the Fund for use for the purpose for which the Fund is established

Unlawful Purposes

26 The loan shall not be used for—

- (a) re-payment of other loans,
- (b) purchase of motor vehicles,
- (c) erection of buildings,
- (d) purchase of lands,
- (e) illegal businesses as per the laws of Kenya

PART IV—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Financial year

27 The financial year of the Office shall be the period of twelve months ending on the 30th day of June in each year

Annual estimates

28 (1) Before the commencement of each financial year, the Committee shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Fund for that year

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all the estimated expenditure of the Fund for the financial year concerned and, in particular

Fund Account

29 (1) A bank account of the Fund called Mandera County Co-operative Development Fund shall be opened and maintained at the commercial bank approved by the County Executive Committee Member of finance and planning

(2) The signatories to the Account of the Fund shall be the fund administrator, chairman and one other person appointed by the County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to co-operatives

(3) Full and separate records and accounts of the operations of the Committee shall be kept. Final accounts, prepared as at 30th June of each year, shall be prepared and signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Loan Committee. The signing shall be such that the signature of the Secretary shall be mandatory on all payment of Cheques and /or instruments intended for actual release of money from the Fund, plus any two of the other three signatories

(4) The Committee shall cause to be kept proper books and records of account of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Office

Fund Audit

30 (1) Within a period of three months after the end of each financial year, the Committee through the Funds Administrator shall submit to the County Auditor the accounts of the fund in respect of that year together with a —

- (a) statement of the income and expenditure of the fund during that year, and
- (b) statement of the assets and liabilities of the fund on the last day of that financial year

(2) The annual accounts of the Fund shall be prepared, audited and reported upon in accordance with the provisions relating to public audit

(3) Audit reports shall be sent, in duplicate, with signed copies of the final accounts, to the County Executive Committee Member for Finance

PART V— MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Winding up of the Fund

31 (1) The County Executive Committee member for finance may wind up a county public fund in consultation with the County executive in charge of Co-operative with the approval of the county assembly

(2) On the winding up of the County Public Fund—

(a) the administrator of the fund shall pay any amount remaining in the Fund into the County Exchequer Account, and

(b) the County Executive Committee member for finance shall, in Consultation with County Executive for Co-operative and the approval of the county assembly, pay any deficit in the fund from the County Exchequer Account

(c) All assets of the fund be transferred to the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to Trade

(3) The administrator of the fund shall—

(a) prepare accounts for the fund for each financial year,

(b) not later than three months after the end of each financial year, submit financial statements relating to those accounts to the Auditor-General, and

(c) prepare the financial statements to be presented to the county assembly

Guiding Principles

32 In fulfilling the Act's mandate the Executive Member for Co-operative and The Executive Member of Finance, and the Committee must act in accordance with the values and principles set out in the Constitution and any other written law and shall be guided by the following principles—

(a) public participation and financial inclusiveness,

(b) donor linkages and participation,

(c) protection of the interests of the marginalized, persons with disability, women and youth, and

(d) local ownership and sustainability

General penalty

33 A person who contravenes a provision in this Act for which a penalty has not been provided for, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both

Regulations

34 The Executive Member may make regulations for the proper administration of this Act

FIRST SCHEDULE

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MEETINGS AND PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMITTEE

Meetings of the County Co-operative Development Fund Committee shall comply with

- 1 Meeting Quorum shall be Five members and above
- 2 The Committee Chairperson shall convene the first meeting of the Committee
- 3 The Committee shall decide when and where it meets and the meetings shall be convened by the chairperson
- 4 The Secretary shall prepare and dispatch the following, tentative list of agenda, Current financial position of the Committee, proposed budget for the meeting and Funds position on monthly, quarterly and annual basis as required Finally, Invitation letters which shall indicate a date fourteen days prior to the meeting
- 5 The Committee shall have at least six meetings in every financial year and not more than four months shall elapse between one meeting and the next meeting
- 6 Unless three quarters of the members otherwise agree, at least seven days' notice in writing of a meeting shall be given to every member
- 7 A meeting shall be presided over by the chairperson or in his or her absence, by the vice-chairperson
- 8 The members of the Committee shall elect a vice-chairperson from among themselves
- 9 The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall not be of the same gender
- 10 If any person has a personal or fiduciary interest in any matter before the Committee, and is present at a meeting of the Committee or any committee at which any matter is the subject of consideration, that person shall as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the meeting, declare such interest and shall not take part in any consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question touching such matter
- 11 A disclosure of interest made under paragraph 15 shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made
- 12 A person who contravenes paragraph 15 commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding Six months, or to both

13 No member or staff of the Committee shall transact any business or trade with the Committee

14 Subject to paragraph 13, the quorum of the meeting shall not be less than half of the appointed members

15 Where there is a vacancy in the Committee, the quorum of the meeting shall not be less than four appointed members

16 A question before the meeting shall be decided with a supporting vote of at least two thirds of the members present

17 The Committee shall keep minutes of proceedings of its meetings and decisions taken

18 A minute book and Members register shall be maintained by the secretary for the deliberations of the Committee including the index of the agenda and every member present in the meeting shall sign against his or her name in the register

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Mandera County Co-operative Development fund Bill, 2014 makes provision for establishment of fund to development Co-operative enterprises and SACCOs in the county

The principal objective of the Bill is to provide funds to be used for granting non-interest loans to co-operative societies/SACCOs with a view to scaling up their lending activities, value addition amongst other activities as may be prescribed and To provide funds to support, revive and initiate co-operative societies/SACCOs in areas that can have an immediate impact to household economy

In furtherance of the principal objective, the Bill establishes the Mandera County Co-operative Development Fund Committee mandated to administer and manages the fund The Committee will ensure to provide overall management, design and oversight for the Fund

The Bill also establishes the County Co-operative Development Fund Committees as an organ representing the County Committee at the various Sub Counties The Committee Identify the targeted groups within the Wards using guideline as per section clause (1), Receive application from the groups, Evaluate applications based on the guidelines for evaluation of applications and make recommendations to the Committee for legible Groups from the Sub Counties and the Wards

The Bill mandates the Executive Committee in charge of issues related to Co-operatives the power to make Regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of the Act The Regulations are to be made with the approval of Mandera County Assembly before they are gazetted The Bill does not limit any fundamental rights and freedoms

Dated the 2nd July, 2020

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