



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTHEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION)**

CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 07 of 2023)

**REGARDING GAZETTEMET OF RACHUONYO NORTH AS A
HARDSHIP AREA**

- 1. Honourable Members,** Article 119 of the Constitution accords any person the right to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority. Further, Standing Order 225(2)(b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition other than those presented by a Member.
- 2. Hon. Members,** in this regard, I wish to report to the House that my Office has received a Petition from one Mr. Fredrick Gaya of P.O. Box 10, Kendu-Bay, calling for the gazettelement of Rachuonyo North Sub-County as a hardship area to ensure provision of adequate number of teachers in the area.
- 3.** The petitioner avers that Rachuonyo North Sub-County is currently hamstrung by prevailing hardship conditions that are a direct result of dire poverty levels in the area adversely affecting both teachers and learners.
- 4.** Further, the petitioner observes that schools in Rachuonyo North Sub-County are understaffed with poorly motivated teachers who have been denied hardship allowances whilst providing the same facilities to Suba North and Suba South sub-counties despite the fact that all three sub-counties are located in Homa Bay County.

- 5. Hon. Members,** the petitioner highlights the plights plaguing Rachuonyo North Sub- County as being exemplified by lack of factories, barren sandy soils, rugged and rocky terrain, poor rainfall, perennial floods, and devastating poverty that continues to affect education standards in the area. He thus seeks the intervention of this House to, among other things, secure the gazettelement of Rachuonyo North Sub-County as a hardship area in order to improve education standards through provision of adequate number of teachers in the area.
- 6. Honourable Members,** having established that the matter raised in the Petition is well within the authority of this House; and further, that the matters raised in this Petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body, I hereby commit the Petition to the Public Petitions Committee for consideration pursuant to Standing Order 208A.
- 7.** The Committee is required to consider the Petition and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioner in accordance with Standing Order 227(2).

I thank you.


THE RT. HON. MOSES WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

DATE 1/3/23