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LIST OF AL	DITE	ATTOMS AND ACTOMPTO
CBC	-	Competency Based Curriculum
CBO	-	Community Based Organization
CCSNHR	-	Coast Civil Society Network for Human Rights
CDF	-	Constituencies Development Fund
COG	-	Council of County Governors
CWR	-	County Woman Representative
DCC	-	Deputy County Commissioner
DFRD	89 7 3	District Focus for Rural Development
DTF		Democracy Trust Fund
ENAF	-	Echo Network Africa Foundation
FORD		Forum for the Restoration of Democracy
GBV	-	Gender Based Violence
ICT	-	Information and Communication Technology
JSS	121	Junior Secondary School
KCCB-CJPD	-	Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops-Catholic Justice and Peace
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KDCSOWG	-	Kenya Devolution Civil Society Organizations' Working Group
KMTC	-	Kenya Medical Training Centre
LSK	-	Law Society of Kenya
MCCP	-	Maendeleo Chap Chap Party
MP	-	Member of Parliament
NGAAF	-	National Government Affirmative Action Fund
NG-CDF	+1	National Government Constituencies Development Fund
NGCF	÷3	National Government Constituencies Fund
ODM	<u></u>	Orange Democratic Movement
PSC	-	Parliamentary Service Commission
PWDs	-	Persons with Disabilities
SOF	42	Senate Oversight Fund
SME	-	Small and Medium Enterprise
STEM	-	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
TTI	-	Technical Training Institute
TVET	23	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UDA	-	United Democratic Alliance
UDM	-	United Democratic Movement
WDM	_	Wiper Democratic Movement

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

This report contains the proceedings of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on its consideration of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (*National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025*). The Bill was read a First Time in the House on 12th March 2025 and was thereafter committed to the Committee in accordance with Standing Order 127(1) of the National Assembly Standing Orders.

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution to entrench the National Government Constituencies Fund (NGCF), the Senate Oversight Fund (SOF) and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF).

Vide the Communications from the Chair Nos. 020, 024 and 027 of 2025, the Committee was directed to facilitate public participation on the Bill by inviting submission of memoranda, holding public hearings in all the counties and constituencies and consulting relevant stakeholders on the Bill.

Consequently, and in compliance with Articles 118(b) and 256(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed advertisements in the print media on 15th March, 21st and 22nd April, and 2nd May 2025 inviting the public and stakeholders to submit written memoranda and/or attend public hearings in the two hundred and ninety (290) constituencies and the forty-seven (47) County Women Representative Offices to submit their views on the Bill. The memoranda were to be received on or before 10th June 2025 at 5.00 pm (East African Time).

By the close of the submission deadline, the Committee had received twenty-six (26) memoranda. Makueni People's Assembly, Prof. PLO-Lumumba, Ukweli Party, the Architects Alliance (TAA), AC Knights and Advocates, Mizani 254, Transparency International (TI), Coast Civil Society Network for Human Rights (CCSNHR), Council of Governors (COG), Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Nairobi Branch, Echo Network Africa Foundation (ENAF) and Democracy Trust Fund (DTF), Torch Africa, Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops-Catholic Justice and Peace Department (KCCB-CJPD), Stephen Rugumi, Simon Mwangi Mbugua, Anthony Maiyuku, Victor Nundu, Justus Kipkoech Kurgat, Peter Kiplangat Ngetich, Titus Kimala, Mark Maina, Osman Abdi, Victor Kamau, Nderitu Nduba, Sydney Sid and Jeremy Ng'ang'a gave their views on the Bill which the Committee considered in the preparation of this report.

While considering the Bill, the Committee observed that there was huge public support of the Bill during the public hearings exercise. During the public hearings exercise, a total of 224,482 members of the public participated out of which 221,133 members of the public were in support of the provisions of the Bill representing 98.5% of the participants.

The Committee appreciates the Honourable Members of the National Assembly for facilitating the public hearing exercise in the 290 Constituencies and 47 CWR Offices. The Committee further wishes to thank the Parliamentary Service Commission for availing their offices for the conduct of the exercise.

The Committee also thanks the 224,919 members of the public who participated in the public hearings; Makueni People's Assembly, Prof. PLO-Lumumba, Ukweli Party, the Architects Alliance, AC Knights and Advocates, Mizani 254, Transparency International, Coast Civil Society Network for Human Rights, Osman Abdi, Victor Kamau, Nderitu Nduba, Sydney Sid for submitting their views on the Bill; and the media for coverage that was instrumental in raising awareness about the Bill.

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The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its consideration of the Bill. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Members of the Committee and Committee Secretariat who sat long hours and made useful contributions towards the preparation of this Report.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 199(6) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, it is my pleasant privilege and honour to present to this House the Report of the Committee on its Consideration of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.4 of 2025).

It is my pleasure to report that the Committee has considered the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025) and has the honour to report back to the National Assembly with the recommendation that the House **approves the Bill**.

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Hon. George Gitonga Murugara, CBS, MP Chairman, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs

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1.1 Establishment of the Committee

- The Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs is one of the twenty departmental committees of the National Assembly established under Standing Order 216 whose mandate pursuant to the Standing Order 216 (5) is as follows:
 - (a) To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;
 - (b) To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
 - (c) To, on a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;
 - (d) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
 - (e) To study, assess and analyse the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
 - (f) To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;
 - (g) To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments);
 - (h) To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;
 - (i) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation;
 - (j) To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
 - (k) To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.

1.2 Mandate of the Committee

- In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider:
 - a) The Judiciary;
 - b) Tribunals;
 - c) Access to Justice;
 - d) Public prosecutions;
 - e) Ethics, Integrity and Anti-corruption;
 - f) Correctional services;
 - g) Community service orders and witness protection;
 - h) Constitutional Affairs;
 - Sovereign immunity;
 - j) Elections including referenda;
 - k) Human rights;
 - I) Political parties; and
 - m) The State Law Office' including insolvency, law reform, public trusteeship, marriages and legal education.
- In executing its mandate, the Committee oversights the following Ministries, Departments and Agencies:
 - a) The Judiciary;
 - b) Judicial Service Commission;

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- c) State Department for Correctional Services;
- d) State Law Office and Department of Justice;
- e) State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs;
- f) Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- g) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
- h) Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission;
- i) Commission on Administrative Justice;
- j) Office of the Registrar of Political Parties;
- k) Witness Protection Agency;
- I) Kenya National Commission on Human Rights;
- m) Kenya Law Reform Commission; and
- n) Council of Legal Education.

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1.3 Committee Membership

4. The Committee comprises the following Members:

Chairperson Hon. Murugara George Gitonga, CBS, MP Tharaka Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Vice-Chairperson Hon. Mutuse Eckomas Mwengi, OGW, MP Kibwezi West Constituency <u>MCCP Party</u>

Hon. Gladys Boss, MGH, i1P Uasin Gishu Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Hon. Onyiego Silvanus Osoro, CBS, MP South Mugirango Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Hon. Wetang'ula Timothy Wanyoyi, CBS, MP Westlands Constituency <u>ODM Party</u>

> Hon. Muchira Michael Mwangi, MP Ol Jorok Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Hon. Makali John Okwisia, MP Kanduyi Constituency <u>FORD-Kenya</u>

Hon. Aden Daud, EBS, MP Wajir East Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. CPA Suleka Hulbale Harun, MP Nominated Member <u>UDM Party</u> Hon. Maalim Farah, EGH, MP Dadaab Constituency <u>WDM-Kenya</u>

Hon. Francis Kajwang' Tom Joseph, CBS, MP Ruaraka Constituency ODM Party

Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, SC, EBS, MP Rarieda Constituency ODM Party

> Hon. Muchangi Karemba, MP Runyenjes Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Hon. Mogaka Stephen M., MP West Mugirango Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Siyad Amina Udgoon, MP Garissa County (CWR) Jubilee Party

1.4 Committee Secretariat

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5. The Committee is facilitated by the following staff:

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CHAPTER TWO

2 OVERVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4 OF 2025)

2.1 Background

 The Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 seeks to amend the Constitution to entrench the National Government Constituencies Fund (NGCF), the Senate Oversight Fund (SOF) and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF).

2.1.1 The National Government Constituencies Fund (NGCF)

- The Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) was established in 2003. Hon. Engineer (Sen.) Muriuki Karue, then MP for OI Kalou Constituency, sponsored the CDF Bill, 2003 as a private Member's Bill which was enacted into law following its assent in December 2003.
- 8. The CDF was created to support development projects at the constituency level, in response to the inconsistent progress of development initiatives, as a successor of the District Focus for Rural Development (DFRD) Strategy Framework that was implemented through Ministries, State Departments, local authorities, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and was aimed at decentralizing development planning and resource allocation and project identification, formulation, and implementation at the district level.
- 9. The CDF had not been without challenges as in 2013, it was challenged in court on the premise that it contravened the Constitution in *Petition No. 71 of 2013*. The Supreme Court found that the CDF Act offended the constitutional principles on the division of revenue, public finance and separation of powers. The judges noted that:

"The fact that the CDF has been operational in this country since 2003 is not a good enough answer to the question on the constitutionality of the Fund in the post-2010 constitutional dispensation. A Fund directed at service delivery mandate can only be constitutionally complaint if structured in a manner that does not entangle members of Legislative bodies and Legislative bodies in the discharge of the service delivery mandate however symbolic. Such funds ought to be integrated and subsumed within the structures of either the county executive or the national executive."

- 10. To this end, the National Assembly enacted the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Act, 2015 which sought to address the issues raised by the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the CDF.
- 11. The twenty-one-year journey of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) has been a remarkable one driven by a commitment to transform lives, prioritize stakeholders, foster collaborations and empower Kenyans. Some of its achievements as outlined by the NG-CDF Board in its NG-CDF Memoir Two decades of Progress, include:
 - (a) School Infrastructure Development: Since its inception in 2003, CDF has facilitated the establishment of 3,087 new schools; 1660 (53.8%) were fully funded while 1,427 (46.2%) were partially funded. The Fund has also financed initiation of sixteen (16) schools catering for special needs education.

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(b) Learning Opportunities: The 3,087 schools initiated through NG-CDF funding have created opportunity for 882,026 leaners to have access to primary and secondary level education.

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- (c) Education Bursaries: The fund has tremendous achievement in the Bursary Scheme. The bursary funds benefit the needy and deserving children from poor backgrounds. On average 1.2 million needy students benefit from the scheme annually. CDF dedicates approximately Kshs. 15 billion annually towards the bursary scheme.
- (d) Technical Training Institutes (TTI's) In partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Fund has supported the construction of 130 TTIs, thus contributing to a significant increase in the number of skilled workforces which has a resultant positive impact on the nation's economy.
- (e) Kenya Medical Training College campuses: In partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Fund has established 61 new Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) campuses and enhanced the infrastructure of the existing ones. These campuses have enrolled approximately 13,511 students thereby had a positive impact including—
 - (i) creation of job opportunities for both academic and non-academic staff;
 - (ii) infrastructure improvements such as tarmacking of road networks close to those campuses;
 - (iii) increased enrolment in medical courses;

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- (iv) business opportunities for those in the vicinity of these campuses like hostels, supply of food and boosting of the agribusiness sectors in the areas; and
- (V) enhanced student support through NG-CDF Bursaries.
- (1) National Administration and Security Sector Infrastructure: Approximately 5.7% of the Fund has been allocated to projects falling under the National Administration and Security sector towards construction and/or renovation of administration offices, police posts and police stations.
- (g) Huduma Centres: In partnership with the Ministry of Public Service, the Fund has financed the establishment of Huduma Centres in various constituencies thus bringing government services closer to the people.
- (h) Social Security: The Fund finances health insurance premiums for vulnerable households in support of the Government's Universal Health Coverage Policy.
- (i) Climate Change Mitigation: With the amendments to the NG-CDF Act, the Fund enhanced its support to the Government's climate change mitigation measures by allocating 5% of each constituency's annual allocation towards the targeted interventions.

2.1.2 The Senate Oversight Fund (SOF)

12. The SOF is to be established for the purpose of ensuring that the Senate is adequately resourced and empowered to perform its oversight functions. The object of the Fund is to facilitate the Senate to be able to effectively carry out monitoring and evaluation activities in exercise of their oversight role over county governments in accordance with Article 96 of the Constitution.

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2.1.3 The National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF)

- 13. The NGAAF was established through the Public Finance Management (National Government Affirmative Action Fund) Regulations, 2016 with the primary objective of complementing the measures of the national government on affirmative action. The uses of the Fund include enhancement of financial facilities for affirmative action groups; support value addition initiatives by affirmative action groups; socio-cultural development and nurturing of talent for affirmative action groups; and facilitate access to education through issuance of bursaries and scholarships to affirmative action groups.
- According to the annual reports of NGAAF, some of its achievements include support for the elderly, women and youth empowerment, and improved welfare of vulnerable children and Persons living with Disability (PWDs).
- 15. In light of the foregoing, Hon. Samuel Chepkong'a, MP and the Hon. Otiende Amollo, MP co-sponsored the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 seeking to amend the Constitution to entrench the NGCF, SOF and NGAAF.

2.2 Amendment of the Constitution by Parliamentary Initiative

16. Article 256(1)(a) of the Constitution provides for amendment of the Constitution by parliamentary initiative. It states that:

"A Bill to amend this Constitution may be introduced in either House of Parliament."

17. In accordance with the aforementioned provision, the instant Bill was introduced in the National Assembly. It was published on 26th February 2025 and read a First Time in the House on Wednesday 12th March 2025 in accordance with Standing Order 126 of the National Assembly Standing Orders.

2.3 Summary of the Bill

- 18. The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution by introducing new Articles 204A, 204B and 204C to establish the following funds:
 - (a) the National Government Constituencies Fund,
 - (b) the Senate Oversight Fund; and
 - (c) the National Government Affirmative Action Fund.
- 19. The three Funds shall consist of money appropriated from the national government's share of revenue as divided by the annual Division of Revenue Act enacted pursuant to Article 218 of the Constitution.

2.4 Committal to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs

20. Upon First Reading of the Bill on 12th March 2025 and pursuant to Standing Order 127(1) and (3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Rt. Hon. Speaker referred the Bill to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration and to facilitate public participation on the Bill.

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3.1 Legal Framework on Public Participation

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 Article 10(2) of the Constitution outlines participation of the people as one of the national values and principles of governance. In addition, Article 118 (1)(b) of the Constitution provides that:

"Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees."

22. Article 256(2) of the Constitution provides that:

"Parliament shall publicise any Bill to amend the Constitution, and facilitate public discussion about the Bill."

23. Standing Order 127 (3) and (3A) of the National Assembly Standing Orders stipulates that:

"(3) The Departmental Committee to which a Bill is committed shall facilitate public participation on the Bill through an appropriate mechanism including-

- (a) inviting submission of memoranda;
- (b) holding public hearings;
- (c) consulting relevant stakeholders in a sector; and
- (d) consulting experts on technical subjects.

(3A) The Departmental Committee shall take into account the views and recommendations of the public under paragraph (3) in its report to the House."

3.2 Modalities of Public Participation

- 24. On 15th March 2025 and in compliance with the aforementioned provisions of law, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the local dailies inviting the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bill (Annexure 3).
- 25. Vide Communication from the Chair No. 020 of 2025 dated 17th April 2025 (Annexure 4), the Rt. Hon. Speaker noted the courts observation that:

"...amending of a country's constitution, more so our Constitution, should be a sacrosanct public undertaking and its processes must be undertaken very transparently and in strict compliance with the country's supreme law."

- 26. To this end and in accordance with Article 256(2) of the Constitution, the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs resolved that, in addition to receiving written memoranda, public hearings be conducted in all constituencies to accord majority of Kenyans an opportunity to express themselves on the Bill.
- 27. As a result, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed a further advertisement dated 21st April 2025 in the local dailies on 21st and 22nd April 2025 (Annexure 5). The advertisement provided a two-weeks' notice before commencement of country-wide public participation exercise.
- 28. Vide Communication from the Chair No. 024 of 2025 dated 24th April 2025 (Annexure 6), the Rt. Hon Speaker directed the Clerk of the National Assembly to inform the public of the planned granular country-wide public hearing exercise to be conducted from Monday 5th to Thursday 8th May 2025 in the two hundred and ninety (290) Constituency Offices and forty-seven (47) County Women Representative (CWR) Offices by placing an additional advertisement in print and electronic media.

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- 29. Furthermore, the Rt. Hon. Speaker notified the House of a briefing session scheduled for 29th April 2025 to apprise the Members on the modalities and administrative arrangements put in place to facilitate the scheduled public hearings.
- 30. The Rt. Hon. Speaker convened a briefing session on Tuesday 29th April 2025 and thereafter, issued a further Communication from the Chair No. 027 of 2025 dated Wednesday 30th April 2025 (Annexure 7) suspending all Committee sittings from Monday 5th to Thursday 8th May 2025 to allow Members and staff of the Parliamentary Service Commission to facilitate the country-wide the public hearings on the Bill.
- 31. Consequently, and in accordance with Articles 118(1)(b) and 256(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the daily newspapers on 2nd May 2025 (Annexure 8) inviting the public and stakeholders to attend, make oral representations or submit written memoranda on the Bill and discuss the Bill during the scheduled public hearings exercise.
- 32. Accordingly, public participation on the Bill was conducted through:
 - (a) holding public hearings in the two-hundred and ninety (290) constituencies as contained in Chapter Four of this Report;
 - (b) inviting submission of memoranda on the Bill as contained in Chapter Five of this Report.

CHAPTER FOUR

4 PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE CONSTITUENCIES

4.1 Background Information

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- 33. In accordance with Article 118(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) and 3(A) of the National Assembly Standing Orders and in line with the resolution of the House, public hearings were held in the two hundred and ninety (290) Constituency Offices and forty-seven (47) CWR Offices of Members of the National Assembly, which are offices under the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) and manned by staff of the PSC.
- 34. Furthermore, public hearings were also held in the forty-seven (47) CWR Offices of Members of the National Assembly which are offices under the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) and manned by staff of the PSC. This availed an opportunity to citizens, who could not be able to go to the constituencies, to give submissions.

4.2 Notification and Sensitization of the Public

- 35. In line with the resolution of the House Business Committee, the Clerk of the National Assembly informed the public of the planned granular public participation exercise through various platforms including print and electronic media advertisements.
- 36. To enable the public to engage in the public participation on the Bill, the notification to the public included, in both English and Kiswahili, the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Annexure 9), an Explainer on the Bill (Annexure 10) and a Public Views Template Form (Annexure 11). Additionally, before the public hearings at the designated venues, the officers of the PSC sensitized the public on the contents of the Bill.
- 37. In addition, the Public Views Template Form also contained a summary of the legal provisions on the Bill to enable a person giving views to do so from a point of knowledge. The advertisements and Public Views Template Form were also availed in Kiswahili, the national and official language and English, the official language as provided in Article 7(1) and (2) of the Constitution.

4.2.1 Why the Public Views Template

- Whereas Article 118 of the Constitution mandates Parliament to conduct its business while facilitating public participation and involvement, how it is effected will vary from case to case.
- 39. In the instant case, the National Assembly employed the use of a Public Views Template Form during the public hearings. This approach catered to diverse preferences and enhanced overall public involvement. The data collected was, thereafter, quantitatively and qualitatively assessed to enhance informed decision-making.
- 40. The Public Views Template Form was availed to the public through:
 - (a) online circulation; and
 - (b) physical circulation.

4.2.2 Mode of Notification to the Public (a) Newspapers

41. On 21st and 22nd April, and 2nd May 2025, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed advertisements in The Standard, The Daily Nation and The Star newspapers inviting the

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- (i) postal mail: P.O Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; or
- (ii) hand delivery: Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi.
- 42. In addition, the public was also advised to submit their views or the Public Views Template Form at the respective Constituency and CWR Offices as indicated in the Public Participation Schedule (Annexure 8).

(b) Parliament Website

43. Copies of the Bill, an Explainer on the Bill and the Public Views Template Form were also availed on the Parliament Website <u>www.parliament.go.ke</u> on 21st April 2025.

(c) Social Media Platforms

- 44. The advertisement notifying the public of the scheduled country-wide public hearings exercise and an Explainer video on the Bill were also broadcast on the following platforms:
 - X at National Assembly KE (@NAssemblyKE) on 22nd and 25th April, and 2nd May 2025; and
 - (ii) Facebook at Parliament of Kenya on 22nd and 25th April, and 4th May 2025.

(d) Oral Presentations/Submissions

- 45. In accordance with the Public Participation Schedule (Annexure 8), public hearings were conducted in the two hundred and ninety (290) Constituencies from Monday 5th May to Thursday 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm.
- 46. During the exercise, the public was issued with the Public Views Template Form, sensitized on the contents of Bill and thereafter, participated in the public hearings. The oral and written submissions on the Bill are contained in this Report.

(e) Online Submissions

- 47. On 21st April 2025, the Clerk of the National Assembly availed on the Parliament Website <u>www.parliament.go.ke</u> the adverts for public participation, the Public Views Template Form, the Explainer on the Bill and a copy of the Bill.
- 48. The public was also invited to submit views via a designated email address <u>constitutionamendment@parliament.go.ke</u> or to the Clerk of the National Assembly via <u>cna@parliament.go.ke</u> to be received on or before Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 5.00pm. To this end, the National Assembly began receiving submissions from the public.

4.3 Submission of Views to the National Assembly

- 49. The public participation hearings on the Bill were conducted from 5th to 8th May 2025 in the two-hundred and ninety (290) Constituency Offices and forty-seven (47) CWR Offices.
- 50. Noting the provision for hand delivery of views, the Clerk of the National Assembly availed his office at the Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi where members of the public, resident in Nairobi, could access with ease and submit their views. This afforded them a convenient opportunity to submit their views without having to be inconvenienced to travel to their respective constituencies to participate in the public hearings exercise.

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51. Notwithstanding adoption of the Public Views Template Form as the tool for collecting views during the public participation exercise, views that were submitted in any other format were also admitted including, written submissions.

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- 52. At the close of the period for public participation, a total of 437 submissions were received in the following categories:
 - (a) Email: one hundred and thirty-one (131); and

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- (b) Hand-delivered: three hundred and six (306).
- 53. A quantitative summary of the views submitted to the Clerk of the National Assembly via e-mail and hand delivery is contained in Table 1.

Mode	Support	Do Not Support	Total	% Support	% Do not Support
Email Address	31	100	131	23.7	76
Hand Delivery	305	1	306	99.7	0
Total	336	101	437	76.9	23

Table 1: Summary of Views Submitted Through Email and Hand-Delivery

4.4 Public Hearings at the Constituencies

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54. During the public hearings exercise, members of the public were sensitized on the Bill and afforded an opportunity to engage in public discussion by making oral submissions on the Bill. In addition, the participants were issued with the Public Views Template Form, sensitized on the contents of the form and how to fill it. Thereafter, members of the public submitted the filled forms to the officers of the Clerk of the National Assembly.

55. A total of two hundred and twenty-four thousand four hundred and eighty-two (224,482) members of the public participated in the public hearings exercise in the two hundred and ninety (290) Constituency Offices and forty-seven (47) CWR Offices. Below is a summary of the views—

4.4.1 Ainabkoi Constituency

- 56. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ainabkoi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 555 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 57. A total of 549 participants supported the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has improved education through the construction of classrooms and issuance of bursaries.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has improved infrastructure through the construction of bridges which has improved access to transportation services.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has also created job opportunities through the projects initiated by the Fund.

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58. On the other hand, 6 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill, citing that the NGAAF was not being used for its intended purpose thus proposed scrapping off of the Fund.



Photo 1: Public Participation in Ainabkoi Constituency

4.4.2 Ainamoi Constituency

- 59. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ainamoi Constituency Office from 5th to 8thMay 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 119 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 60. All 119 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill included:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has had positive impact on communities, particularly on education, as it has been used to provide education bursaries to the poor and needy students. The Fund has also contributed to improved infrastructure through construction and renovation of primary and secondary schools, modern toilets, police stations and chief's camps. Furthermore, the Fund is essential for enhancing equitable development and inclusive participation in projects at the constituency level.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has benefited the marginalized and vulnerable members of the communities including women and PWDs.
 - (iii) The SOF would enable the Senators undertake their oversight role thereby ensuring accountability.



Photo 2: Public Participation in Ainamoi Constituency

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4.4.3 Aldai Constituency

- 61. The public hearing exercise was held at the Aldai Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,567 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- A total of 1,550 participants expressed their support for the Bill by stating, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported the school feeding program especially for vulnerable households hence reducing absenteeism in schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has aided in improving livestock health through cattle dip construction and immunization programs for livestock.
- 63. On the other hand, 17 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to an unequal distribution of the NG-CDF with some wards receiving more resources than others, limited community involvement in project identification and implementation and lack of accountability mechanisms leading to mismanagement of the Funds. Further that the Funds should be consolidated into one to avoid a duplication of roles.



Photo 3: Public Participation in Aldai Constituency

4.4.4 Alego Usonga Constituency

- 64. The public hearing exercise was held at the Alego Usonga Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 609 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 65. A total of 585 participants supported the Bill stating, among others, that the NG-CDF has aided the construction of classrooms and purchase of school buses. In addition, the Funds have enabled the provision of bursaries for students.
- 66. On the other hand, 24 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting that citizens have a right to benefit from development without the Funds being entrenched in the Constitution. They also submitted that the Bill would result in conflict of interest in the management and oversight of the NG-CDF. A significant concern was that a change in

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leadership has led to abandonment of projects that were initiated under previous leadership.



Photo 4: Public Participation in Alego Usonga Constituency

4.4.5 Awendo Constituency

- 67. The public hearing exercise was held at the Awendo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 362 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 68. A total of 355 participants supported the Bill. The main reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has ensured equality within the constituency by promoting access to education through the construction of school laboratories and classrooms and the purchase of school buses.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has promoted the creation of employment at the local level through provision of seed capital to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), women chamas and youth groups to do business.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has supported the distribution of electricity and construction of police stations and National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) offices.
- 69. On the other hand, 7 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. In their view, the NG-CDF has not achieved its intended purpose and the resources could be utilized better by channeling them through the county government. In addition, they expressed a fear of mismanagement of the Funds and noted that the current budget allocation is not sufficient to support all the proposed Funds.



Photo 5: Public Participation in Awendo Constituency

4.4.6 Bahati Constituency

- 70. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bahati Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 224 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 71. A total of 219 participants supported the Bill. The main reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries for needy students, built new schools, improved infrastructure in the schools and purchased school buses. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of police stations and improved infrastructure in NGAO offices.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided economic empowerment for women, youth groups and persons with disabilities. The Funds have also been instrumental in mitigating national disasters such as flooding.
- 72. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concern raised was alleged corruption and nepotism in the distribution of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 6: Public Participation in Bahati Constituency

4.4.7 Balambala Constituency

- 73. The public hearing exercise was held at the Balambala Constituency Office from 5th May to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 175 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 74. All the 175 participants supported the Bill. The main reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and the NGAAF have contributed to infrastructure development in constituencies including building of classrooms. The Funds have also improved access to education through the provision of school fees to needy students.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has enhanced access to quality education and improved hygiene in schools through provision of sanitary towels for girls and water storage tanks.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has positively impacted security agencies through construction of residential houses for police officers as well as police stations.



Photo 7: Public Participation in Balambala Constituency

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4.4.8 Banissa Constituency

- 75. The public hearing exercise was held at the Banissa Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 539 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 76. All the 539 participants supported the Bill. The main reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has aided in the provision of bursaries to needy students, the construction of new schools, renovation of existing ones and provision of furniture to schools, enhancing access to education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also supported the health sector through the construction of health facilities, and the security sector through the construction of NGAO offices and police posts.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported youth and women empowerment programmes, creating self-employment.
- 77. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase in the budgetary allocation for the NG-CDF and digitization of NG-CDF projects in order to enhance effective feedback mechanisms.



Photo 8: Public Participation in Banissa Constituency

4.4.9 Baringo Central Constituency

- 78. The public hearing exercise was held at the Baringo Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 520 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 79. A total of 516 expressed their support for the Bill by submitting, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have been essential during national disaster and emergency situations such as flooding.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries to needy students, enhancing access to education. The Funds have also enhanced infrastructural development

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through the construction and refurbishment of police posts, bridges and schools. This has promoted equitable infrastructure development at the grassroot level.

80. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting that the public has barely benefited from the NG-CDF and NGAAF. In their view, entrenching the Funds in the Constitution would result in wastage of public resources.



Photo 9: Public Participation in Baringo Central Constituency

4.4.10 Baringo North Constituency

- 81. The public hearing exercise was held at the Baringo North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 331 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 82. A total of 330 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the improvement of educational infrastructure and provided bursaries to needy students thus promoting access to education. The Funds have also boosted social and economic empowerment of the youth, women and PWDs.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced infrastructural development through the construction of NGAO offices.
- 83. On the hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not state their reasons.



Photo 10: Public Participation in Baringo North Constituency

4.4.11 Baringo South Constituency

- 84. The public hearing exercise was held at the Baringo South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 376 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 85. A total of 373 participants were in support of the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the improvement of education standards through school infrastructure development and bursary allocation to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also ensured equitable infrastructure development at the constituency level.
- On the other hand, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not state their reasons.



Photo 11: Public Participation in Baringo South Constituency

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4.4.12 Belgut Constituency

- 87. The public hearing exercise was held at the Belgut Constituency Office from 5th May to 8thMay 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 207 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 88. A total of 205 participants expressed their support for the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has achieved tangible results including provision of bursaries and the construction of schools and latrines. The Fund has also enhanced security through the construction of police stations.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has promoted economic empowerment of the youth, women and PWDs through affirmative action programs such as the provision of seed capital for entrepreneurship. There is, therefore, a need to increase NGAAF's budgetary allocation to further its benefits to the people. Developing guidelines on the use of the Fund would strengthen accountability and ensure prudent use.
- 89. On the hand, 2 members of the public expressed their reservations on the Bill. They indicated that the Funds would lead to duplication of roles and wastage of resources.



Photo 12: Public Participation in Belgut Constituency

4.4.13 Bobasi Constituency

- 90. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bobasi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 412 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 91. A total of 409 participants expressed their support for the Bill for the following reasons, among others:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted access to education through bursaries, the construction of classrooms and infrastructure development in schools including drilling of boreholes and provision of water storage tanks.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has enhanced women and youth empowerment through provision of seed capital to do business and creation of jobs through community development projects.

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92. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds. They added that the three Funds were too many and would be expensive for the taxpayers.



Photo 13: Public Participation in Bobasi Constituency

4.4.14 Bomachoge Borabu Constituency

- 93. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bomachoge Borabu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 260 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 94. A total of 259 participants expressed their support for the Bill by stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries to students and promoted infrastructural development in learning institutions.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also facilitated the construction of police stations and NGAO offices, improving security; and enhanced environmental protection through the planting of trees in the constituency.
- 95. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill. In their view, the SOF should not be entrenched in the Constitution.



Photo 14: Public Participation in Bomachoge Borabu Constituency

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4.4.15 Bomachoge Chache Constituency

- 96. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bomachoge Chache Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 207 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 97. A total of 190 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education through provision of bursaries to students, construction of schools, school infrastructure development and provision of sanitary towels to school-going girls.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has promoted the construction of police stations and installation of security lights in the markets thereby improving security and boosting business. The Fund has also enabled the construction of assistant chiefs and chiefs' offices, enhancing access to government services by the people. Further, the Fund has been instrumental in the distribution of electricity and conservation of the environment.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has enhanced youth and women empowerment through provision of capital to CBOs, youth groups and women chamas to do business.
- 98. On the other hand, 17 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill stating, among other concerns, that there had been corruption, mismanagement and excessive bureaucracy in accessing the Funds. They added that entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would result in a duplication of roles.



Photo 15: Public Participation in Bomachoge Chache Constituency

4.4.16 Bomet Central Constituency

- 99. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bomet Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 690 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 100. A total of 685 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They stated, among other reasons, that:
 - The NGCF would encourage active participation of the citizens in the planning and implementation of projects.
 - (ii) The NGAAF would address the existing systemic developmental inequities in the society.

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Photo 16: Public Participation in Bornet Central Constituency

4.4.17 Bornet East Constituency

- 102. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bomet East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 804 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 103. A total of 801 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The allocation of NG-CDF has played a crucial role in minimizing disparities in development within the constituency.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has improved the standards of living by supporting initiatives such as education, healthcare and entrepreneurship.
 - (iii) The SOF would strengthen the Senate's oversight role over county governments and thus enhance service delivery.
- 104. On the other hand, 3 members of the public expressed reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 17: Public Participation in Bornet East Constituency

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4.4.18 Bonchari Constituency

- 105. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bonchari Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 218 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 106. All the 218 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education through the construction of school infrastructure and dormitories in secondary schools and provision of bursaries for needy students. The Funds have also improved hygiene in schools through the construction of modern ablution blocks.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has promoted security through the construction of police stations, chiefs and assistant chiefs' offices. The Fund has also promoted environmental protection through tree planting initiatives in the constituency and supported women and youth empowerment.



Photo 18: Public Participation in Bonchari Constituency

4.4.19 Bondo Constituency

- 107. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bondo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,246 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 108. A total of 1,238 participants expressed their support for the Bill by submitting, among other reasons, that:
 - The Funds have provided targeted assistance to the elderly, persons with disabilities, orphans and the marginalized.
 - (ii) The Funds have provided empowerment programs and training opportunities for the elected representatives and community leaders.
 - (iii) The Funds made provision for bursaries, promoting access to education.
- 109. On the other hand, 8 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concern raised was that the Funds would result in a duplication of roles.

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Photo 19: Public Participation in Bondo Constituency

4.4.20 Borabu Constituency

- 110. The public hearing exercise was held at Borabu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 587 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 111. Out of the 587 participants, 585 supported the Bill, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NGCF would facilitate the construction and enhancement of educational infrastructure such as classrooms, science laboratories and sanitation facilities. The Fund would also facilitate the construction of various security and administration facilities police posts, chiefs' offices and county commissioners' offices. In addition, NGCF will continue to support education through provision of bursaries for needy students at all levels of learning.
 - (ii) The SOF would ensure that the Senate is adequately funded to perform its oversight role.
 - (iii) The NGAAF would assist women and girls by providing essential resources such as sanitary towels and other services to improve their well-being.
- 112. While supporting the Bill, some participants expressed as follows:
 - (i) There is an increased perception that empowering women and girls has led to men and boys being marginalized. Thus, NGAAF should ensure that both young women and men, boys and girls should have equal opportunities for social and economic development.
 - (ii) Both Women Representative and Members of Parliament are elected to represent the people. Therefore, the National Government Affirmative Action Fund will create a duplication of programs funded by the National Government Constituencies Fund.
- 113. On the other hand, 2 individuals expressed reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the NGCF. In their view, there was a potential for misappropriation to benefit a few individuals. In addition, the NGCF and NGAAF would create a duplication of roles.

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Photo 20: Public Participation in Borabu Constituency

4.4.21 Budalangi Constituency

- 114. The public hearing exercise was held at the Budalangi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 593 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 115. A total of 592 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through provision of bursaries and purchase of school buses. The Fund has also enhanced security in the community through the construction of police stations.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has supported entrepreneurship initiatives for CBOs, women chamas and youth groups through provision of seed capital for businesses.
- 116. On the other hand, one participant expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds and infrastructure development disparities caused by unfair distribution of resources. In their view, the Funds would be better managed at the county level and hence should be consolidated and allocated the county governments.



Photo 21: Public Participation in Budalangi Constituency

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4.4.22 Bumula Constituency

- 117. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bumula Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 290 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 118. A total of 289 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The main reason cited in support of the Bill was that the NG-CDF has promoted education through provision of bursaries and construction of classrooms.
- 119. On the other hand, one participant expressed their reservations on the Bill alleging disparities in allocation of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 22: Public Participation in Bumula Constituency

4.4.23 Bura Constituency

- 120. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bura Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 487 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 121. A total of 416 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The Funds have assisted the vulnerable by promoting equal access to education through provision of bursaries for needy children. Furthermore, the Funds have enhanced women and youth empowerment through affirmative action initiatives. This has created employment opportunities and in turn reduced poverty.
 - (ii) The Funds have contributed to infrastructure development such as construction of police stations and administrative offices which have in turn increased security in the area and reduced banditry.
 - (iii) Compared to other funds, the NG-CDF is easily accessible as their offices are located within the public's reach in the constituency and therefore requires an increased budgetary allocation to benefit more constituents.
 - (iv) To ensure transparency and accountability, there is need for Regulations to provide clarity on the disbursement of the Funds.

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122. On the contrary, 71 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting that the Funds should be consolidated into one. In their view, the Bill should be subjected to a referendum.



Photo 23: Public Participation in Bura Constituency

4.4.24 Bureti Constituency

- 123. The public hearing exercise was held at the Bureti Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 137 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 124. A total of 136 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has created employment opportunities through the construction of classrooms and other infrastructure projects and administrative offices.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has enhanced community empowerment.
- 125. On the other hand, one member of the public expressed reservations on the Bill. In their view, there was a likelihood of conflict of interest in the distribution and allocation, and potential imprudent use of the Funds.



Photo 24: Public Participation in Bura Constituency

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4.4.25 Butere Constituency

- 126. The public hearing exercise was held at the Butere Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 238 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 127. All the 238 participants supported the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF has supported the renovation of schools, purchased school buses and improved medical facilities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported students through issuance of bursaries to needy students and afforded school-going girls an equal opportunity to education through the provision of sanitary towels.
- 128. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted that the NG-CDF has benefited many constituents through a transparent allocation and distribution mechanism compared to other government funds hence its budgetary allocation should be increased from the current 2.5% to 10% of the national government's revenue.



Photo 25: Public Participation in Butere Constituency

4.4.26 Butula Constituency

- 129. The public hearing exercise was held at the Butula Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,060 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 130. A total of 1,053 participants expressed their support for the Bill and stated as follows:
 - (i) The Funds have promoted infrastructure development at the grassroot level through the construction of hospitals, schools and colleges. Furthermore, the Funds have supported needy students through provision of bursaries.
- 131. On the other hand, 7 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement and unequal distribution of the Funds. In addition, some members of the public were of the view that the Funds should be managed by county governments.

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Photo 26: Public Participation in Butula Constituency

4.4.27 Buuri Constituency

- 132. The public hearing exercise was held at the Buuri Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,596 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 133. A total of 1,595 participants expressed their support for the Bill. Their reasons for support included:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has promoted access to education through provision of bursaries, and construction of classrooms and administration blocks in schools. The Fund has also enabled the vocational training for youths in Technical Training Institutes (TTIs). Furthermore, the Fund has enabled the establishment of talent centres such as the Buuri Talent Studio.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has improved security in the constituencies through the construction of police posts and camps, and renovation of chiefs' offices.
- 134. On the other hand, one participant expressed their reservations on the Bill. They were of the opinion that citizens have a right to benefit from development without necessarily entrenching the Funds in the Constitution. Further that, the Funds would result in a duplication of roles and should be consolidated into one.



Photo 27: Public Participation in Buuri Constituency

4.4.28 Central Imenti Constituency

- 135. The public hearing exercise was held at the Central Imenti Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,859 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 136. A total of 1.840 participants expressed their support for the Bill and stated as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have improved access to education through provision of bursaries and improved school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported environmental conservation through tree planting initiatives.
 - (iii) The Funds have enhanced the security in the constituencies through the establishment of police posts and chiefs' offices.
- 137. On the hand, 19 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing that the management of the Funds would result in a conflict of interest arising from Members of Parliament legislating and oversighting the Funds.



Photo 28: Public Participation in Central Imenti Constituency

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4.4.29 Changamwe Constituency

- 138. The public hearing exercise was held at the Changamwe Constituency Office from 5th to 8thMay 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,540 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 139. A total of 1,536 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF was well structured in terms of its allocation and management and as such ensured ease of access of the Funds by wananchi. In particular, the issuance of bursaries through the NG-CDF offices located within the constituency.
 - (ii) Noting the timelines within which NG-CDF projects should be completed, the utilization of the Fund ensures transparency and accountability and in turn completion of projects that benefit the constituents.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has enabled the construction of schools and installation of street lighting.
- 140. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations regarding the Bill.



Photo 29: Public Participation in Changamwe Constituency

4.4.30 Chepalungu Constituency

- 141. The public hearing exercise was held at the Chepalungu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 644 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 142. A total of 637 participants expressed their support for the Bill for the following reasons:
 - The SOF would strengthen oversight of county governments ensuring accountability and transparency.
 - (ii) The NGAAF would address the existing systemic developmental inequalities.
 - (iii) The NGCF would enhance development through the construction of school infrastructure including libraries and classrooms among other social amenities.
- 143. Conversely, 7 members of the public expressed their reservations regarding the Bill.

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Photo 30: Public Participation in Chepalungu Constituency

4.4.31 Cherangany Constituency

- 144. The public hearing exercise was held at the Cherangany Constituency Office from 5th May to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 682 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 145. All the 682 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has transformed the education sector through disbursement of bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms, administration and ablution blocks as well as the purchase of school buses leading to high enrolment in primary, secondary and higher learning institutions.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has aided in the construction of bridges within the constituency, it has supported the health sector through construction of health facilities, and purchase of health equipment and ambulances. The Fund has also enhanced national government services such as establishment of civil registration offices and lands offices at the grassroot level.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has improved security in the constituency through the construction of administrative blocks for the security personnel such as the County and Assistant County Commissioners and chiefs. The Fund has also enabled the provision of electricity in areas prone to insecurity.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has empowered women through support of SMEs like table banking and other credit facilities.
 - (v) The three Funds would achieve their intended purpose once entrenched in the Constitution.



Photo 31: Public Participation in Chepalungu Constituency

4.4.32 Chesumei Constituency

- 146. The public hearing exercise was held at the Chesumei Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 761 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 147. A total of 757 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been instrumental in the construction of classrooms, dormitories and provision of bursaries to orphans and vulnerable children.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated access to clean water through borehole drilling projects.
 - (iii) The SOF would ensure increased oversight and accountability.
- 148. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed the need for clear penalties for mismanagement of the funds thereby ensuring proper management and accountability of the funds.
- 149. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill and observed as follows:
 - (i) There were concerns of bias and lack of transparency in bursary allocation thus excluding deserving students from benefiting from the NG-CDF.
 - (ii) The proposed SOF may lead to a duplication of roles with other oversight bodies.
 - (iii) Women and the youth are in most cases excluded in project planning and implementation thereby failing to design inclusive development initiatives that reflect diverse community needs.



Photo 32: Public Participation in Chesumei Constituency

4.4.33 Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency

- 150. The public hearing exercise was held at the Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,194 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 151. A total of 1,188 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported needy students, women, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also promoted security through the construction of police stations.
- 152. On the other hand, 6 participants expressed reservations on the Bill stating a fear of misappropriation of the Funds.



Photo 33: Public Participation in Chuka/Igamang'ombe Constituency

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4.4.34 Dadaab Constituency

- 153. The public hearing exercise was held at the Dadaab Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 396 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 154. All the 396 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported access to education through the construction of classrooms and provision of bursaries to needy students up to university level.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have facilitated social welfare initiatives by supporting provision of health insurance coverage to the elderly.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has provided sanitary towels to school-going girls and start-up capital to women to support their businesses.



Photo 34: Public Participation in Dadaab Constituency

4.4.35 Dagoretti North Constituency

- 155. The public hearing exercise was held at the Dagoretti North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,233 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 156. A total of 1,223 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the education sector by providing bursaries to needy students, scholarships to the youths to enhance their technical skills and improved infrastructure in schools thereby improving learning conditions.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has played a key role in providing tents and chairs to CBOs and women groups for their social and economic activities.
- 157. On the contrary, 10 participants expressed reservations on the Bill alleging unequal distribution and mismanagement of the NG-CDF and NGAAF thereby undermining the effectiveness of the Funds.

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Photo 35: Public Participation in Dagoretti North Constituency

4.4.36 Dagoretti South Constituency

- 158. The public hearing exercise was held at the Dagoretti South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,692 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 159. A total of 1,662 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to infrastructural development including renovation of schools and construction of health facilities thereby improving the constituents' living standards.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has contributed to economic empowerment of the youth, women and vulnerable groups by providing them with start-up capital for their businesses.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also been instrumental during national disasters and emergency situations such as fire outbreaks by providing targeted relief support to affected constituents.
- 160. On the contrary, 30 participants expressed reservations on the Bill alleging that the NGAAF was not easily accessible to majority of the constituents.



Photo 36: Public Participation in Dagoretti South Constituency

4.4.37 Eldama Ravine Constituency

- 161. The public hearing exercise was held at the Eldama Ravine Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 462 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 162. A total of 444 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy students thereby enhancing access to education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to infrastructural development.
- 163. On the other hand, 18 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) The entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would result in conflict on interest in relation to the management and oversight of the Funds.
 - (ii) The Funds are required to benefit the people at local level and should therefore be allocated to the county governments.



Photo 37: Public Participation in Eldama Ravine Constituency

4.4.38 Eldas Constituency

- 164. The public hearing exercise was held at the Eldas Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 353 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 165. All 353 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the construction of schools. The Fund has also supported the construction of police stations and chiefs' offices contributing to improved security in the constituency.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have facilitated the piping of water to households, construction of toilets and building of the first KMTC institution within the constituency.
- 166. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted that with the additional requirements introduced by CBC, there was need to allocate more resources to adequately cater for the emerging needs.

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Photo 38: Public Participation in Eldas Constituency

4.4.39 Embakasi Central Constituency

- 167. The public hearing exercise was held at the Embakasi Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,086 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 168. A total of 1,080 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF is easily accessible due to its management at the constituency level. This helps reduce delays by eliminating unnecessary bureaucracies.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced accountability by involving the constituents in project selection and implementation.
- 169. On the contrary, 6 participants expressed reservations on the Bill. There were also concerns that the Bill does not address the specific needs of marginalized groups and makes limited provision for sustainability and monitoring of completed projects.



Photo 39: Public Participation in Embakasi Central Constituency

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4.4.40 Embakasi East Constituency

- 170. The public hearing exercise was held at the Embakasi East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,745 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 171. A total of 1,727 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education by providing bursaries and school infrastructure support including classrooms. The Funds have also facilitated the construction of dispensaries, bridges and enhanced water projects.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has also supported orphans, persons with disabilities and the elderly through affirmative action programs.
- 172. On the contrary, 18 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) There was a lack of transparency in the management of the Funds, inadequate auditing mechanisms and limited technical expertise to plan and execute projects which have contributed to misuse of the Funds.
 - (ii) There has been favouritism and conflict of interest in project selection resulting in failure to adequately incorporate the needs of women, youth and other vulnerable groups.



Photo 40: Public Participation in Embakasai East Constituency

4.4.41 Embakasi North Constituency

- 173. The public hearing exercise was held at the Embakasi North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,079 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 174. A total of 1,075 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported the construction and rehabilitation of school infrastructure thereby improving learning conditions.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also enabled needy students to access education through scholarships and bursaries thus ensuring equal access to education.
- 175. On the contrary, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing concerns, among others, that:
 - (i) The Funds could be prone to corruption thereby failing to achieve their intended purpose.

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(ii) There were allegations of unequal allocation of bursaries.



Photo 41: Public Participation in Embakasi North Constituency

4.4.42 Embakasi South Constituency

- 176. The public hearing exercise was held at the Embakasi South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 4,765 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 177. A total of 4,759 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education by providing bursaries to needy students and facilitating the construction and renovation of schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also enabled the construction of health facilities and markets thereby ensuring community ownership and participation in projects funded by the Funds.
- 178. On the contrary, 6 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - A lack of clear structures for public involvement in project selection and limited mechanisms for monitoring completed projects.
 - (ii) A duplication of roles and potential mismanagement of the Funds due to lack of transparency and accountability.



Photo 42: Public Participation in Embakasi South Constituency

4.4.43 Embakasi West Constituency

- 179. The public hearing exercise was held at the Embakasi West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,683 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 180. Of these, 1,625 supported the Bill. The main reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced public infrastructure by contributing to the construction of classrooms, dispensaries, bridges, and water projects in rural areas.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF-funded projects are often completed quicker as there are fewer bureaucratic hurdles compared to national government projects. The projects employ local labourers and suppliers, stimulating micro-economies.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF promotes equity, since all constituencies receive funds, enhancing development and addressing historical marginalization.
- 181. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed ring-fencing, within the NG-CDF, allocations for special-interest groups including the youth, PWDs and women. They also raised concerns that the Funds could be used for political expediency.
- 182. Conversely, 58 participants expressed reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised were, among others, that:
 - (i) The Bill violates the doctrine of separation of powers between the Executive and the Legislature.
 - (ii) Entrenching the Funds in the Constitution undermines the principle of devolution.
 - (iii) The High Court had declared the NG-CDF unconstitutional.
 - (iv) Lack of sustainability as some projects stall or fall into disrepair due to poor planning or the absence of maintenance budgets.
 - (v) Some constituencies lack the technical expertise to plan and execute high-quality projects.



Photo 43: Public Participation in Embakasi West Constituency

4.4.44 Emgwen Constitutency

- 183. The public hearing exercise was held at the Emgwen Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 291 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 184. Of these, 284 persons supported the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:

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- (i) The NG-CDF has provided employment opportunities through construction projects from school buildings and market sheds. These projects have offered job opportunities to masons, suppliers, transporters, and casual labourers.
- (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to water and sanitation through provision of water tanks, drilling of boreholes and improved drainage systems. These initiatives have reduced the burden of water collection on women and girls, improved hygiene in schools, and supported clean cooking and food preparation.
- (iii) The NG-CDF has contributed to the education sector through issuance of bursaries to students from vulnerable backgrounds, preventing school dropout and early marriages.
- (iv) The SOF would enhance efficient resource utilization by strengthening Senate's enhanced oversight role ensures public funds are spent transparently and for their intended purpose.
- 185. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed that the NG-CDF allocation should be increased to 5% of national revenue, designating some projects to youth and women empowerment and establishment of independent constituency-level audit teams.
- 186. On the other hand, 7 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill stating among other concerns, that:
 - (i) There was exclusion of women, youth and persons with disabilities in project selection.
 - (ii) There was alleged delay in the disbursement of project funds thereby affecting implementation timelines resulting in construction projects stalling, cost overruns and abandonment or deterioration of partially completed projects.



Photo 44: Public Participation in Emgwen Constituency

4.4.45 Emuhaya Constituency

187. The public hearing exercise was held at the Emuhaya Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 215 members of the public took part in the exercise.

188. Of these, 211 persons supported the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:

(i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education by issuing bursaries to needy students and facilitating infrastructural development in public schools by constructing classrooms, laboratories and ablution blocks.

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- (ii) The SOF would enhance Senate's capacity to oversee the county government's projects.
- 189. On the other hand, 4 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill stating, among other reasons, that there was limited visibility of the impact of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 45: Public Participation in Emuhaya Constituency

4.4.46 Emurua Dikirr Constituency

- 190. The public hearing exercise was held at the Emurua Dikirr Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 680 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 191. All the 680 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education by providing bursaries to students thus easing the financial burden on parents, learners with disabilities and orphans.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also improved healthcare services and supported installation of electricity in the constituency.



Photo 46: Public Participation in Emurua Dikirr Constituency

4.4.47 Endebess Constituency

- 192. The public hearing exercise was held at the Endebess Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 429 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 193. All the 429 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has transformed the education sector through disbursement of bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms and administration blocks as well as purchase of school buses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has aided in infrastructural development including the construction of bridges.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported the health sector by constructing health facilities and purchase of health equipment and ambulances.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has improved security through the construction of administration blocks and installation of electricity masts in insecurity-prone areas.



Photo 47: Public Participation in Endebes Constituency

4.4.48 Fafi Constituency

- 194. The public hearing exercise was held at the Fafi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 210 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 195. All the 210 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted inclusivity by addressing the diverse needs of vulnerable groups.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced community involvement in project selection and implementation promoting transparency and accountability. The Funds have also enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries to needy students.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to improvement of public infrastructure such as schools, health facilities, police posts, and other community amenities.
 - (iv) The Bill would address constitutional gaps, particularly, in relation to equitable resource allocation and local development.

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Photo 48: Public Participation in Fafi Constituency

4.4.49 Funyula Constituency

- 196. The public hearing exercise was held at the Funyula Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 535 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 197. A total of 523 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries to the needy students, facilitated the construction of classrooms, ablution blocks and drilling of boreholes in schools, guaranteeing access to education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced infrastructure development including the construction of police posts and provision of lighting within the constituency.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF projects have increased employment opportunities in the constituency. Entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would, therefore, secure these jobs.
- 198. On the other hand, 12 participants expressed reservations on the Bill and observed that the Funds would be burdensome to already strained taxpayers and that entrenchment of the Funds may lead to a duplication of roles.



Photo 49: Public Participation in Funyula Constituency

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4.4.50 Galole Constituency

- 199. The public hearing exercise was held at the Galole Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 557 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 200. A total of 552 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries to needy students, building secondary schools, classrooms, laboratories and ablution units.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has empowered women, youth and Persons with Disabilities by supporting them in their businesses. The Fund has also supported girls from vulnerable backgrounds through provision of sanitary towels.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have employed constituents in their offices. Entrenchment of the SOF would further increase access to employment opportunities.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has improved security by constructing police posts enhancing security surveillance in that area. The Fund has also brought services closer to the citizens through the construction of NGAO offices. These offices have eased the process of registration of births and deaths of the constituents.
- 201. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted the need for disbursement of NG-CDF and NGAAF bursaries before school terms commence. In addition, they were of the opinion that the Bill should be subjected to a referendum to ensure the views of all Kenyans are taken into account.
- 202. On the other hand, 5 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - Entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would interfere with devolution and the principle of separation of powers.
 - (ii) There have been allegations of mismanagement of Funds and discrimination in allocation of bursaries and project selection.



Photo 50: Public Participation in Galole Constituency

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4.4.51 Ganze Constituency

- 203. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ganze Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 292 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 204. Of these, 287 participants supported the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through issuance of bursaries to needy students and construction of classrooms and ablution blocks.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has improved security through the construction of police posts. The Fund has also brought essential services closer to the people through the construction of NGAO offices.
 - (iii) The SOF would strengthen oversight of county governments. Entrenchment of the Fund would therefore promote good governance.
- 205. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed enhancement of the NG-CDF kitty to adequately provide for school feeding programmes and water harvesting projects.
- 206. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF should not be entrenched in the Constitution because constituencies are situated within the bounds of county governments that have budgetary allocations. (ii) Alleged corruption in the distribution and utilization of NGAAF.

 - (iii) The role of oversight in the utilization of public funds is a preserve of the Office of the Auditor General and entrenchment of the SOF in the Constitution would result in a conflict of roles.



Photo 51: Public Participation in Ganze Constituency

Garissa Township Constituency 4.4.52

The public hearing exercise was held at the Ganze Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 132 members of the public took part in the exercise.

207. Of these, 128 participants supported the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:

- (i) The NG-CDF has promoted infrastructure development through construction of classrooms.
- (ii) The NGAAF has supported girls' education through provision of sanitary towels improving attendance and retention of girls in schools.

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- (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have positively impacted marginalized communities by providing access to water during drought seasons and other essential services.
- (iv) Entrenchment of the SOF in the Constitution would strengthen the Senate's oversight role thereby promoting transparency and accountability in the use of public resources.
- 208. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase of the NG-CDF allocation to further enhance access to education.
- 209. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, allegations of corruption and misuse of the NG-CDF and NGAAF, political favouritism in the allocation of bursaries and NG-CDF project tenders.



4.4.53 Garsen Constituency

- 210. The public hearing exercise was held at the Garsen Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 495 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 211. All the 495 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries to needy students, building secondary schools, classrooms, laboratories and ablution units.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has empowered women, youth and Persons with Disabilities by supporting them in their businesses. The Fund has also supported girls from vulnerable backgrounds through provision of sanitary towels.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have employed constituents in their offices. Entrenchment of the SOF would further increase access to employment opportunities.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has improved security by constructing police posts enhancing security surveillance in that area. The Fund has also brought services closer to the citizens through the construction of NGAO offices. These offices have eased the process of registration of births and deaths of the constituents.



Photo 53: Public Participation in Garsen Constituency

4.4.54 Gatanga Constituency

- 212. The public hearing exercise was held at the Gatanga Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 729 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 213. All the 729 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has promoted education by providing bursaries for needy students and modernized school infrastructure thereby providing a conducive learning environment.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has supported the empowerment of women and youth through the provision of star-up capital for businesses.
- 214. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed that there was need to enhance the NG-CDF thereby enabling more students to benefit from the Fund.



Photo 54: Public Participation in Gatanga Constituency

4.4.55 Gatundu North Constituency

- 215. The public hearing exercise was held at the Gatundu North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 314 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 216. A total of 309 participants expressed their support for the Bill noting, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries to needy students and improvement of school facilities, creating a conducive learning environment and addressing overcrowding in public schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has accelerated equitable development and empowered local communities in the constituency.
- 217. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, fear of theft and misappropriation of the Funds and a likely conflict of functions of the Funds with that of county governments.



Photo 55: Public Participation in Gatundu North Constituency

4.4.56 Gatundu South Constituency

- 218. The public hearing exercise was held at the Gatundu South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 288 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 219. A total of 284 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education by supporting various initiatives including provision of bursaries and building of schools, creating a conducive environment for learners.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to empowerment projects such as supporting the youth to undertake short courses to enhance their technical skills.
- 220. On the contrary, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting, among other concerns, allegations of political interference in allocation of the Funds and perceived exclusion of marginalized groups in bursary allocation and project selection.

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Photo 56: Public Participation in Gatundu South Constituency

4.4.57 Gem Constituency

- 221. The public hearing exercise was held at the Gem Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 542 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 222. A total of 534 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has ensured constituents can easily access their leaders as they operate from their constituency offices.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported education through issuance of bursaries and developed infrastructure by building schools, classrooms and administrative offices.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has been instrumental in supporting vulnerable groups such as the elderly and orphans.
- 223. On the other hand, 8 participants expressed reservations on the Bill.



Photo 57: Public Participation in Gem Constituency

4.4.58 Gichugu Constituency

224. The public hearing exercise was held at the Gichugu Constutuency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 210 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 225. A total of 207 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the provision of bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms and ablution blocks in schools. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of NGAO offices, bringing services closer to the people. The Fund has also supported rural electrification in the constituency.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced the digital skills of constituents through the construction of Ajira digital hubs across the constituency and supported the youth through the nurturing of talents in the field of sports. Resultantly, reducing drug and alcohol abuse.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF are more accessible to the people compared to other government funds.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has supported PWDs through affirmative action programmes.
- 226. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that the High Court declared the NG-CDF unconstitutional. Further that, the NGAAF only focuses on women, excluding men.



Photo 58: Public Participation in Gichugu Constituency

4.4.59 Gilgil Constituency

- 227. The public hearing exercise was held at the Gilgil Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 433 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 228. A total of 430 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to the education sector by providing bursaries for needy students, building new schools, purchasing of school buses and improving infrastructure in schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported infrastructure projects such construction of police stations and NGAO offices.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has promoted economic empowerment to women, youths and persons with disabilities.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have been instrumental in providing targeted relief support to constituents during national disasters.

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229. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, alleged corruption and nepotism in the allocation and management of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 59: Public Participation in Gilgil Constituency

4.4.60 Githunguri Constituency

- 230. The public hearing exercise was held at the Githunguri Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 863 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 231. A total of 859 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have impacted the education sector by providing bursaries, school fees, building of schools and enabling form four leavers undertake short courses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF have contributed to infrastructural development such as establishment of ICT hubs, construction of hospitals and enhanced security through the construction of police stations.
- 232. On the contrary, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill.



Photo 60: Public Participation in Githunguri Constituency

4.4.61 Hamisi Constituency

- 233. The public hearing exercise was held at the Hamisi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 629 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 234. A total of 608 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF was easily accessible as it operates within the constituents' reach.
 - (II) The NG-CDF has supported initiatives such as rural electrification.
 - (iii) There has been equal distribution of the NG-CDF and NGAAF bursaries allowing needy students to access education.
- 235. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted the need for specifying an allocation for the key sectors such as education within the NG-CDF and provision of a kitty foe national emergency response. In addition, they proposed that the NGAAF be utilized to pay village elders of nyumba kumi.
- 236. On the other hand, 21 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - The removal of the proposed SOF and NGAAF as it would place an additional burden on the taxpayers.
 - (ii) The Funds should be allocated to county governments to strengthen devolution.



Photo 61: Public Participation in Hamisi Constituency

4.4.62 Homabay Town Constituency

- 237. The public hearing exercise was held at the Homabay Town Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 481 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 238. A total of 463 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education through the issuance of bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced infrastructural development through construction of police stations, NGAO offices and bridges.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported businesses through construction of market stalls and public toilets.
- 239. On the other hand, 18 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) There was a lot of bureaucracies involved in accessing the NG-CDF and NGAAF.
 - There was ineffective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for the utilization of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 62: Public Participation in HomaBay Town Constituency

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4.4.63 Igembe Central Constituency

- 240. The public hearing exercise was held at the Igembe Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,011 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 241. A total of 1,010 participants supported the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that: (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction of police camps at the constituency level
 - improving security.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the construction of classrooms in primary and secondary schools, issuance of bursaries to needy students and the purchase of school buses. The Fund has also promoted vocational and technical training through the establishment of TVETs.
- 242. On the other hand, one participant expressed their reservations on the Bill alleging misuse of resources allocated to the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 63: Public Participation in Igembe Central Constituency

4.4.64 Igembe North Constituency

- 243. The public hearing exercise was held at the Igembe North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 484 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 244. All the 484 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF provided bursaries to needy students and assisted in the construction of classrooms. Equally, the Funds have supported the empowerment of vulnerable groups including women and PWDs.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF have contributed to the development of infrastructure in the security sector through the constructing of police stations.


Photo 64: Public Participation in Igembe North Constituency

4.4.65 Igembe South Constituency

- 245. The public hearing exercise was held at the Igembe South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,318 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 246. A total of 2,307 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have made significant contributions, including creating employment opportunities for the locals, access to education for vulnerable students, enhanced security through the construction of police stations and supporting environmental protection initiatives such as tree planting.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF have also played a key role in infrastructure development including the establishment of ICT hubs and improved internet connectivity which have contributed to increased literacy among the constituents.
- 247. On the contrary, 11 participants expressed reservations on the Bill concerned that the Funds were inadequate to meet the needs of all constituents. As a result, several projects, such as road construction, remain incomplete.



Photo 65: Public Participation in Igembe South Constituency

4.4.66 Ijara Constituency

- 248. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ijara Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 72 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 249. All the 72 participants expressed their support for the Bill, stating, among other reasons, that the Funds have provided bursaries to needy students and assisted in the construction of classrooms. Additionally, the Funds have facilitated access to sanitary towels for girls.



Photo 66: Public Participation in Ijara Constituency

4.4.67 Ikolomani Constituency

250. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ikolomani Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 970 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 251. A total of 958 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have brought services closer to the people by increasing access to students' bursaries and supporting construction of schools thereby enhancing educational infrastructure. Further, the Funds have been used in the construction of houses for the teachers.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF have assisted in development of infrastructure including the construction of police stations thus improving public access to essential services.
 - (iii) The enactment of the Bill would create a legal framework that enhances transparency and accountability in the utilization and management of the Funds.
- 252. On the contrary, 12 participants expressed reservations on the Bill. They were of the view that the Funds may create potential avenues for corruption, favouritism and nepotism in the allocation and management of Funds. Additionally, it was noted that without proper oversight mechanisms, the Funds could be used for political advantage.



Photo 67: Public Participation in Ikolomani

4.4.68 Isiolo North Constituency

- 253. The public hearing exercise was held at the Isiolo North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 779 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 254. A total of 761 participants expressed their support for the Bill affirming that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries to students, enhanced educational infrastructure as well as contributed to increased security within the constituency through the construction of police stations.
- 255. On the contrary, 18 participants expressed reservations on the Bill observing that, while the Funds have made notable contributions, the allocation of the Funds for projects across various parts of the constituency has been unequal. They emphasized on the need for equal distribution of the Funds to ensure inclusive access to all.

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Photo 68: Public Participation in Isiolo North Constituency

4.4.69 Isiolo South Constituency

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- 256. The public hearing exercise was held at the Isiolo South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 346 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 257. A total of 343 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have benefited the local community by providing bursaries to students, improving learning institutions through upgraded school infrastructure and promoting security through the establishment of police stations.
- 258. On the contrary, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill. Their key concern was on the perceived disparities others for development projects in the allocation of the Funds, noting that some areas receive more funding than others.



Photo 69: Public Participation in Isiolo South Constituency

4.4.70 Jomvu Constituency

259. The public hearing exercise was held at the Jomvu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,155 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 260. A total of 2,044 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education programs through the distribution of bursaries to students and construction of schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has been instrumental in enhancing security through the construction of police stations and administrative offices as well as supported construction and upgrading of health facilities.
- 261. On the contrary, 111 participants expressed reservations on the Bill.



Photo 70: Public Participation in Jomvu Constituency

4.4.71 Juja Constituency

- 262. The public hearing exercise was held at the Juja Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,945 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 263. A total of 1,938 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have benefited the education sector through the distribution of bursaries to needy students. The Funds have also enhanced security through the construction of police stations and administrative offices as well as supported the elderly and vulnerable members of the community.
- 264. On the contrary, 7 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 71: Public Participation in Juja Constituency

4.4.72 Kabete Constituency

- 265. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kabete Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 981 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 266. A total of 976 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have improved access to quality education by providing bursaries, installation of electricity in schools, and building and renovating of school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced accessibility of the area through the construction of roads.
- 267. On the contrary, 5 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 72: Public Participation in Kabete Constituency

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4.4.73 Kabondo Kasipul Constituency

- 268. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kabondo Kasipul Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 547 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 269. A total of 543 participants expressed their support for the Bill noting, among other reasons, that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the development of the community by enabling access to education through provision of bursaries, construction of schools as well as improved connectivity through the construction of feeder roads.
- 270. On the contrary, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill. They were concerned about alleged misappropriation of the Funds due to a lack of clear and structured mechanisms to guide the use of the Funds. In addition, they were of the view that such an amendment to the Constitution should be done by way of referendum.



Photo 73: Public Participation in Kabondo Kasipul Constituency

4.4.74 Kabuchai Constituency

- 271. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kabuchai Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 724 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 272. A total of 707 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through providing bursaries to students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to infrastructural development through the construction of police posts and chiefs' offices.
- 273. On the contrary, 17 participants expressed reservations on the Bill due to concerns of alleged nepotism in allocation of bursaries. In their view, there should be increased transparency and accountability in the management and oversight of the Funds.

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Photo 74: Public Participation in Kabuchai Constituency

4.4.75 Kacheliba Constituency

- 274. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kacheliba Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 165 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 275. A total of 162 participants supported the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the provision of bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms, laboratories, libraries and administration blocks, and purchase of school buses.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has supported marginalized groups through distribution of dignity kits ensuring retention of girls in schools, provision of assistive devices like wheelchairs to PWDs and income-generating initiatives for the youth.
 - (iii) Entrenchment of the SOF would strengthen Senate's oversight role over county government projects.
- 276. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill.



Photo 75: Public Participation in Kacheliba Constituency

4.4.76 Kaiti Constituency

- 277. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kaiti Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 622 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 278. A total of 621 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries to needy and vulnerable students, school feeding programs and construction of schools and school infrastructure, improving literacy levels in the constituency.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has assisted in mitigation of national disasters by providing targeted relief to vulnerable households affected by drought.
- 279. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 76: Public Participation in Kaiti Constituency

4.4.77 Kajiado Central Constituency

- 280. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kajiado Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 380 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 281. A total of 363 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to improved educational infrastructure such as construction of school administration blocks, ablution facilities, new classrooms as well as provided bursaries to needy students. The Funds have also facilitated access to assistive devices for persons with disabilities and promoted youth empowerment by supporting short vocational courses that equip the youth with skills for employment.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also supported infrastructural development including construction and renovation of police posts, chiefs' offices and access roads, thus enhancing connectivity within the constituency.
- 282. On the contrary, 17 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting that there was lack of transparency in project selection and the use of the Funds. There was perception that without proper accountability, the Funds could be used for political gains. It was their view that there was need for increased capacity building of leader to equip leaders with necessary skills for effective delivery of quality outcomes.



Photo 77: Public Participation in Kajiado Central Constituency

4.4.78 Kajiado East Constituency

- 283. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kajiado East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 664 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 284. A total of 649 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to education by providing bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms, laboratories, dormitories, ramps and accessible toilets for learners with disabilities and ablution blocks.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported infrastructural development programs such as construction of roads, public toilets, police posts and chiefs' offices.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also supported bodaboda riders to obtain valid driving licenses and enabled the erection of perimeter fencing around schools, farms and community lands located near wildlife zones curbing human-wildlife conflict.
- 285. While in support of the Bill, some participants stated that the current allocation was insufficient to meet the growing demand for bursaries and improved infrastructure. In their view, the Funds should be increased to enhance access to essential services.
- 286. On the contrary, 15 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.

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Photo 78: Public Participation in Kajiado East Constituency

4.4.79 Kajiado North Constituency

- 287. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kajiado North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,118 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 288. A total of 1,075 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to quality education by providing bursaries and scholarships to needy students and improved educational infrastructure through construction and renovation of classrooms. The Funds have also enabled establishment of ICT hubs and empowerment of vulnerable groups and women and the youth which has promoted equality and inclusion.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction and renovation of police posts, chiefs' offices, access roads and bridges thus enhancing accessibility within the constituency.
- 289. On the contrary, 43 participants expressed reservations on the Bill due to concerns that without transparency, the Funds could be used for electoral gains and political expediency.



Photo 79: Public Participation in Kajiado North Constituency

4.4.80 Kajiado South Constituency

- 290. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kajiado South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 667 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 291. A total of 658 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to education through improved infrastructure such as construction of a social hall at Kimana Primary School and provided educational support up to university level. The Funds have also supported infrastructural development including building of administrative offices and access of accessible facilities to persons with disabilities.
- 292. On the contrary, 9 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting that there needs to be increased allocation into the NGAAF in order to effectively support vulnerable groups.



Photo 80: Public Participation in Kajiado South Constituency

4.4.81 Kajiado West Constituency

- 293. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kajiado West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,022 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 294. A total of 1,019 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated infrastructural development including the construction of school administration blocks, Huduma Centres, land offices thereby enhancing service delivery to the constituents.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to quality education especially for girls in the constituency who have historically been disadvantaged through the provision of sanitary towels, construction of ablution blocks and dormitories.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported CBOs and women groups by facilitating the provision of social support items such as umbrellas and tents which have provided a conducive environment to carry out social and economic activities. The Fund has also

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empowered the youth, PWDs and vulnerable groups through provision of incomegenerating activities and capacity building programs.

- 295. While in support of the Bill, some participants noted that the current allocation was insufficient to meet the growing demand for bursaries and infrastructural development hence, proposed an increase of budgetary allocation to NG-CDF to boost access to essential services.
- 296. On the contrary, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 81: Public Participation in Kajiado West Constituency

4.4.82 Kaloleni Constituency

- 297. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kaloleni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 986 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 298. A total of 981 participants expressed their support for the Bill noting, among other reasons, that the Funds have played a key role in awarding of bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms, administration blocks, laboratories and NGAO offices.
- 299. On the contrary, 5 participants expressed reservations on the Bill. They stated that the Constitution of Kenya already establishes a devolved system of government within which county governments are allocated development funds. It was their view that establishing separate funds at constituency level may lead to duplication of roles and increase the likelihood of mismanagement of public resources.



Photo 82: Public Participation in Kaloleni Constituency

4.4.83 Kamukunji Constituency

- 300. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kamukunji Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,610 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 301. All the 1,610 participants expressed their support for the Bill submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF were easily accessible thereby enabling rural development and improvement of school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NGAAF have been essential in supporting vulnerable groups such as orphans and persons with disabilities by providing them with school fees and establishment of business opportunities.



Photo 83: Public Participation in Kamukunji Constituency

4.4.84 Kandara Constituency

302. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kandara Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 367 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 303. All the 367 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education by providing bursaries to needy students. The funds have reduced regional disparities by allocating resources based on need, ensuring that all constituencies benefit from development initiatives.
 - (ii) The Funds have facilitated the construction of educational infrastructure such as new schools, classrooms, libraries, installation of electricity and other essential infrastructure, improving access to education and other services.



4.4.85 Kanduyi Constituency

- 304. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kanduyi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 364 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 305. A total of 345 participants supported the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through provision of bursaries, and construction of classrooms, laboratories and dormitories. The Fund has also boosted local economy in the constituency through NG-CDF-funded projects.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has improved the lives of vulnerable groups in the constituency through affirmative action programs.
- 306. On the other hand, 19 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill stating, among other concerns, a fear of mismanagement of the Funds for political expediency.



Photo 85: Public Participation in Kanduyi Constituency

4.4.86 Kangema Constituency

- 307. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kangema Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,539 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 308. Of these, 1,536 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed the realization of some of the social and economic rights such as by providing bursaries for needy leaners for both primary and secondary schools ensuring that the learners and retained in school.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the construction of educational infrastructure such as classrooms, new technical schools that equip the youth with skills that will enable them secure employment opportunities.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction of new security and administration facilities in constituencies such as police stations, police posts and chiefs' offices.
- 309. On the contrary, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill noting the objective of the NGCDF is to promote equitable development and address the localized needs of the people. It was therefore their view that the NGAAF would occasion duplication and functionality overlap of the NGCDF and existing devolved and national initiatives. Additionally, they were also of the opinion that the Funds have been effectively serving their intended purpose despite operating without a legal framework therefore do not need to be entrenched in the Constitution.



Photo 86: Public Participation in Kangema Constituency

4.4.87 Kangundo Constituency

- 310. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kangundo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 294 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 311. A total of 290 participants supported the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through issuance of bursaries, construction of classrooms and provision of water to schools.
 - (ii) The NGAAE has improved the lives of vulnerable groups in the constituency through affirmative action programs.
- 312. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill alleging corruption and nepotism in the mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 87: Public Participation in Kangundo Constituency

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4.4.88 Kapenguria Constituency

- 313. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kapenguria Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 444 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 314. A total of 440 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries to needy students, purchase of school buses and construction of classrooms.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported the construction of NGAO offices, police posts and drilling of boreholes, rural electrification and maintenance of health facilities thereby improving the lives of the constituents.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced social support services by providing assistive devices to persons with disabilities and creation of job opportunities through local projects.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has provided sanitary towels to school-going girls, promoted sporting activities and talent development programs among the youth, and supplied tents to CBOs during social functions.
 - (v) The SOF would enhance transparency and accountability of county governments thus strengthen devolution.
- 315. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 88: Public Participation in Kapenguria Constituency

4.4.89 Kapseret Constituency

- 316. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kapseret Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 306 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 317. A total of 267 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has increased development in constituencies through the completion of local projects and construction of security units and NGAO offices. The Fund has also assisted in mitigating the effects of national disasters and emergencies.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries, drilling of boreholes and provision of water storage tanks in schools and construction of ablution blocks.

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Photo 89: Public Participation in Kapseret Constituency

4.4.90 Karachuonyo Constituency

- 319. The public hearing exercise was held at the Karachuonyo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,600 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 320. A total of 1.547 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported the education sector through the construction of classrooms and administration blocks and provided bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported the construction of health facilities and police stations.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced transparency through community participation in the project selection.
- 321. On the other hand, 53 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) Allegations of discrimination and corruption in the mismanagement of funds.
 - (ii) The enactment of the Bill will result in increased taxation thereby imposing an additional financial burden on taxpayers.

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Photo 90: Public Participation in Karachuonyo Constituency

4.4.91 Kasarani Constituency

- 322. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kasarani Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,068 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 323. A total of 1,038 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has improved the livelihood of the constituents by supporting the development of infrastructure including construction of NGAO offices and police stations.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported needy students through issuance of scholarships and bursaries.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have improved the living conditions of persons with disabilities through provision of assistive devices.
- 324. On the other hand, 30 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) The Funds should be allocated to the relevant ministries in the national government.
 - (ii) The distribution and management of the Funds were prone to corruption and misuse.



Photo 91: Public Participation in Kasarani Constituency

4.4.92 Kasipul Constituency

- 325. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kasipul Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 779 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 326. A total of 774 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to education through provision of bursaries to needy students and development of school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security by constructing police stations.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported supported vulnerable groups such as orphans and contributed to empowerment of the youth by facilitating them to pursue short courses.
- 327. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) The Funds could be used for political mileage.
 - (ii) Allegations of discrimination and nepotism in the allocation of bursaries.



Photo 92: Public Participation in Kasipul Constituency

4.4.93 Kathiani Constituency

328. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kathiani Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,953 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 329. A total of 1,941 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy students thereby promoting access to education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have aided in infrastructural development thereby creating employment opportunities for the local community.
- 330. On the other hand, 12 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that there was need for a better accountability framework for the management of the Funds.



Photo 93: Public Participation in Kathiani Constituency

4.4.94 Keiyo North Constituency

- 331. The public hearing exercise was held at the Keiyo North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,648 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 332. A total of 1,645 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy students thereby promoting access to education.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has supported the youth, women and PWDs through affirmative action programs.
- 333. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing, among other concerns, that:
 - Entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would result in a conflict on interest in relation to their management and oversight.
 - (ii) The Funds are required to benefit the people at local level and should therefore be allocated to the counties.
 - (iii) There have been previous allegations of mismanagement of the NG-CDF and the NGAAF.



Photo 94: Public Participation in Keiyo North Constituency

4.4.95 Keiyo South Constituency

- 334. The public hearing exercise was held at the Keiyo South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,417 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 335. A total of 1,416 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through building of schools, colleges and proper sanitary facilities. It has also provided school fees to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction and renovation of roads, bridges and installation of electricity to enhance ease in access and connectivity.
- 336. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 95: Public Participation in Keiyo South Constituency

4.4.96 Kesses Constituency

- 337. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kesses Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 442 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 338. A total of 417 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons that:

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- The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the construction of schools and school infrastructure.
- (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have facilitated the creation of job opportunities to the constituents in their offices and through the Funds' local projects.
- 339. On the other hand, 25 participants expressed reservations on the Bill alleging corruption and mismanagement of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 96: Public Participation in Kesses Constituency

4.4.97 Khwisero Constituency

- 340. The public hearing exercise was held at the Khwisero Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 288 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 341. All the 288 participants expressed their support for the Bill noting, among other reasons, that the Funds have played a key role in awarding of bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms, administration blocks, laboratories and NGAO offices.



Photo 97: Public Participation in Khwisero Constituency

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4.4.98 Kiambaa Constituency

- 342. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kiambaa Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 566 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 343. A total of 560 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have benefited the education sector through the distribution of bursaries to needy students, renovation of classrooms and supported the school feeding program.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to enhanced security through the construction of police stations.
- 344. On the contrary, 6 participants expressed reservations on the Bill.



Photo 98: Public Participation in Kiambaa Constituency

4.4.99 Kiambu Constituency

- 345. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kiambu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 910 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 346. A total of 900 participants expressed their support for the Bill noting, among other reasons, that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the advancement of the education sector by providing bursaries and school fees to needy students which has in turn led to improved livelihoods within the community.
- 347. On the contrary, 10 participants expressed reservations on the Bill concerned of alleged misappropriation of the Funds which they claimed has contributed to an increase in the country's national wage bill. Some participants stated that despite several attempts to apply for the NG-CDF and NGAAF bursaries, they had never received any allocations. In their view, the Funds could be more effectively managed if they were allocated to the relevant ministries for effective management.

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Photo 99: Public Participation in Kaimbu Constitutency

4.4.100 Kibra Constituency

- 348. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kibra Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,867 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 349. A total of 1,843 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to improvement of infrastructure in schools and provided bursaries to the needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has been easily accessible to constituents.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security through the construction of police stations.
- 350. On the other hand, 24 participants expressed reservations on the Bill alleging previous mismanagement of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 100: Public Participation in Kibra Constituency

4.4.101 Kibwezi East Constituency

- 351. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kibwezi East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,304 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 352. A total of 2,295 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF has actively promoted education by providing bursaries to students from vulnerable backgrounds.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction of schools, roads, and public offices.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported women and youth through various empowerment programs.
- 353. While supporting the Bill, some participants recommended that mechanisms be established to curb corruption and mismanagement of the Funds.
- 354. On the other hand, 9 participants expressed reservations on the Bill, stating, among their concerns, that:
 - (i) The management of the funds should be delegated to the county governments.
 - (ii) The principle of separation of powers would be infringed upon.



Photo 101: Public Participation in Kibwezi East Constituency

4.4.102 Kibwezi West Constituency

- 355. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kibwezi West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 3,084 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 356. A total of 3,058 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated access to education through issuance of bursaries to needy and vulnerable students, alleviating financial strain on families.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has improved infrastructure in the constituency by constructing schools and public offices.

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- (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have empowered women and youth by enhancing their literacy skills.
- (iv) The Senate Oversight Fund would bolster the Senate's oversight role.
- 357. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted the need to ensure equitable allocation of bursaries.
- 358. On the other hand, 26 participants expressed reservations about the Bill.



Photo 102: Public Participation in Kibwezi West Constituency

4.4.103 Kieni Constituency

- 359. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kieni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 844 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 360. A total of 832 participants expressed their support for the Bill, submitting, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has aided the education sector through initiatives like the bursary program, building administration blocks and classrooms, and supporting the school feeding program.
 - (ii) It has also facilitated development projects such as drainage systems and security offices.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has fostered employment opportunities for youth, women, and individuals with disabilities.
- 361. On the other hand, 12 participants expressed reservations about the Bill, stating that the funds should be allocated to the relevant ministries as they are able to identify and address priority needs.



Photo 103: Public Participation in Kieni Constituency

4.4.104 Kigumo Constituency

- 362. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kigumo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 734 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 363. All 734 participants expressed their support for the Bill. Among other reasons, they stated that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education by providing bursaries to needy students and supporting the construction of classrooms. They have also provided employment opportunities for the youth through the funded projects.



Photo 104: Public Participation in Kigumo Constituency

4.4.105 Kiharu Constituency

364. The public hearing exercise was held at Kiharu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,419 members of the public took part in the exercise.

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- 365. Of these, 1,412 persons supported the Bill citing, among others, the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF fund has helped needy students access education through bursaries and school-feeding programmes. The Fund has also constructed schools, health facilities and chiefs' offices.
 - The NG-CDF and NGAAF have empowered the youth and women through various programmes.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF is easily accessible and equitably distributed.
- 366. On the other hand, 7 participants expressed reservations on the Bill citing previous misuse of the NG-CDF and NGAAF. In addition, they were of the view that the SOF was not essential.



Photo 105: Public Particiaption in Kiharu Constituency

4.4.106 Kikuyu Constituency

- 367. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kikuyu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,643 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 368. A total of 1,428 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to the education sector by providing bursaries to needy students and supporting the construction of classrooms, thereby promoting access to education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated infrastructural development in the constituency by building roads and police stations, enhancing accessibility and promoting security.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have empowered women, youths, and vulnerable groups, thus improving their living standards.
- 369. On the contrary, 215 participants expressed reservations about the Bill, citing, among other reasons, that maintaining the Funds separately was insufficient to meet the growing demand for social services. They argued that it was necessary to consolidate the NG-CDF and the NGAAF to pool more resources to support education and provide broader coverage.

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Photo 106: Public Participation in Kikuyu Constituency

4.4.107 Kilgoris Constituency

- 370. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kilgoris Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 616 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 371. A total of 615 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has aided education by offering bursaries to underprivileged students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has fostered infrastructural growth by constructing classrooms, toilets, roads, bridges, police stations, chiefs' offices, and installing street lights for improved business operations and safety.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have economically empowered youth and women through training programs, support for small-scale businesses, and talent development, ultimately enhancing their living standards.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have strengthened social protection efforts by assisting marginalised populations, including orphans, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.
 - (V) The Funds have encouraged the fair distribution of resources across constituencies.
 - (vi) The Senate Oversight Fund would bolster the Senate's oversight role therefore ensuring prudent use of resources.
- 372. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations about the Bill and stated that there were concerns of political bias and favouritism in the allocation of bursaries.



Photo 107: Public Participation in Kilgoris Constituency

4.4.108 Kilifi North Constituency

- 373. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kilifi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 733 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 374. A total of 729 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF is easily accessible to many residents, ensuring that the development funds are decentralised to facilitate residents at the grassroots level.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has reduced the rate of school dropouts and teenage pregnancies by providing educational support.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and the NGAAF have significantly contributed to infrastructural development by establishing ICT hubs that enhance access to the Internet, thereby providing a conducive environment for learning and working.
- 375. On the other hand, 4 participants had reservations about the Bill, though they did not give reasons for their concerns.



Photo 108: Public Participation in Kilifi North Constituency

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4.4.109 Kilifi South Constituency

376. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kilifi South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 836 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 377. A total of 816 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing the following reasons, among others:
 - (i) The NG-CDF is highly accessible, ensuring educational development through bursaries at different levels, facilitating school construction, enabling teacher employment, and fostering job opportunities in the community constituency.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and the NGAAF have also significantly contributed to women's empowerment initiatives, promoting gender equality and enhancing inclusivity.
- 378. On the other hand, 20 participants expressed reservations about the Bill, suggesting that the proposed Senate Oversight Fund should be allocated to the ward representatives, as they are better positioned to provide proper oversight of county governments. They also noted that the NG-CDF and NGAAF were not uniformly distributed across their constituency. As such, a system should be implemented to ensure the equitable distribution of resources across all wards.



Photo 109: Public Participation in Kilifi South Constituency

4.4.110 Kilome Constituency

- 379. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kilome Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 880 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 380. All 880 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy and vulnerable students, alleviating financial pressure on families.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced infrastructure by constructing schools, roads, and public offices.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has boosted literacy rates by empowering youth and women.
 - (iv) The Funds have improved connectivity through electricity installation in rural areas.

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Photo 110: Public Participation in Kilome Constituency

4.4.111 Kimilili Constituency

- 381. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kimilili Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,245 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 382. A total of 1,225 participants expressed their support for the Bill noting that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have played a key role in awarding of bursaries to needy students and the construction of classrooms.
- 383. On the contrary, 20 participants expressed reservations on the Bill concerned about mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 111: Public Participation in Kimilili Constituency

4.4.112 Kiminini Constituency

- 384. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kiminini Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,200 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 385. All the 1,200 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported the development of education by providing bursaries to needy students, construction of classrooms, ramps for learners and teachers with special needs, ablution blocks and playgrounds, and laboratories.
 - (ii) The NGAAF have enhanced access to clean water and promoted youth economic empowerment through talent shows aimed at nurturing skills and creativity.



Photo 112: Public Participation in Kiminini Constituency

4.4.113 Kinango Constituency

- 386. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kinango Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 380 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 387. A total of 379 participants expressed their support for the Bill stated, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to education by providing bursaries to needy students, construction of schools and improvement of infrastructure in the schools. The Funds have also created employment opportunities through their projects and contributed to economic empowerment of women, youth and persons with disabilities.
- 388. While supporting the Bill, a majority of the participants indicated the need to increase NG-CDF and NGAAF's budgetary allocation to ensure equitable distribution of resources.
- 389. On the contrary, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill. They stated that despite the existence of the NG-CDF and NGAAF, some members of the public have been disadvantaged in the allocation of bursaries and implementation of development projects.

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Photo 113: Public Participation in Kinango Constituency

4.4.114 Kinang'op Constituency

- 390. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kinang'op Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 825 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 391. A total of 818 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education by issuing bursaries to needy students, constructing laboratories and modern ablution blocks, establishing TVET institutions, and procuring school buses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated infrastructure developments in the constituency by renovating over 100 classrooms, equipping laboratories, improving rural roads, funding KMTC Kinang'op Campus, drilling boreholes in local centres and public schools, enhancing electricity access through matching funds, and installing street lighting.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has also supported governance and security in the constituency by funding police stations, posts, and chiefs' offices, licensing boda boda riders, and improving security infrastructure.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF promote equity and efficiency by decentralising resource allocation, engaging citizens, and creating job opportunities for youth.
 - (v) The NGAAF has initiated projects to empower vulnerable groups in the county.
 - (vi) The Senate Oversight Fund will allow senators to oversee the projects initiated by county governments efficiently.
- 392. While supporting the Bill, participants proposed increasing the NG-CDF allocation from 2.5% to 5% of the national revenue.
- 393. Conversely, 7 individuals expressed their reservations about the Bill for the following concerns, among others:
 - There exists a potential risk of mismanagement of the Funds if appropriate monitoring mechanisms are not implemented.
 - (ii) The Funds should be allocated to the county governments.
 - (iii) The National Assembly is required to fulfil its constitutional responsibilities and ensure an equitable distribution of NG-CDF funds among constituencies.

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Photo 114: Public Participation in Kinangop Constituency

4.4.115 Kipipiri Constituency

- 394. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kipipiri Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 213 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 395. All 213 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported the education sector by providing bursaries to needy students, promoting the school feeding programs, procuring school buses, constructing modern ablution blocks, and offering financial support to over 500 students in TVETs and universities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to infrastructural development through the drilling of boreholes, improvement of rural roads and enhancement of electricity and street lighting connectivity
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security through the construction of police stations and chiefs' offices.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted environmental protection initiatives such as tree planting.
 - (v) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided employment opportunities for the youth through various development projects.
 - (vi) The NGAAF has supported widows, youths and persons with disabilities through the empowerment programs.
- While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed increasing the budget allocation of the NG-CDF.



Photo 115: Public Participation in Kipipiri Constituency

4.4.116 Kipkelion East Constituency

- 397. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kipkelion East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 351 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 398. A total of 339 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to creating job opportunities through infrastructural development, such as constructing roads and buildings.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has supported school-going girls by supplying them with sanitary towels, thereby retaining them in schools.
- 399. While supporting the Bill, participants proposed an increase in the allocation of the NG-CDF. They underscored the importance of ensuring equitable distribution of the Funds to the members of the public.
- 400. On the other hand, 12 participants expressed reservations on the Bill and observed the following:
 - (i) The Funds' administration was perceived as an administrative function.
 - (ii) It was recommended that the Funds be devolved to the county governments or directed to the relevant ministries, as those entities are better positioned to assess and address their priority sectoral needs.
 - (iii) It was noted that the High Court had declared the NG-CDF unconstitutional.
 - (iv) Concerns were raised regarding the lack of transparency in allocating the funds, accompanied by allegations of corruption.
 - (v) There were apprehensions that the Funds could be utilised to influence voters.



Photo 116: Public Participation in Kipkelion East Constituency

4.4.117 Kipkelion West Constituency

- 401. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kipkelion West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 237 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 402. A total of 221 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has positively impacted the community by constructing schools, issuing bursaries to needy students, and drilling boreholes for these institutions, thereby enhancing education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have facilitated the creation of job opportunities for the local community and have provided support to vulnerable groups, including PWDs.
 - (iii) The Senate oversight fund should be entrenched in the Constitution to enable Senators to perform their duties effectively and efficiently.
- 403. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted that NGAAF, which covers the whole county, needed to be allocated additional funding.
- 404. On the other hand, 16 participants expressed reservations about the Bill, stating concerns, among others, that the NG-CDF and NGAAF had been unfairly distributed in their constituency and thus their fear that the proposed Funds would not benefit the ordinary citizen.



Photo 117: Public Participation in Kipkelion West Constituency

4.4.118 Kirinyaga Central Constituency

- 405. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kirinyaga Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 753 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 406. A total of 740 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF has enhanced security and governance in the constituency by building NGAO offices and constructing perimeter walls.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported schools' infrastructure development by building additional classrooms, ablution blocks, staff rooms, and science laboratories. These initiatives have reduced overcrowding, improved hygiene, and enhanced the overall learning experience.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have implemented environmental initiatives, including planting fruit trees, to promote ecological awareness and enhance nutrition within school communities.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also supported needy learners through bursaries, ensuring that vulnerable children stay in school, thus contributing to increased retention and reduced dropout rates.
 - (v) The NG-CDF has facilitated the establishment of digital learning centres and access to ICT infrastructure.
- 407. On the other hand, 13 participants expressed reservations on the Bill, raising the following concerns, among others, that:
 - (i) The overlap between the NG-CDF and NGAAF functions raises concerns about efficiency, resource allocation, and duplicate functions.
 - (ii) Entrenching the Senate Oversight Fund in the Constitution is unnecessary, as its functions should be integrated into the existing county government structures.



Photo 118: Public Participation in Kirinyaga Central Constituency

4.4.119 Kisauni Constituency

- 408. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kisauni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 896 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 409. A total of 892 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to education programs through the distribution of bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF have enhanced security through the construction of police stations and administrative offices as well as supported the elderly and vulnerable members of the community.
- 410. On the contrary, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 119: Public Participation in Kisauni Constituency

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4.4.120 Kisumu Central Constituency

- 411. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kisumu Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,178 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 412. Of these, 2,154 supported the Bill noting, among other reasons, that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through bursaries and school infrastructure development, supported youth empowerment through employability in TVETs and driving schools. Further that, compared to other funds, the Funds are easier to access.
- 413. On the other hand, 24 participants shared their concerns about the Bill. They primarily felt that county governments lacked sufficient funding. Because of this, they emphasized the need for additional funds to support development at the county level.



Photo 120: Public Participation in Kisumu Central Constituency

4.4.121 Kisumu East Constituency

- 414. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kisumu East Constituency Office from 5th and 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 3,494 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 415. Of these, 3,363 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They stated that the NG-CDF provides bursaries, develops school infrastructure, such as classrooms and dormitories, and buys school buses. The Fund also creates employment, maintains roads, supports sportsmanship, and constructs police stations. They added that the NG-CDF and the NGAAF are easy to access and that the SOF would strengthen devolution.
- 416. Conversely, 131 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill, stating that the Funds should, instead, be allocated to county governments to support devolution.



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Photo 121: Public Participation in Kisumu East Constituency

4.4.122 Kisumu West Constituency

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- 417. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kisumu West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 967 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 418. Of these, 950 participants expressed their support for the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF are easily accessible by the people, support infrastructure development in schools and administrative offices.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have assisted the vulnerable to access education through bursaries and sponsorships.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF is the sole fund managed locally through project management committees, which makes it less expensive to implement.
- 419. On the other hand, 17 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised include a fear of mismanagement of the Funds and lack of adequate oversight mechanisms. Some participants were of the view that the Funds should be devolved to county governments.



Photo 122: Public Participation in Kisumu West Constituency

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4.4.123 Kitui Central Constituency

- 420. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitui Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,021 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 421. All the 2,011 participants supported the Bill noting that the Funds are vital for infrastructure projects, including electricity initiatives. In addition, the Funds have made education accessible to the vulnerable by providing bursaries for needy children, funding the construction of classrooms and science laboratories, and building and renovating schools.
- 422. On the other hand, 10 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 123: Public Participation in Kitui Central Constituency

4.4.124 Kitui East Constituency

- 423. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitui East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 954 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 424. A total of 938 participants supported the Bill. The main reason cited in support of the Bill was that the NG-CDF projects have stimulated development in various sectors, enhancing education and security.
- 425. On the other hand, 16 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.

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Photo 124: Public Participation in Kitui East Constituency

4.4.125 Kitui Rural Constituency

- 426. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitui Rural Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 582 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 427. All the 582 participants supported the Bill and submitted that the NG-CDF projects ensure a fair distribution of resources across the constituency, stimulating development. In addition, the Funds have enhanced access to education through bursaries and improved security.



Photo 125: Public Participation in Kitui Rural Constituency

4.4.126 Kitui South Constituency

- 428. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitui South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,436 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 429. Of these, 1,431 participants expressed their support for the Bill. In their view, the Funds promote infrastructure development, boost community development and support educational efforts at the community level thereby promoting regional fairness. In addition, the Funds support local businesses and creates jobs in the informal sectors, reducing poverty rates.

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 Conversely, 5 participants expressed doubts regarding the Bill but did not clarify their concerns.



Photo 126: Public Participation in Kitui South Constituency

4.4.127 Kitui West Constituency

- 431. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitui West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 840 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 432. Of these, 836 participants supported the Bill and submitted that the NG-CDF projects have fostered development within the constituency, improving education and security. These initiatives have stimulated growth across various sectors, particularly in education and security. Additionally, thanks to bursaries, numerous children have accessed education and completed their studies. Therefore, it is crucial to protect the Fund. They added that efforts have been made to guarantee equitable resource and project distribution through the Fund.
- 433. Conversely, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not provide reasons for their concerns.



Photo 127: Public Participation in Kitui West Constituency

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4.4.128 Kitutu Chache North Constituency

- 434. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitutu Chache North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 342 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 435. Of these, 337 participants supported the Bill. They stated as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has promoted access to education through the construction of administrative blocks for schools, classrooms and dormitories. It also supports vulnerable children through bursaries.
 - (ii) Additionally, the NG-CDF has facilitated the protection of the environment by encouraging tree-planting initiatives in the constituencies.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security by providing infrastructural support for the national government administration offices. The Fund has also supported the construction of police stations and installs high-security light masts.
- 436. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. While they supported the other Funds, they opposed the Senate Oversight Fund.



Photo 128: Public Participation in Kitutu Chache North Constituency

4.4.129 Kitutu Chache South Constituency

- 437. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitutu Chache South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 209 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 438. Of these, 183 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted that the NG-CDF has assisted vulnerable children by offering bursaries and school-related support such as financial assistance for school uniforms and meals. Additionally, the NG-CDF has improved security in the constituency by enhancing the security infrastructure, such as police stations.
- 439. On the other hand, 26 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised include a fear of misuse of the Funds, a high tax burden on *mwanachi* and potential erosion of devolution. Furthermore, some participants were of the view that the Funds should be managed by departments within the national government.

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Photo 129: Public Participation in Kitutu Chache South Constituency

4.4.130 Kitutu Masaba Constituency

- 440. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kitutu Masaba Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 371 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 441. Of these, 366 participants expressed their support for the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NGAAF supports women and girls by offering vital resources, including sanitary towels and other services, to enhance their well-being and dignity. It also aids educational institutions by installing water tanks to improve health and sanitation in schools and contributes to school feeding programmes.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF promotes the creation of school infrastructure, such as new workshops focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) as part of the Competence-Based Curriculum (CBC) for JSSs. Additionally, NG-CDF promotes equity by backing various community initiatives, providing bursaries for needy students, and advancing school infrastructure development.
 - (iii) Furthermore, the NGCF would sponsor community-benefiting projects, including water initiatives and the establishment of health facilities furthering development.
 - (iv) The SOF would empower Senators to effectively perform their oversight function by ensuring that the resources allocated to counties benefit the people.
- 442. Conversely, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of misappropriation of the Funds to the exclusion of others, and discriminating against PWDs whose specific needs are frequently neglected, resulting in unequal access to opportunities and development.

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Photo 130: Public Participation in Kitutu Masaba Constituency

4.4.131 Konoin Constituency

- 443. The public hearing exercise was held at the Konoin Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 913 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 444. All the 909 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF, with the Ministry of Health, has improved infrastructure at the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) campuses, benefiting the public.
 - (ii) A portion of the NG-CDF has been allocated for projects in the National Administration and Security sector to construct or renovate chiefs' offices, police posts and stations, improving security.
- 445. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 131: Public Participation in Konoin Constituency

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4.4.132 Kuresoi North Constituency

- 446. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kuresoi North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 348 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 447. A total of 346 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF issue bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security and governance in the constituency by facilitating the construction of NGAO offices and police stations.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has economically empowered women, youth, and persons with disabilities.
- 448. Conversely, two participants articulated reservations regarding the Bill, presenting several concerns, notably the presence of considerable nepotism in the allocation of NGCDF and NGAAF.



Photo 132: Public Participation in Kuresoi North Constituency

4.4.133 Kuresoi South Constituency

- 449. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kuresoi South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 526 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 450. A total of 514 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF enhanced access to education by providing bursaries for needy students, improving school infrastructure, buying school buses, and building new schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF & NGAAF have been instrumental whenever there has been a national emergency.

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4.4.134 Kuria East Constituency

- 452. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kuria East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. A total of 439 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 453. A total of 392 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) There are identifiable benefits of the NG-CDF including contribution to the development of infrastructure in schools, establishment of security offices, and facilitated the construction of roads. Noting these benefits to constituents, the constituency is a better representative unit than the county government.
 - (ii) The NGCDF and NGAAF have supported the needy and vulnerable in society to access education and supports local entrepreneurship thus creating employment opportunities.
 - (iii) Entrenching the Funds in the Constitution would reduce the persistent legal challenges on legitimacy of the Funds, saving the taxpayers' large sums of money lost in legal fees.
- 454. On the other hand, 47 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised include:
 - The SOF and NGAAF are unnecessary. A lack of adequate funding for the three Funds, could lead to over-taxation.
 - (ii) There is a potential for embezzlement and mismanagement of the Funds as well as favouritism in the distribution of the Funds. The Funds should instead be managed by the relevant ministries in the national government.
 - (iii) County governments should manage the Funds to avoid a duplication of functions.

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(iv) The Funds should not have been grouped in the same Bill. Furthermore, the Bill should be subjected to a referendum to allow participation from every citizen.



Photo 134: Public Participation in Kuria East Constituency

4.4.135 Kuria West Constituency

- 455. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kuria West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 244 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 456. A total of 235 participants expressed their support for the Bill by submitting as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated improvements in infrastructure for schools and security offices, and has built and maintained roadways. It has also created employment opportunities.
 - (ii) The constituency offers a better representation level than the county government.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF support the needy and vulnerable individuals and empowers citizens.
 - (iv) The NGAAF assists in distributing sanitary towels to girls in schools.
 - (v) The SOF would empower the Senate to provide enhanced oversight ensuring the interests of counties are protected and that devolution is effectively implemented. Further, it would advance service provision and community development at different levels of representation.
- 457. On the other hand, 9 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill. They were concerned of potential embezzlement and mismanagement of the Funds. In their view, the SOF and NGAAF are unnecessary and insufficient funding to support the three Funds could increase taxation straining an already burdened taxpayer.

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Photo 135: Public Participation in Kuria West Constituency

4.4.136 Kwanza Constituency

458. The public hearing exercise was held at the Kwanza Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 745 members of the public participated in the exercise.

459. All the 745 participants expressed their support for the Bill and stated as follows:

- (i) The NG-CDF addresses constituents' socio-economic development problems, thus reducing poverty levels and enhancing regional development. Furthermore, the Fund delivers projects more effectively and in a timely manner than other funds. It also helps reduce bills owed to the constituency by paying contractors in a timely manner.
- (ii) The NG-CDF projects are community-owned, unlike county projects, which are either ward, departmental or flagship and as such does not undermine devolution but complements it for meaningful development.
- (iii) All countries are embracing NG-CDF as the only impactful fund for the grassroots, with Kenya as the benchmark. They noted that even the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) supports NG-CDF.
- (iv) The NG-CDF has helped Kenyans move from harambee schemes to those manned by politicians and their partners.
- (V) NG-CDF money is managed efficiently, effectively, and accountably. It has also enhanced the education sector by allowing needy students to attain higher education levels they could not have otherwise reached. As such, the NG-CDF is an equaliser; it affords all children an equal opportunity to learn.



Photo 136: Public Participation in Kwanza Constituency

4.4.137 Lafey Constituency

- 460. The public hearing exercise was held at the Lafey Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 488 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 461. All the 488 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been useful in various sectors. In the education sector, the NG-CDF has provided bursary education to the needy students, assisted in setting up new schools, rehabilitation of the existing ones and provision of furniture to schools. The Fund has also supported the health and security sector by constructing health facilities and National Government Administration Offices and police posts, respectively.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has supported youth and women empowerment programmes and enhanced gender-based violence interventions through the establishment of rescue and counselling centres.
 - (iii) Noting the benefits of the NG-CDF, there is need for an increase in its budgetary allocation. Digitization of the NG-CDF Board records of projects undertaken would enhance transparency and provide a feedback mechanism.



Photo 137: Public Participation in Lafey Constituency

4.4.138 Lagdera Constituency

- 462. The public hearing exercise was held at the Lagdera Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 171 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 463. A total of 170 participants expressed their support for the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NGCDF connects Members of Parliament with the community, promoting inclusivity in infrastructure projects, bursary allocation, school construction and various other forms of development. The introduction of the NGCDF in the North Eastern region has contributed to the community's growth, which was previously marginalised within the country.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has significantly contributed to the community by providing sanitary towels for vulnerable schoolchildren. Additional funds for the NGAAF will assist school-going children with food, sanitary towels, and water tanks for underprivileged schools during droughts.
 - (iii) The SOF would empower Senators to monitor Governors, improving county development and accountability.
 - (iv) NGCDF and NGAAF have supported marginalised communities by providing free education and water during droughts. Therefore, they should be entrenched in the Constitution and allocated more funds.
- 464. Conversely, one person expressed reservations about the Bill, concerned that the funds would still be lost to corruption, regardless of constitutional entrenchment.

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Photo 138: Public Participation in Lagdera Constituency

4.4.139 Laikipia East Constituency

- 465. The public hearing exercise was held at the Laikipia East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 249 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 466. A total of 246 participants supported the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enabled many needy students to pursue their education by paying school fees using bursaries, support for constructing school facilities and improving learning conditions through feeding programs.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF enhance local security by promoting the construction of police stations and chiefs' offices.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF support environmental conservation efforts such as tree planting and protection of natural resources.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported affirmative action programs for women and the youth.
- 467. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 139: Public Particiaption in Laikipia East Constituency

4.4.140 Laikipia North Constituency

- 468. The public hearing exercise was held at the Laikipia North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 333 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 469. A total of 332 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 (i) The NG-CDF has enabled the construction and maintenance of roads, thereby
 - enhancing transportation, accessibility and trade within the constituency.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted access to education by reducing the rates of school dropouts and supporting the construction of school facilities and other learning facilities, such as feeding programs, which have boosted school attendance and learning performance.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to establishing and refurbishing security facilities such as police stations and chiefs' camps, thereby enhancing safety and public order.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have facilitated job creation through infrastructure projects and community initiatives, reducing poverty and improving livelihoods.
- 470. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 140: Public Participation in Laikipia North Constituency

4.4.141 Laikipia West Constituency

- 471. The public hearing exercise was held at the Laikipia West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,236 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 472. A total of 2,099 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) Many needy students have benefited from bursaries funded by the NG-CDF and NGAAF, which have improved access to education and reduced dropout rates.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also established and enhanced security facilities like police stations and chiefs' offices, promoting safety and order.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has supported road construction and maintenance, improving transportation, accessibility, and trade.

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- (iv) Additionally, the NG-CDF and NGAAF have facilitated job creation through infrastructure projects and community initiatives, reducing poverty and improving livelihoods.
- 473. Conversely, 137 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. Their main concerns were a fear of unequal distribution of funds and potential for mismanagement of the Funds and instances of corruption. They also noted that there is already a proposal to consolidate all bursaries to support free education.



Photo 141: Public Participation in Laikipia West Constituency

4.4.142 Laisamis Constituency

- 474. The public hearing exercise was held at Laisamis Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 211 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 475. A total of 207 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The SOF would enable Senators to oversee devolved units for accountability. The Fund would enhance transparency and accountability in public resource utilisation at the grassroots level, fostering inclusivity by involving marginalised groups in decisionmaking. They also bridge development gaps between urban and rural areas, promoting national cohesion.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF promote equitable development and public participation in constituency projects and stimulate local economies by funding employment and business opportunities. The Funds promote sustainable development through environmentally friendly, community-driven projects, aligning development efforts with each constituency's social and cultural contexts.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF serve marginalised community members, including women and PWDs. The Funds also enhance primary and secondary school infrastructure by providing bursaries to needy students, building and renovating classrooms and modern toilets, improving sanitation and hygiene.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF The NG-CDF provide job opportunities within constituencies. Establishing these Funds would ensure sustained projects tailored to each constituency's needs, while empowering local leadership to address pressing community issues effectively.

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- (V) The Funds would facilitate timely responses to emergencies and unforeseen challenges, strengthen collaboration between national and county governments in service delivery, and support capacity-building initiatives to enhance local skills.
- 476. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised included:
 - A potential increase in corruption and likely conflict of interest in the oversight of the Fund due to lack of a clear management structure of the Funds.
 - (ii) The establishment of multiple funds may lead to a duplication of roles and inefficiencies in resource allocation.
 - (iii) A risk of politicization of development projects, where funds may be directed based on political affiliations rather than community needs.



Photo 142: Public Participation in Laisamis Constituency

4.4.143 Lamu East Constituency

- 477. The public hearing exercise was held at the Lamu East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 275 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 478. Of these, 273 participants expressed their support for the Bill stating as follows:
 - (i) The entrenchment of the NGCF would continue facilitating access to education by providing bursaries to needy students. The Fund would also improve security in constituencies by constructing police stations. Therefore, allocation to the NG-CDF should be increased to further development in the constituencies.
 - (ii) The entrenchment of the NGAAF would promote access to financial facilities to women, youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities.
 - (iii) The introduction of the SOF would promote accountability in county governments regarding how they use the money allocated to them through the Division of Revenue Act and their own-source revenue.
- 479. Conversely, 2 individual voiced concern about the Bill. The main issue highlighted was the lack of clarity regarding the SOF's purpose, which could result in Senators misusing the Fund for personal benefit.

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Photo 143: Public Participation in Lamu East Constituency

4.4.144 Lamu West Constituency

- 480. The public hearing exercise was held at the Lamu West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 481 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 481. A total of 475 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has assisted in the country's infrastructure development, especially in constructing schools and improving security. The Funds has also enabled the development of health facilities in the constituency.
 - (ii) The entrenchment of the NGAAF and NGCDF will continue to help the people at the grassroots level and ensure access to bursaries for the common *mwananchi*.
 - (iii) The introduction of the SOF would promote accountability in county governments regarding how they use the money allocated to them through the Division of Revenue Act and their own-source revenue.
- 482. On the other hand, 6 participants expressed reservations about the Bill. The primary concern raised was that the SOF would financially burden taxpayers.



Photo 1444: Public Participation in Lamu West Constituency

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4.4.145 Lang'ata Constituency

- 483. The public hearing exercise was held at the Langata Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. A total of 159 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 484. A total of 143 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NGCDF has delivered tangible results that have benefited most constituents, such as constructing schools, police stations, and chiefs' offices and providing bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NGCDF is easily accessible due to the ease of access to MPs compared to other representatives.
- 485. On the other hand, 16 participants expressed reservations about the Bill. Their main concerns were that the NG-CDF had been mismanaged and that the disbursement of bursaries was selective and marred by tribalism.



Photo 145: Public Participation in Lang'ata Constituency

4.4.146 Lari Constituency

- 486. The public hearing exercise was held at the Lari Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 613 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 487. All the 613 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF enables access to education through bursaries. The Fund also supports education through improvement of infrastructure like electricity in schools, renovation of schools, construction of classrooms and roads.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF supports and enhances security in the community through building police stations.

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Photo 146: Public Participation in Lari Constituency

4.4.147 Likoni Constituency

- 488. The public hearing exercise was held at the Likoni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,236 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 489. A total of 2,234 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated development at the grassroots level, including the construction of roads, schools, school infrastructure, boreholes, and chiefs' offices. The Fund has also assisted in payment of school fees through bursaries and provision of school buses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security at the local level through the provision of security lights and the equipping of police stations and posts.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF assists vulnerable members of society, such as PWDs, the elderly, orphans, and the impoverished.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has contributed to a reduction in cases of rape and early pregnancies among school-going children by building schools closer to them, thus minimising long travel distances where children are more susceptible to such incidents.
 - (v) The SOF would empower the Senate in discharging its oversight duties.
- 490. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised were that the NGAAF resources do not reach the grassroots level and that the Funds would result in a high tax burden on already strained taxpayers. In their view, the Funds should be administered by the Ministry of Education and channelled directly to the schools to ensure access by all and guarantee free education in the country. Additionally, several participants were of the opinion that the Constitution did not require amendments as was satisfactory. Instead, there was need for leaders to adhere to the law.



Photo 147: Public Participation in Likoni Constituency

4.4.148 Likuyani Constituency

- 491. The public hearing exercise was held at the Likuyani Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8:00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 345 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 492. A total of 304 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill included the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has boosted the education sector by supporting needy students at St. Don Bosco Special School, especially those with special needs, by constructing classrooms and providing bursaries to vulnerable students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also created employment opportunities and constructed roads.
- 493. On the other hand, 41 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. They were of the view that:
 - Enacting the Bill would take a lot of time and that establishment of the Funds would be expensive to taxpayers.
 - (ii) There is a likelihood of misuse of the Funds noting that most NG-CDF projects are sub-standard and the national government does not require affirmative action funds. Therefore, the Funds should be consolidated into one for efficient utilization.
 - (iii) The Legislature is not mandated to develop constituencies and MPs should instead focus on their legislative and oversight role. Additionally, the Senate does not require the SOF as Senators are already paid a salary for their legislative work.



Photo 148: Public Participation in Likuyani Constituency

4.4.149 Limuru Constituency

- 494. The public hearing exercise was held at the Limuru Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,687 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 495. All the 2,661 participants expressed their support for the Bill because the NG-CDF has transformed the lives of *wananchi* and boosted economic growth at the community level.
- 496. On the other hand, 26 participants expressed reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 149: Public Participation in Limuru Constituency

4.4.150 Loima Constituency

497. The public hearing exercise was held at the Loima Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 191 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 498. A total of 189 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The constituents have directly benefited from the programmes and projects of the two existing funds.
 - (ii) Entrenchment in the Constitution shall protect the existence of the Funds from recurring threats of illegality.
 - (iii) Compared to the devolved funds to the counties, NGCDF and NGAAF have performed significantly better in management and accountability in fund utilisation.
 - (iv) Due to the decision-making processes and the implementation of programmes being conducted at the grassroots levels, a consensus exists among constituents that significantly contributes to the success of these initiatives.
- 499. Conversely, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill, raising the following concerns, among others. That:
 - Identifying and implementing the projects to be funded by NG-CDF and NGAAF is biased.
 - (ii) There are insufficient systems to guarantee that contractors receive project awards impartially and without favouritism.
 - (iii) The funds designated for the benefit of individuals and groups are too limited to create a meaningful impact.
 - (iv) A lack of awareness about NGAAF keeps some constituents from seeking or applying for the available funds.



Photo 150: Public Participation in Loima Constituency

4.4.151 Luanda Constituency

- 500. The public hearing exercise was held at Luanda Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 695 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 501. A total of 659 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to quality education through issuance of bursaries, construction of classrooms, laboratories and other infrastructural developments in public schools.
 - (ii) The SOF would enhance Senate's oversight over county government's projects.

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502. On the other hand, 36 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to perceived unfairness in the appointment of the NG-CDF Committee members and a potential of mismanagement of the three Funds for political expediency. In addition, they were of the view that the NG-CDF should be devolved to county governments.



Photo 151: Public Participation in Luanda Constituency

4.4.152 Lugari Constituency

- 503. The public hearing exercise was held at the Lugari Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 435 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 504. A total of 432 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has assisted in the construction of schools and enhanced access to education through issuance of bursaries for payment of school fees. The Fund has also helped to increased electricity connectivity and creation of employment.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported construction of NGAO offices including chiefs' offices and police stations. The Fund has also ensured equality in all constituencies in Kenya through community development projects.
 - (iii) The SOF would strengthen the oversight role of the Senate thus promoting transparency and accountability of public resources.
- 505. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that the NG-CDF was not beneficial to the common *mwananchi* due to alleged discrimination in allocation of bursaries. Further, the three Funds would be burdensome to an already strained taxpayer.



Photo 152: Public Participation in Lugari Constituency

4.4.153 Lunga Lunga Constituency

- 506. The public hearing exercise was held at the Lunga Lunga Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 581 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 507. All the 581 participants supported the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has ensured that children go to school through the provision of bursaries to needy parents. The Fund has developed police stations, chiefs' offices and other vital administration facilities bringing services closer to the people. The Fund has also created employment opportunities for the youth, both directly and indirectly through various development projects across the constituency.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has been key in assisting women, youths and persons with disabilities.
 - (iii) The SOF would strengthen the Senate's oversight role in monitoring development at the county level.
 - (iv) Entrenching the Funds in the Constitution will cure existing legal challenges facing the funds.
- 508. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase in the NG-CDF's budgetary allocation.



Photo 153: Public Participation in Lunga Lunga Constituency

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4.4.154 Lurambi Constituency

- 509. The public hearing exercise was held at Lurambi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 373 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 510. A total of 370 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF had assisted in the payment of school fees through issuance of bursaries, construction of schools and purchase of school buses, improving access to quality education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has improved road infrastructure and created employment opportunities.
 - (iii) Decentralization of the Funds would ensure the resources from the national kitty impact Kenyans at the grassroot level.
- 511. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned about allegations of previous mismanagement of the NG-CDF and NGAAF for political expediency and self-enrichment.



Photo 154: Public Participation in Lurambi Constituency

4.4.155 Maara Constituency

- 512. The public hearing exercise was held at the Maara Constituency Office from 5th May to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 366 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 513. A total of 360 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF has provided educational support to needy students in the community through issuance of school bursaries. The Fund has also played a key role in development initiatives such as the construction of schools and roads.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has ensured that essential services are brought closer to the grassroots level.

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- (iii) The SOF would enhance monitoring of county government spending.
- (iv) The NGAAF has improved the lives of women, PWDs and other vulnerable groups in society.
- 514. On the other hand, 6 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a potential of misappropriation of the Funds. In their view, the NG-CDF has not benefited low-income earners noting that the support provided by the Fund is limited to a small segment of the population.



4.4.156 Machakos Town Constituency

- 515. The public hearing exercise was held at the Machakos Town Constituency Office from 5th to 8th between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 175 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 516. A total of 174 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The Bill has the potential to strengthen the Senate's oversight function.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the development of educational infrastructure, including schools, classrooms, and acquisition of school buses and related facilities thereby enhancing access to quality education.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to support needy and deserving learners. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of bridges, enhancing local connectivity.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has impacted the overall well-being and livelihoods of citizens.
- 517. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 156: Public Participation in Machakos Town Constituency

4.4.157 Magarini Constituency

- 518. The public hearing exercise was held at the Magarini Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 616 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 519. A total of 606 members of the public supported the Bill citing among others reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to education through development of modern infrastructure in schools and purchasing of school buses thereby easing students' access to schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction of police stations and NGAO offices thereby enhancing security in the constituency.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the empowerment of PWDs thereby improving their living standards. The Funds have also supported welfare groups through provision of affordable loans to finance their businesses.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to economic empowerment through creation of employment opportunities.
- 520. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed the establishment of NGCF committees that would enable the constituents to effectively take part in project selection thereby ensuring transparency and accountability.
- 521. On the other hand, 10 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill stating among other concerns alleging that the NGAAF and SOF would not directly benefit the residents.



Photo 157: Public Participation in Magarini Constituency

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4.4.158 Makadara Constituency

- 522. The public hearing exercise was held at the Makadara Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,051 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 523. A total of 1,978 members of the public supported the Bill citing among others reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through provision of bursaries to needy students and facilitated the construction and rehabilitation of schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to infrastructural development through the building of housing facilities and offices for police officers thereby enhancing security within the constituency. The Funds have also aided in supplying of electricity and erecting of security lights.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the construction of health facilities.
- 524. On the other hand, 73 participants expressed reservations on the Bill stating among other concerns that:
 - (i) There has been fear of corruption and misappropriation of Funds.
 - (ii) There has been limited community participation in project selection.
 - (iii) There has been discrimination in the allocation of bursaries to students.



Photo 158: Public Participation in Makadara Constituency

4.4.159 Makueni Constituency

- 525. The public hearing exercise was held at the Makueni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,458 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 526. A total of 1,456 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enabled equitable development across the country. The Fund has also ensured access to bursary funds for the needy and vulnerable students and improved security as a result of constructing police stations.
 - (ii) Further, the NGAAF has enhanced women and youth empowerment.
- 527. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. in their view, the proposed Funds should be devolved to county governments.

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Photo 159: Public Participation in Makueni Constituency

4.4.160 Malava Constituency

- 528. The public hearing exercise was held at the Malava Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00pm. A total of 2,695 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 529. A total of 2,667 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF promoted education through issuance of bursaries. The Fund has also promoted security through construction of police stations and chiefs' offices. Further, the Fund reaches interior parts of the country, ensuring development in marginalized areas.
 - (ii) Entrenching the Funds into the Constitution would secure public resources from misuse at the national government level.
 - (iii) The Bill will ensure equitable provision of services to all constituencies.
- 530. On the other hand, 28 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that:
 - There have been previous allegations of mismanagement of the Funds, corruption and embezzlement of public resources.
 - (ii) Disbursement of bursaries has been done in a discriminative way, lacking transparency.
 - (iii) The Bill was against the spirit of devolution which promoted decentralization of funds.
 - (iv) The Funds should be channeled to counties.
 - (v) There have been allegations of misuse of the Funds for political expediency.



Photo 160: Public Participation in Malava Constituency

4.4.161 Malindi Constituency

531. The public hearing exercise was held at the Malindi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 169 members of the public participated in the exercise.

532. All the 169 participants supported the Bill citing among others reasons that:

- The NG-CDF has supported education through provision of bursaries hence promoting ethics and acceptable moral values in the society.
- ii. The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted economic empowerment through provision of working tools such as tailoring machines and mechanical tools as well as provided access to affordable loans for welfare groups.
- The NGAAF has improved sanitation and hygiene among women and girls by providing sanitary towels thereby boosting their confidence and enhancing their living standards.



Photo 161: Public Participation in Malindi Constituency

4.4.162 Mandera East Constituency

- 533. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mandera East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00pm. A total of 584 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 534. A total of 582 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) In the education sector, the NG-CDF has provided education bursaries to needy students, assisted in setting up of new schools, rehabilitation of the existing ones and provision of furniture to schools. The Fund has also has supported the health sector through construction of health facilities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported the security sector through the construction of NGAO offices and police posts.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported youth and women empowerment programmes. The Fund has also supported the fight against GBV through the establishment of rescue and counselling centres. The Fund also supports value addition initiatives such as in agribusiness, small industries and enterprise trainings undertaken by groups.
- 535. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase in the budgetary allocation of NG-CDF. The NG-CDF Board should consider digitalization of projects for an effective feedback mechanism.
- 536. On the other hand, 2 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that Parliament should focus on oversight and that the NG-CDF and NGAAF should be monies under devolved funds in county governments.



Photo 162: Public Participation in Mandera East Constituency

4.4.163 Mandera North Constituency

537. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mandera North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 930 members of the public participated in the exercise.

538. A total of 928 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:

- (i) In the education sector, the NG-CDF has provided education bursaries to needy students, assisted in setting up of new schools, rehabilitation of the existing ones and provision of furniture's to schools.
- (ii) The NG-CDF has supported the health sector through construction of health facilities. The Fund has also supported the security sector through the construction of national government administration offices and police posts.
- (iii) The NGAAF has taken part in youth and women empowerment programmes as well as supported the fight against GBV through establishment of rescue and counselling centers.
- 539. While supporting the Bill, some participants submitted that there was a need to increase the budgetary allocation for the NG-CDF.
- 540. On the other hand, 2 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned about a potential for mismanagement of the Funds. In addition, the NG-CDF and NGAAF should be monies under devolved funds.



Photo 163: Public Participation in Mandera North Constituency

4.4.164 Mandera South Constituency

- 541. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mandera South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 456 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 542. Of these, 452 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been enhanced access to quality education through the provision of bursaries needy students, construction of new schools, renovation of the existing ones and provision of furniture to schools. The Fund has also supported the health and security sector through the construction of health facilities and NGAO office and police posts, respectively.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has taken part in youth and women empowerment programmes and supported the fight against GBV through establishment of rescue and counselling centres.
- 543. While supporting the Bill, some participants added that there was a need to increase the NG-CDF's budgetary allocation to align with the growing demand for school bursaries.
- 544. On the other hand, 4 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds and a potential of conflict of interest in the utilization and oversight of the Funds. Furthermore, it was their submission that the NG-CDF and NGAAF be monies under the devolved resources in county governments.



Photo 164: Public Participation in Mandera South Constituency

4.4.165 Mandera West Constituency

- 545. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mandera West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 541 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 546. A total of 537 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) In the education sector, the NG-CDF has provided education bursaries to needy students, assisted in setting up of new schools, rehabilitation of the existing ones and provision of furniture's to schools. The Fund has also supported the health sector through the construction of health facilities and the security sector through the construction of NGAO offices and police posts.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has ensures youth and women empowerment through the affirmative action programmes such as provision of seed capital to conduct business. The Fund has also supported the fight against GBV through the establishment of rescue and counselling centers.
- 547. On the other hand, 4 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that Parliament should focus on its oversight role. Further that, the NG-CDF and NGAAF should be monies under the devolved funds of county governments.



Photo 165: Public Participation in MAndera West Constituency

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4.4.166 Manyatta Constituency

- 548. The public hearing exercise was held at the Manyatta Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,072 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 549. A total of 1,042 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF provides educational support to needy students in the community through school bursaries. The Fund has also played a key role in development initiatives such as the construction of schools, ablution blocks and laboratories.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has ensured that essential services are brought closer to mwananchi at the grassroots level. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of NGAO offices.
 - (iii) The SOF would enhance monitoring of county governments' spending.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has improved the lives of women, PWDs and other vulnerable groups in society through the provision of sanitary towels to girls.
- 550. On the other hand, 30 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that the three Funds need to be consolidated into one for better management.



Photo 166: Public Participation in Manyatta Constituency

4.4.167 Maragwa Constituency

- 551. The public hearing exercise was held at Maragua Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 814 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 552. A total of 811 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - The NG-CDF has enhanced access to quality education through issuance of bursaries and improved infrastructure in schools, for instance, construction of classrooms and toilets.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also enabled youths to access jobs through NG-CDF projects. Further, the NG-CDF has funded the construction and renovation of police posts and chiefs' offices, enhancing local security. The Fund has also supported renovation and furnishing of public offices like the DCC office which currently hosts both government and community meetings.

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- (iii) The NG-CDF has enabled the drilling of boreholes such as the one proposed at Muchagara Secondary School to address water scarcity in dry areas. The Fund has also contributed to security and enhanced local governance through supporting the construction of government administrative offices such as Kenol Police Station and Kenol Law Courts.
- 553. While supporting the Bill, some participants expressed additional views and opinions including:
 - (i) The NG-CDF allocation should be increased and disbursed on time to ensure the completion of delayed projects like the Eshangai Police Station which is yet to be commissioned.
 - (ii) There is need to involve community members in project identification.
 - (iii) Bursary allocation per student should be increased. For example, parents requested that support for university and college students be raised from Kshs. 7,000 to Kshs. 30,000, especially for those in Murang'a University and Murang'a KMTC.
- 554. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservation on the Bill concerned that there are needy students who don't benefit from the NG-CDF and therefore, it should be channelled through the Ministry of Education to support and make education free to all.



Photo 167: Public Participation in Maragua Constituency

4.4.168 Marakwet East Constituency

- 555. The public hearing exercise was held at the Marakwet East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 441 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 556. All the 441 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF facilitated the construction of classrooms, dispensaries, chief offices and provision of water storage tanks. The Fund has also provided bursaries for vulnerable students and thus, improved access to education.
 - (ii) The SOF would enhance transparency in the administration of public resources through strengthened oversight of the Senate.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has assisted PWDs in the constituency, funded women and youth groups, provided sanitary towels to girls, enabling them to stay in school.

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(iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have assisted in national disaster and emergency response e.g. during floods, by providing targeted relief food and non-food items.



Photo 168: Public Participation in Marakwet East Constituency

4.4.169 Marakwet West Constituency

- 557. The public hearing exercise was held at the Marakwet West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 70 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 558. All the 70 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF facilitated the construction of police stations and bridges, renovation of worn-out infrastructure and provided employment for the locals through the projects. The Fund has also promoted equal distribution of bursaries to needy students and electrical connectivity.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has assisted PWDs and empowered women and the youth in the constituency through affirmative action programmes.



Photo 169: Public Participation in Marakwet West Constituency

4.4.170 Masinga Constituency

559. The public hearing exercise was held at the Masinga Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 859 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 560. A total of 855 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy students. The Fund has also reduced regional disparities by allocating resources based on need, ensuring that all constituencies benefit from development initiatives.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also encouraged community participation in project planning and implementation, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.
- 561. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 170: Public Participation in Masinga Constituency

4.4.171 Matayos Constituency

- 562. The public hearing exercise was held at the Matayos Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 639 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 563. A total of 596 members of the public supported the Bill citing among others reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to education through the provision of bursaries to needy students, facilitating the construction and renovation of school facilities as well as purchasing of school buses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to infrastructural development through the construction of new police posts thereby enhancing security within the constituency.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted economic empowerment by supporting the growth of business initiatives of the youth and women.
 - (iv) The Senate Oversight Fund would enable the Senate to perform its oversight role.
- 564. On the other hand, 43 expressed their reservations on the Bill stating among other concerns that:
 - (i) There has been alleged corruption in the use and management of the Funds.
 - (ii) The entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would result to duplication of roles.

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Photo 171: Public Participation in Matayos Constituency

4.4.172 Mathare Constituency

- 565. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mathare Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 2,079 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 566. All the 2,079 members of the public supported the Bill citing among other reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through provision of scholarships and bursaries to needy and vulnerable students and facilitated the construction of schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has promoted infrastructural development through construction of police stations and NGAO offices as well as contributing to the establishment of ICT hubs.



Photo 172: Public Participation in Mathare Constituency

4.4.173 Mathioya Constituency

567. The public hearing exercise was held at Mathioya Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 315 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 568. A total of 313 supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF bursaries have enhanced access to quality education through issuance of bursaries and renovation of school infrastructure including classrooms, dormitories and administration blocks. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of police posts and installation of street lights in market places, improving security.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has further provided employment to the staff in the various constituency offices and projects and facilitated the provision of necessary utilities for use in the constituency such as ICT hubs.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported women and youth empowerment.
- 569. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill concerned due to a potential of mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 173: Public Participation in Mathioya Constituency

4.4.174 Mathira Constituency

- 570. The public hearing exercise was held at Mathira Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 150 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 571. Of those, 147 supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the issuance of bursaries.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF was perceived as the only fund whose management and administration has embodied transparency. They noted the various accountability measures put in place among the reasons for supporting the Bill in Mathira Constituency. Participants stated that the NG-CDF is the only fund that has involved the people and has specific limitations for spending. This indicates a perception that the NG-CDF specifically operates with a degree of openness that other funds may lack, implying a positive view of its accountability compared to others.

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572. On the other hand, 3 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill citing a fear of mismanagement of the Funds. In addition, they were of the view that the SOF was unnecessary.



Photo 174: Public Participation in Mathira Constituency

4.4.175 Matuga Constituency

- 573. The public hearing exercise was held at Matuga Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 572 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 574. Of those, 569 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has helped a lot of people by building schools, and offering education bursaries to the needy in Matuga. The Fund has also created employment opportunities for the youth.
 - (ii) The SOF would ensure that counties are properly oversighted, enhancing transparency and accountability.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has created job opportunities for the youth through the NG-CDFfunded projects.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has been critical in empowering youths, women and PWDs in the constituency.
 - (v) Entrenching the Funds in the Constitution would reduce the persistent legal challenges on legitimacy of the Funds, saving the taxpayers' large sums of money lost in legal fees.
 - (vi) The NG-CDF has built security and administration facilities in Matuga.
- 575. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase in the budgetary allocation of the NG-CDF and NGAAF to ensure it caters for more PWDs and the marginalized in the community.
- 576. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill citing discrimination in NG-CDF bursary allocation and misuse of NGAAF. In their view, the resources apportioned to the NGAAF should be apportioned to the NG-CDF that is more beneficial to all constituents.

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Photo 175: Public Participation in Matuga Constituency

4.4.176 Matungu Constituency

- 577. The public hearing exercise was held at the Matungu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 280 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 578. A total of 271 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) Through NG-CDF, developments such as building of classrooms, purchase of land for schools, purchase of school buses and maintenance of roads has been done. The Fund has also facilitated community development.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has changed lives of people by enhancing access to quality education through issuance of bursaries to students.
- 579. On the other hand, 9 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that they had not benefitted from any of the NG-CDF and NGAAF funded projects and that the two Funds had been previously used to benefit a few individuals and encouraged corruption. In addition, they noted allegations of discrimination in the allocation of bursaries.



Photo 176: Public Participation in Matungu Constituency

4.4.177 Matungulu Constituency

- 580. The public hearing exercise was held at the Matungulu Constituency Office on 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,303 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 581. A total of 1,296 supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The development of educational infrastructure, including schools, classrooms, and acquisition of school buses and related facilities, has promoted access to education. Therefore, entrenchment of the Fund in the Constitution would protect the provision of bursaries to support needy learners.
 - (ii) The construction and upkeep of minor roads have enhanced local connectivity and impacted the overall well-being and livelihoods of constituents.
 - (iii) The Bill has the potential to strengthen the Senate's oversight function.
- 582. On the other hand, 7 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 177: Public Participation in Matungulu Constituency

4.4.178 Mavoko Constituency

- 583. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mavoko Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 141 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 584. Of these, 139 participants supported the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF provided bursaries to needy and deserving students. The Fund has reduced regional disparities by allocating resources based on need, ensuring that all constituencies benefit from development initiatives. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of new schools, classrooms, libraries, and other essential infrastructure, improving access to education and other services.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF encourage community participation in project planning and implementation, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.
- 585. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that there was a lack of accountability and transparency in the management of the Funds and allegations of unequal distribution of the NG-CDF.

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Photo 178: Public Participation in Mavoko Constituency

4.4.179 Mbeere North Constituency

- 586. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mbeere North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 543 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 587. A total of 521 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the construction of JSSs, development of school infrastructure and access roads to schools and provision of bursaries to needy students. These construction works have also provided employment opportunities to the constituents.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also facilitated the construction of security offices and digital hubs, and assisted in mitigation of climate change across the constituency.
 - (iii) In addition, some participants expressed additional views and opinions, particularly stating that it gives common *mwananchi* access to government money.
- 588. On the other hand, 22 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of unequal development across the constituency and that the NGAAF would be inadequately resourced due to underfunding.



Photo 179: Public Participation in Mbeere North Constituency

4.4.180 Mbeere South Constituency

- 589. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mbeere South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 495 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 590. A total of 481 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through the construction of JSSs, development of school infrastructure and access roads to schools and provision of bursaries to needy students. These construction works have also provided employment opportunities to the constituents.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also facilitated the construction of security offices and digital hubs, and assisted in mitigation of climate change across the constituency. Further that the Fund has also promoted digital hub initiatives.
 - (iii) In addition, some participants expressed additional views and opinions, particularly stating that it gives common *mwananchi* access to government money.
- 591. On the other hand, 14 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that the Funds would result in a duplication of roles and that unfair bursary allocation.



Photo 180: Public Participation in Mbeere South Constituency

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4.4.181 Mbooni Constituency

- 592. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mbooni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,352 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 593. All the 1,352 participants supported the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through issuance of bursaries to needy students and improving school facilities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF has empowered the youth through job creation thereby reducing social crimes in the villages.



- 4.4.182 Mogotio Constituency
- 594. The public hearing exercise was held at Mogotio Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 950 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 595. A total of 937 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have empowered the youth, PWDs and the vulnerable in the constituents to access education through provision of school bursaries and development of school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security through the construction of chiefs' offices and police posts.
- 596. On the other hand, 13 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 182: Public Participation in Mogotio Constituency

4.4.183 Moiben Constituency

- 597. The public hearing exercise was held at the Moiben Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 474 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 598. A total of 462 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has assisted in constructing classrooms, improving education in the constituency. Through the provision of bursaries, the Fund has enhanced access to education for needy students, promoting fairness and equal opportunities in learning. Furthermore, with the support of the Fund, classrooms, dormitories, and government offices have been built, reducing the community's burden of fundraising for such essential facilities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has allowed for faster development in the constituency through timely implementation of projects. The Fund has improved the way resources are shared across the constituency, ensuring a more balanced development. The implementation of various development projects funded by the NG-CDF has created job opportunities for the youth, fostering empowerment and skill development.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has supported the construction of vital infrastructure like roads and bridges, boosting local connectivity and stimulating economic growth in the area.
 - (iv) The NGAAF and NGCDF have helped the vulnerable in the constituency through the provision of self-help funds and the issuance of school bursaries.
- 599. On the other hand, 12 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that a lack of transparency and accountability in the management of both the NGAAF and the NG-CDF would allow for corruption and embezzlement of the Funds. In their view, the Funds should be consolidated and allocated to county governments for better management and utilization.



Photo 183: Public Participation in Molben Constituency

4.4.184 Molo Constituency

- 600. The public hearing exercise was held at the Molo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 364 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 601. A total of 356 participants supported the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been beneficial to the constituents by providing bursaries for needy students, purchasing school buses, constructing new schools and improving existing school infrastructure. In addition, the Fund has also improved the infrastructure of NGAO offices.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has provided economic empowerment for women and youth groups, and PWDs.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have been instrumental during national disasters and emergencies by providing targeted relief.
- 602. On the other hand, 8 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of corruption and nepotism in the utilization and management of the Funds.



Photo 184: Public Participation in Molo Constituency

4.4.185 Mosop Constituency

- 603. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mosop Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 190 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 604. A total of 180 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has improved school infrastructure, especially in remote areas. Schools in hard-to-reach regions now have better classrooms, libraries, and labs, enabling students to learn in safe and conducive environments. This development bridges the urban-rural education gap and promotes equity, while also attracting and retaining qualified teachers who seek decent working conditions.
 - (ii) Many students have benefited from bursaries funded by the NG-CDF. Bursaries have made a significant difference for low-income families, ensuring their children attend school consistently. These funds reduce financial pressure on parents, enhance student morale, and help create equal learning opportunities regardless of socioeconomic background, contributing to social mobility and national development.
 - (iii) The Bill promotes structured development planning at the grassroots. Communities have the opportunity to prioritize their most pressing needs through public forums. This bottom-up planning model ensures projects are relevant, community-owned, and effectively implemented. It also fosters a culture of inclusiveness and strengthens democratic participation in development.
 - (iv) The SOF would enhance accountability and reduce fund misappropriation. Oversight from the Senate introduces an additional layer of scrutiny, reducing the chance of misuse and poor project execution. It encourages better planning, regular reporting, and responsible fund management. This boosts public confidence and improves the overall efficiency of service delivery.
- 605. While supporting the Bill, some participants expressed additional views and opinions including:
 - (i) The percentage of national revenue allocated to NG-CDF should be raised to 5%. Current allocations are insufficient for growing needs in education, infrastructure, and health. Increasing the percentage would enhance impact, enable long-term planning, and help constituencies meet the development expectations of rapidly growing populations
 - (ii) Special consideration should be given to support PWDs and elderly citizens. Dedicated funding for these groups ensures inclusive development. It can support assistive devices, accessible infrastructure, and healthcare services, improving their quality of life and enabling active participation in society.
 - (iii) A ward-level committee should be established to guide the NG-CDF project selection. These committees would ensure that each ward's priorities are represented fairly, improving equity and responsiveness in project planning. Localized input fosters ownership, accountability, and better targeting of resources
 - (iv) The Bill should ensure proper coordination between the NG-CDF and county government development plans. Lack of coordination leads to duplicated efforts or neglected areas. Synchronizing development plans ensures efficient use of funds, avoids service gaps, and promotes holistic, complementary development strategies.
- 606. On the other hand, 10 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised included:
 - The community is not always consulted during project planning. Top-down decisionmaking can result in irrelevant or misplaced projects. Community consultation ensures

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local needs and preferences guide development efforts, improving project relevance, efficiency, and sustainability.

- (ii) Senate oversight might overlap with county assembly functions. Without clear role demarcation, Senate involvement could clash with existing county oversight mechanisms, leading to duplication or confusion. Proper legislation and coordination are needed to ensure oversight roles are complementary, not competitive.
- (iii) Some projects are initiated without proper feasibility studies. Lack of thorough planning can result in stalled or failed projects due to cost underestimation, site issues, or unmet regulatory requirements.



4.4.186 Moyale Constituency

- 607. The public hearing exercise was held at the Moyale Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 141 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 608. All the 126 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NGCDF has been instrumental in improving educational outcomes through the provision of bursaries and enhancement of school infrastructure. The Fund has also facilitated the development of essential infrastructure, such as roads and healthcare facilities, improving the quality of life for residents. Further, the Fund has created employment opportunities, especially for the youth, through the initiation of community-driven projects and in turn contributed to reduced poverty levels.
 - (i) The NGCF would further the benefits of NG-CDF including strengthening disaster preparedness and response mechanisms at the constituency level, promoting participatory governance by involving community members in planning and implementation of development projects and supporting initiatives aimed at enhancing food security and sustainable agriculture.
 - (ii) The SOF would empower Senators to effectively monitor and evaluate the performance of county governments, ensuring transparency and accountability.
 - (iii) The NGAAF would continue to provide targeted support to vulnerable groups, promoting social equity and inclusion.
 - (ii) The Funds would aid in the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage through support for local arts and traditions.
- 609. On the other hand, 15 of the participants expressed their reservations on the Bill.

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Photo 186: Public Participation in Moyale Constituency

4.4.187 Msambweni Constituency

- 610. The public hearing exercise was held at the Msambweni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 294 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 611. All the 294 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has improved education standards in areas where no schools were present. It has helped build classrooms, toilets, laboratories and improved existing school infrastructure in Msambweni. The Fund has also supported youths by building and equipping ICT hubs for youths. Additionally, the Fund has improved security and enhanced national administration in Msambweni by building police stations, a Huduma Centre and chiefs' offices, bringing services closer to the people. As a result, budgetary allocation to the NG-CDF should be increased if the Bill is passed by Parliament to ensure the local constituents continue to benefit.
 - (ii) The SOF would ensure transparency and accountability in how county governments' funds are utilized.
 - (iii) The NGAAF would continue to offer support to the marginalized groups through affirmative action. Affirmative action funds have bettered the living standards in the constituency.
 - (iv) Entrenching the three Funds in the Constitution will ensure development and service delivery at the local level.



Photo 187: Public Participation in Msambweni Constituency

4.4.188 Mt. Elgon Constituency

- 612. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mt. Elgon Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,126 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 613. All the 1,126 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through the purchase of school buses, paymentof school fees through bursaries to relieve the financial burden on parents and construction of classrooms.
 - (ii) On security, the NG-CDF has supported construction of police posts and chief's offices.



Photo 188: Public Participation in Mt. Elgon Constituency

4.4.189 Muhoroni Constituency

- 614. The public hearing exercise was held at the Muhoroni Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 328 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 615. A total of 322 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through provision of school bursaries, construction of classrooms and latrines in schools, development of school infrastructure, provision of sanitary towels for girls and water storage tanks.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to the construction and maintenance of rural roads and last mile electricity connectivity. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of public utilities such as chiefs' offices among others, creating employment.
- 616. On the other hand, 6 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concern raised was that Funds should be devolved to county governments.



Photo 189: Public Participation in Muhoroni Constituency

4.4.190 Mukurweini Constituency

- 617. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mukurweini Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 336 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 618. A total of 331 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The Funds would be beneficial in overall development in the rural areas.
 - (ii) The NGCF would further support education through distribution of bursaries for needy children, construction of schools and renovation of school infrastructure. The Fund would also contribute to curbing insecurity by assisting in electrification of the constituencies.
- 619. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed as follows:
 - (i) The percentage of national revenue allocated to NG-CDF should be raised to 5%. Current allocations are insufficient for growing needs in education, infrastructure, and health. Increasing the percentage would enhance impact, enable long-term planning, and help constituencies meet the development expectations of rapidly growing populations

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- (ii) Special consideration should be given to support persons with disabilities and elderly citizens. Dedicated funding for these groups ensures inclusive development. It could support assistive devices, accessible infrastructure, and healthcare services, improving their quality of life and enabling active participation in society.
- (iii) A ward-level committee should be established to guide NG-CDF project selection. These committees would ensure that each ward's priorities are represented fairly, improving equity and responsiveness in project planning. Localized input fosters ownership, accountability, and better targeting of resources
- (iv) The Bill should ensure proper coordination between NG-CDF and county government development plans. Lack of coordination could lead to duplicated efforts or neglected areas. Synchronizing development plans would ensure efficient use of funds, avoid service gaps, and promote holistic, complementary development strategies.
- 620. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill.



Photo 190: Public Participation in Mukurweini Constituency

4.4.191 Mumias East Constituency

- 621. The public hearing exercise was held at Mumias East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 269 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 622. A total of 265 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to the payment of school fees through bursaries, hence helping children from poor families to access education. The Fund has improved the quality of life in the society by supporting security programmes through electrification; construction of schools, administration blocks, classrooms, dormitories and laboratories; and the purchase of school buses. The Fund has also contributed to the construction of several colleges such as Wanga TTI and Shianda KMTC.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also improved security and public order by supporting the construction of National Government Administrative Offices such as the chiefs' and Deputy County Commissioner offices. The Fund has also supported the construction of roads and a bride on River Lusumu, improving roadway connectivity.
 - (iii) The NGAAF and NG-CDF has improved hygiene in schools by funding construction of toilets and installation of water storage tanks in schools.
 - (iv) The Funds are easily accessible to the common mwananchi.

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- 623. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill stating, among other concerns, that:
 - (i) The bursaries are issued in a discriminatory manner, with some participants stating that no bursary had allocated given to their children.
 - (ii) The Member of Parliament should focus on oversight of the NGCF and not its management.
 - (iii) The money should be allocated to the relevant ministries in the national government.



Photo 191: Public Participation in Mumias East Constituency

4.4.192 Mumias West Constituency

- 624. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mumias West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 468 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 625. All the 468 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through provision of bursaries for students, improved school infrastructure, the purchase of school buses, and the construction of classrooms, administration blocks, fences around schools for security, among others.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has improved road connectivity in the constituency and boosted the business environment by building markets, promoting self-reliance for small traders. Noting the benefits of the Fund, there is need for an increase in the budgetary allocation of the Fund to support more projects.



Photo 192: Public Participation in Mumias West Constituency

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4.4.193 Mvita Constituency

- 626. The public hearing exercise was held at Mvita Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 794 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 627. A total of 793 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through provision of bursaries for school fees for needy children thus eased the burden for parents and expansion of existing schools and construction of new ones. Since its inception in 2003, there has been an increase in the number of public schools within and around Mombasa Island.
 - (ii) Furthermore, the NG-CDF has facilitated the construction of school laboratories and purchase of school equipment such as desks in JSSs; and construction of TVET institutions which has boosted acquisition of technical education and provided employment opportunities for Mvita constituents. The Fund has also facilitated the training of youths in computer literacy in Mvita's NG-CDF Office, enabling them gain skills and keeping them out of the streets.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has promoted easy access of government services at the constituency level. For instance, increased security through the construction of police stations. The Fund has also reduced the prevalence of harambees for school fees, hospital bills by supporting self-reliance. Moreover, the Fund has been more accessible at the constituency level compared to other governments funds under ministries because 'fimbo ya mbali haiui nyoka'.
 - (iv) The SOF would strengthen Senate oversight of the county governments and ensure prudent use of funds.
 - (V) Entrenching the Funds in the Constitution would ensure continuation of provision services at the grassroot level regardless of who is in power.
- 628. While supporting the Bill, a majority of the participants proposed the increase of budgetary allocation for NGCDF, especially the amounts for bursaries provided per child.
- 629. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill. The main concern raised was that the participant felt that the NG-CDF was not equally and equitably distributed as some schools did not receive any aid.



Photo 193: Public Participation in Mvita Constituency

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4.4.194 Mwala Constituency

- 630. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mwala Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 254 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 631. A total of 253 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF provide bursary to needy students, enabling them to also access education. The Funds have also assisted in the construction of new schools, classrooms, libraries, and other essential infrastructure, improving access to education and other social services. The Fund has reduced regional disparities by allocating resources based on need, ensuring that all constituencies benefit from development initiatives.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have encouraged community participation in project planning and implementation, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.
- 632. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill concerned that the lack of accountability and transparency in the management of the NG-CDF could result in and unequal distribution of the Fund.



Photo 194: Public Participation in Mwala Constituency

4.4.195 Mwatate Constituency

- 633. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mwatate Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,328 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 634. A total of 1,250 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to quality education through bursaries, building of new schools, renovations of dilapidated school infrastructure and construction of TVETs and KMTCs. The Funds have also improved social amenities through building social halls in the constituency.

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- (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security through construction of police stations, police headquarters, police housing units and NGAO offices.
- (iii) The NGAAF has supported affirmative action by funds to women groups within the county, empowering them through table banking as well as benefiting from the tents and chairs issued to them. The Fund has also enabled the establishment of rescue centres for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) survivors and provision of sanitary towels to girls and wheelchairs to PWDs.
- (iv) The SOF would enhance oversight of the devolved funds.
- 635. While supporting the Bill, a majority of the public advocated for increased budgetary allocation to the NG-CDF and NGAAF and sensitization of the functions of the Funds.
- 636. On the other hand, 78 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of bias in distribution of the Funds. They added that MPs should primarily focus on their main roles of legislation, oversight and representation.



Photo 195: Public Participation in Mwatate Constituency

4.4.196 Mwea Constituency

- 637. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mwea Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 765 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 638. A total of 735 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) Relating to the NG-CDF, it has supported social development in the community at large and infrastructure development including the construction of the chiefs and assistant chiefs' offices, schools, digital centres, Huduma Centres and police posts. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of bridges making transportation accessible; provision of bursaries that have benefited many families by reducing their financial burden and increasing access to education; installation of electricity in many areas has enhanced security and enabled youths to engage in economic activities especially, Jua Kali; and facilitated environmental projects such as tree planting.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has provided valuable support to the constituents by supplying tents and chairs, enhancing their access to essential resources; supported many social welfare

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groups by providing financial resources. The Fund has facilitated the distribution of water storage tanks to communities, addressing water scarcity issues.

639. On the other hand, 30 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill noting that there is an increased wastage of resources by the accounting officers at the NG-CDF and NGAAF Offices. In their view, the NG-CDF and NGAAF are not properly streamlined and their overlapping mandates of NG-CDF and NGAAF have resulted in concerns about duplication of functions. Furthermore, the three Funds could result in a potential conflict of roles between the national and county governments.



Photo 196: Public Participation in Mwea Constituency

4.4.197 Mwingi Central Constituency

- 640. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mwingi Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,215 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 641. All the 1,215 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF projects have spurred development across all areas, thereby boosting both the education and security sectors. The Fund has enabled needy students to pursue their education without interruption thanks to bursaries.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have ensured equal distribution of resources and projects at the grassroot level.



Photo 197: Public Participation in Mwingi Central Constituency

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4.4.198 Mwingi North Constituency

- 642. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mwingi North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 771 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 643. A total of 770 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to quality education by funding school infrastructure projects, providing bursaries for school fees and creating job opportunities through local employment in the community project offices.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF is locally managed, minimizing bureaucracy, enhancing efficiency, ensuring easy access by the people and streamlined project contracting. The Fund has accelerated development in constituencies.
- 644. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill.



Photo 198: Public Participation in Mwingi North Constituency

4.4.199 Mwingi West Constituency

- 645. The public hearing exercise was held at the Mwingi West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 737 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 646. All the 737 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to quality education though provision of bursaries for school fees. The Funds have also supported community development projects by contributing to local infrastructure development. These projects and construction works have created jobs and supported local businesses, encouraging small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) growth. The Funds have promoted poverty reduction and regional equity through economic empowerment and affirmative action programs.



Photo 199: Public Participation in Mwingi West Constituency

4.4.200 Naivasha Constituency

- 647. The public hearing exercise was held at the Naivasha Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,439 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 648. All the 1,439 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NGCDF has been instrumental in improving educational outcomes through the provision of bursaries and enhancement of school infrastructure. The Fund has also facilitated the development of essential infrastructure, such as roads and healthcare facilities, improving the quality of life for residents. Further, the Fund has created employment opportunities, especially for the youth, through the initiation of community-driven projects and in turn contributed to reduced poverty levels.
 - (iii) The NGCF would further the benefits of NG-CDF including strengthening disaster preparedness and response mechanisms at the constituency level, promoting participatory governance by involving community members in planning and implementation of development projects and supporting initiatives aimed at enhancing food security and sustainable agriculture.
 - (ii) The NGAAF would continue to provide targeted support to women, youth, PWDs and vulnerable groups, promoting social equity and inclusion.
 - (iii) The SOF would empower Senators to effectively monitor and evaluate the performance of county governments, ensuring transparency and accountability.



Photo 200: Public Participation in Naivasha Constituency

4.4.201 Nakuru Town East Constituency

- 649. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nakuru Town East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 285 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 650. A total of 280 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been beneficial to the constituents by providing bursaries for needy students, purchasing school buses, constructing new schools and improving existing school infrastructure. In addition, the Fund has also improved the infrastructure of NGAO offices.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has provided economic empowerment for women and youth groups, and PWDs.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have been instrumental during national disasters and emergencies by providing targeted relief.
- 651. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concern raised was that there has been a lot of corruption and nepotism in the use of NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 201: Public Participation in Nakuru Town East Constituency

4.4.202 Nakuru Town West Constituency

- 652. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nakuru Town West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 441 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 653. A total of 434 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been beneficial to the constituents by providing bursaries for needy students, purchasing school buses, constructing new schools and improving existing school infrastructure. In addition, the Fund has also improved the infrastructure of NGAO offices.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has provided economic empowerment for women and youth groups, and PWDs.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have been instrumental during national disasters and emergencies by providing targeted relief.
- 654. On the other hand, 7 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concern raised was that there has been a lot of corruption and nepotism in the use of both NGCDF and NGAAF.



Photo 202: Public Participation in Nakuru West Town Constituency

4.4.203 Nambale Constituency

655. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nambale Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 345 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 656. A total of 338 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has assisted in constructing classrooms, improving education in the constituency. Through the provision of bursaries, the Fund has enhanced access to education for needy students, promoting fairness and equal opportunities in learning. Furthermore, with the support of the Fund, classrooms, dormitories, and government offices have been built, reducing the community's burden of fundraising for such essential facilities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has allowed for faster development in the constituency through timely implementation of projects. The Fund has improved the way resources are shared across the constituency, ensuring a more balanced development. The implementation of various development projects funded by the NG-CDF has created job opportunities for the youth, fostering empowerment and skill development.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has supported the construction of vital infrastructure like roads and bridges, boosting local connectivity and stimulating economic growth in the area.
 - (iv) The NGAAF and NGCDF have helped the vulnerable in the constituency through the provision of self-help funds and the issuance of school bursaries.
- 657. On the other hand, 7 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that the Funds would result in a high taxation burden on an already strained taxpayer, potential of mismanagement of resources. In their view, the NGAAF and SOF should be abolished.



Photo 203: Public Participation in Nambale Constituency

4.4.204 Nandi Hills Constituency

- 658. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nandi Hills Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 222 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 659. A total of 216 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:

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- (i) The NG-CDF has assisted in construction of classrooms and equipped them. New and renovated classrooms have reduced congestion in schools and improved learning environments. The fund has also equipped them with desks, blackboards, and digital learning tools, facilitating CBC implementation. These efforts ensure that learners access quality education in conducive settings that promote better concentration, teacher effectiveness, and student performance.
- (ii) The vulnerable in society have been able to pay fees through the NG-CDF bursaries. Bursaries have provided crucial financial relief for low-income households, ensuring their children continue schooling uninterrupted. This has helped reduce school dropouts and child labour while promoting education equity. Such support is especially important for orphans and vulnerable children who might otherwise be denied an education due to poverty
- (iii) The SOF would fast track the development agenda by facilitating senators to carry out their oversight mandate. Equipped with adequate resources, senators will conduct monitoring visits, evaluate project implementation, and investigate complaints, thereby ensuring proper fund utilization. Their role strengthens good governance, enforces financial discipline, and ensures government-funded projects deliver tangible results to communities in line with national and county development goals.
- (iv) The Funds would be easily accessible at the grassroots level hence ensuring equity and equality during resource distribution. Devolving funds like the NG-CDF would ensure communities have direct access to financial resources for local development. This leads to faster implementation of critical projects like classrooms, roads, and water systems. Such proximity increases accountability, reduces delays, and guarantees that diverse communities benefit fairly and equitably from public investment.
- 660. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed that:
 - (i) The allocation of the NG-CDF from the government shared revenue should be increased from 2.5% to 5%. Doubling the allocation would expand the Fund's capacity to support more development projects, including bursaries, health facilities, and infrastructure. It would also address high demand and bridge service gaps in rural and marginalized areas.
 - (ii) The harmonization of the all bursary schemes to vest in the NG-CDF to prevent duplication in distribution, ensure fairer access, eliminate duplication of roles and allowing more students to benefit. A unified bursary scheme under a harmonized framework would ensure all deserving students receive support without being sidelined due to duplication or bias.
 - (iii) Making separate provision for budgetary allocation towards PWDs and for extracurricular activities such as sports. Allocating resources for sports and inclusion programs builds talent and promotes holistic development. Facilities and tools for PWDs ensure equitable access, support rehabilitation, and empower them to participate in learning and leadership fully.
- 661. On the other hand, 6 people expressed their reservations on the Bill for the following reasons.
 - (i) The NG-CDF should be consolidated and allocated to other projects like providing free secondary and university education. Some citizens felt that pooling funds nationally could support broader social programs such as fully free education. This centralized approach, if well-managed, could ensure equal access to education countrywide and reduce inequalities between constituencies, but may reduce local flexibility and responsiveness.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF tends to facilitate corruption through mismanagement and embezzlement. Lack of clear separation between fund managers and political leaders

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increases risks of misappropriation. Politicians may direct funds based on loyalty rather than need. Stronger controls, public involvement, and independent audits are needed to safeguard funds from political manipulation and ensure projects are truly beneficial.

- (iii) The SOF should be devolved to the county assemblies as they have more access to the grassroots. County Assemblies are considered closer to the people and may be better placed to provide frequent, localized oversight. Empowering MCAs with oversight funding could enhance checks and balances and ensure more direct community engagement in monitoring project execution.
- (iv) There are no control measures over the NG-CDF. Funds should be channelled through each sub-county under the docket of the DCC by forming boards to ensure there are control mechanisms. Sub-county-based boards can improve supervision and reduce political interference. Having government officials like the DCC oversee funds would enhance transparency and accountability while ensuring compliance with procurement and project management laws.



Photo 204: Public Participation in Nandi Hills Constituency

4.4.205 Narok East Constituency

- 662. The public hearing exercise was held at the Narok East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 566 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 663. A total of 526 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF supports education by providing bursaries to needy, orphaned and vulnerable students in the community, supports the construction and renovation of school infrastructure, road and water projects and administrative facilities, including the chiefs' office. The Fund has also enhanced health services by constructing and rehabilitating hospitals and health centres in the constituency.
 - (ii) The NGCDF has also enhanced security and safety by constructing police posts and promoting peace at the border and in high-risk areas within the constituency.

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- (iii) The NGAAF supports youth and women's empowerment programmes, promotes sports and nurtures youth talents, and creates inclusive platforms for marginalised groups, including persons with disabilities.
- 664. On the other hand, 40 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. Their main concern was alleged bias in the allocation of funds, discrimination in bursary distribution, and a lack of accountability in their use. In their view, entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would still not benefit the constituents.



Photo 205: Public Participation in Narok East Constituency

4.4.206 Narok North Constituency

- 665. The public hearing exercise was held at the Narok North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 343 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 666. All the 343 participants supported the Bill citing the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF supports education by providing bursaries to needy students in the community. It has also contributed to infrastructure development in the constituency, including the construction of roads, electricity connectivity, police posts, and other essential services.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has provided support for marginalised and vulnerable groups, including women, youth, and PWDs. The Fund has also boosted local economic development through grassroots projects, reducing inequality by channelling funds directly to communities and enhancing service delivery to the community.
 - (iii) The SOF would strengthen the oversight role of the Senate thus promote good governance and transparency.



Photo 206: Public Participation in Narok North Constituency

4.4.207 Narok South Constituency

- 667. The public hearing exercise was held at the Narok South Constituency Office from 5th to 9th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 279 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 668. All the 279 participants supported the Bill and stated, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF supports education by providing bursaries to needy, orphaned and vulnerable students in the community, supports the construction and renovation of school infrastructure, road and water projects and administrative facilities, including the chiefs' office. The Fund has also enhanced health services by constructing and rehabilitating hospitals and health centres in the constituency.
 - (ii) The NGCDF has also enhanced security and safety by constructing police posts and promoting peace at the border and in high-risk areas within the constituency.
 - (iii) The NGAAF supports youth and women's empowerment programmes, promotes sports and nurtures youth talents, and creates inclusive platforms for marginalised groups, including persons with disabilities.



Photo 207: Public Participation in Narok South Constituency

4.4.208 Narok West Constituency

- 669. The public hearing exercise was held at the Narok West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. A total of 467 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 670. A total of 366 participants supported the Bill and stated as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries and scholarships for needy and vulnerable students, enhanced access to healthcare facilities and development of health services, and job opportunities through the NG-CDF.
- 671. On the other hand, 101 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds and a history of previous embezzlement of the NG-CDF and NGAAF. In addition, they were of the view that the NG-CDF and NGAAF as currently established is sufficient.



Photo 208: Public Participation in Narok West Constituency

4.4.209 Navakholo Constituency

- 672. The public hearing exercise was held at the Navakholo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 754 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 673. A total of 750 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF supports students by providing bursaries to needy students and purchasing water tanks for schools.
 - (ii) The NGAAF financially supports women and youth and creates job opportunities for locals. The fund has also facilitated the provision of sanitary towels and empowered farmers within the Constituency.
 - (iii) The provision of Funds at the constituency level ensures development at the grassroots level.
- 674. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed that the Funds should be managed by finance experts.

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Photo 209: Public Participation in Navakholo Constituency

4.4.210 Ndaragwa Constituency

- 676. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ndaragwa Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,199 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 677. A total of 1,196 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They stated as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported needy students through the allocation of bursaries and the construction of classrooms and ablution blocks in schools, as well as through the provision of support to students enrolled in TVETs and universities students. The Funds have also assisted in enhancing access to electricity through matching funds from 36% in 2013 to 56% in 2025.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has developed and improved infrastructure in public facilities such as the construction of police stations, police posts and offices for the area chiefs. The Fund has also created employment opportunities for residents and licensed *bodaboda* riders.
 - (iii) The decentralisation of resource allocation to the grassroots level fosters community development in the constituency.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has empowered vulnerable groups through local programmes in the county, such as training two hundred (200) women in entrepreneurship and empowering youth through the Ajira Digital Programme.
- 678. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase in the budgetary allocation of the NG-CDF.

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- 679. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill. The main concerns raised included:
 - (i) The Funds should be managed solely by the Executive.
 - (ii) The entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution may result in a duplication of roles between the Legislature and national government agencies.



Photo 210: Public Participation in Ndaragwa Constituency

4.4.211 Ndhiwa Constituency

- 680. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ndhiwa Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 178 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 681. A total of 175 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided more proportionate developments in the constituency than the county governments as they help the community through education bursaries, construction and maintenance of school infrastructure, construction of administration and security offices, access roads, and purchase of school buses.
 - (ii) The Funds contribute to the equitable distribution of national government funds.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has specifically provided socio-economic development support to girls, women, the physically disabled, and other needy individuals.
 - (iv) The SOF would strengthen Senators' oversight of county government funds.
- 682. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised included:
 - (i) Entrenching the three funds into the Constitution would not help citizens.
 - (ii) The SOF may be ineffective as Senators are not properly overseeing the counties. In addition, this Fund may reduce the national government's development budget.
 - (iii) They were concerned that the Funds would be misused to serve private interests.



Photo 211: Public Participation in Ndhiwa Constituency

4.4.212 Ndia Constituency

- 683. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ndia Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,073 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 684. A total of 1,067 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education by providing education bursaries, building school and college infrastructure, such as school halls, classrooms, and toilets, and purchasing school buses. The Funds have also been used to construct police posts and expand access to water by facilitating the drilling of boreholes in various areas.
 - (ii) Noting the benefits of the NGAAF, there is need to increase the budgetary allocation of the Fund to support all societal groups, including elderly men.
- 685. On the other hand, 6 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill. The main concerns raised include inequity in the allocation and distribution of NG-CDF among the constituents and delays in the disbursement of Funds, hindering the timely addressing of citizens' needs. They noted the need for enhanced oversight mechanisms of NG-CDF management.



Photo 212: Public Participation in Ndia Constituency

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4.4.213 Njoro Constituency

- 686. The public hearing exercise was held at the Njoro Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 956 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 687. A total of 893 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have assisted in enabling access to education by constructing new schools, purchasing school buses and administration blocks, and providing bursaries for needy students. The Funds have also improved national government infrastructure such as police stations and administration offices.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has provided economic empowerment for women groups, youth groups and persons with disability.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF & NGAAF have been instrumental whenever there have been national emergencies by providing disaster relief.
- 688. On the other hand, 63 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill. The primary concern raised was the fear of corruption, misuse, and nepotism in the management of the NG-CDF and NGAAF.



Photo 213: Public Participation in Njoro Constituency

4.4.214 North Horr Constituency

- 689. The public hearing exercise was held at the North Horr Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 240 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 690. A total of 237 participants expressed their support for the Bill and stated, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported students through the disbursement of bursaries and facilitated infrastructural development in public learning institutions by building classrooms and administration blocks. The Funds have also enhanced equality in marginalised areas.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to improved security in the region by enabling the construction of police stations, police posts, and administrative offices.

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- (iii) The NG-CDF has established accountability mechanisms, thus there is minimal or no wastage of funds.
- 691. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. In their view, the Funds would be used to usurp the functions of county governments, were prone to misuse and potential unequal distribution of NG-CDF resources at the local level.



Photo 214: Public Participation in North Horr Constituency

4.4.215 North Imenti Constituency

- 692. The public hearing exercise was held at the North Imenti Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. A total of 1,871 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 693. A total of 1,868 participants expressed their support for the Bill for the following reasons:
 - The SOF would enable Senators to oversee the devolved units, ensuring accountability.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has served the marginalised members of the communities, including women, PWDs and the elderly.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy students and improved the infrastructure of primary and secondary schools by building and renovating classrooms and modern toilets. The Fund has also improved security in the region by enabling the construction of police stations, police posts, and administrative offices.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has promoted equal constituency development and enhanced public participation in various projects.
 - (V) The NG-CDF and NGAAF projects have provided job opportunities to people within constituencies.
- 694. On the contrary, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill concerned that there was a likely conflict of interest in the management and oversight of the NG-CDF.



Photo 215: Public Participation in North Imenti Constituency

4.4.216 North Mugirango Constituency

695. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ekerenyo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 460 members of the public participated in the exercise.

696. Of these, 458 persons supported the Bill for the following reasons:

- (i) The NGCF would address the local needs of the people including education through bursaries, development of infrastructure in schools and enhanced security through the construction of NGAO offices. The Fund would also facilitate the establishment of infrastructure such a tea buying centres and *bodaboda* shades.
- (ii) The NGCF would be easily accessible at the grassroot level and would have a direct impact on communities as the local projects are closer to the constituents in comparison to those being done by county governments.
- (iii) The NGAAF would ensure financial support of affirmative action groups such as women, youth and persons with disability. Further, the Fund would assist PWDs by promoting inclusivity and accessibility as it provides resources for education, healthcare and vocational training.
- (iv) The NGAAF would also assist vulnerable children, women and girls by providing essential resources such as sanitary towels, improving their well-being.
- (v) The establishment of the SOF would ensure socio-economic development at the county level through strengthened oversight by the Senate.
- 697. Conversely, 2 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 216: Public Participation in North Mugirango Constituency

4.4.217 Nyakach Constituency

- 698. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nyakach Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,535 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 699. A total of 1,527 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill included the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education in the region through the issuance of bursaries to needy students. The Funds have also significantly improved security and educational infrastructure by constructing police posts and classrooms across the constituency.
- 700. On the other hand, 8 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main issue raised was that the management and implementation of the Funds should be fully devolved to county governments.



Photo 217: Public Participation in Nyakach Constituency

4.4.218 Nyali Constituency

701. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nyali Constituency Office, from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 828 members of the public participated in the exercise.

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- 702. All the 828 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF projects are planned and executed in close consultation with residents and ensures that projects are prioritised in accordance with the community's needs. The Fund has also supported the construction and rehabilitation of cabro roads, facilitating smoother travel and boosting commerce within towns and villages. These projects have created employment opportunities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also enhanced security in the constituency through the construction of police posts, administration offices and installation of security lights.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries to needy students and facilitated the construction and expansion of schools.



Photo 218: Public Participation in Nyali Constituency

4.4.219 Nyando Constituency

- 703. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nyando Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 870 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 704. All the 870 participants expressed their support for the Bill, noting, among other reasons, that the funds had supported needy students through bursaries and maintained and developed most of the constituency's schools' infrastructure.



Photo 219: Public Participation in Nyando Constituency

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4.4.220 Nyaribari Chache Constituency

- 705. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nyaribari Chache Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 574 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 706. Of these, 570 participants expressed their support for the Bill by stating as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries to students and funded the development of learning institutions' infrastructure, such as classrooms and other school amenities.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also assisted in the protection of the environment through tree planting initiatives in schools and contributed to improved regional security by enabling the construction of police stations, police posts, and administrative offices.
- 707. Conversely, 4 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The primary concern was a fear of corruption and mismanagement of the Funds.



Photo 220: Public Participation in Nyaribari Chache Constituency

4.4.221 Nyaribari Masaba Constituency

- 708. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nyaribari Masaba Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 313 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 709. A total of 310 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported access to education through the infrastructural development of school amenities such as classrooms, laboratories, and modern toilets, as well as the provision of bursary funds for needy students.
 - (ii) The Ng-CDF has also contributed to mitigating climate change by facilitating treeplanting initiatives in the area. The Fund has also been instrumental in building offices for chiefs and assistant chiefs, including constructing police stations and enhancing security.
- 710. Conversely, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. The main concerns raised were fears of mismanagement and the bureaucracy involved in disbursing the funds.

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Photo 221: Public Participation in Nyaribari Masaba Constituency

4.4.222 Nyatike Constituency

- 711. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nyatike Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 352 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 712. A total of 351 participants supported the Bill and stated as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided funding for developing essential community infrastructure such as boreholes, laboratories, classrooms, school buses, dormitories, toilets, hospitals, police stations, offices for NGAO and facilitated road construction and maintenance projects. Further, the NGCF would improve representation at the constituency level compared to the county level.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has empowered women and youth through support for small businesses and assistance to vulnerable groups, including widows, orphans, and PWDs. The Fund has also created employment opportunities within local communities and provided emergency response support to communities.
 - (iii) The SOF would strengthen effective oversight by Senators.
- 713. Conversely, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill concerned that the Senate should not manage the SOF.



Photo 222: Public Participation in Nyatike Constituency

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4.4.223 Nyeri Town Constituency

- 714. The public hearing exercise was held at the Nyeri Town Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 382 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 715. A total of 367 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted as follows: (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated many development projects in the community, the most
 - impactful of which is the development of school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The Senate should be equipped to oversee county government funds and functions.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has been instrumental in providing resources within the community to ensure equity and inclusivity in development in the country.
 - (iv) The establishment of three Funds will enhance the accessibility of government services to ordinary citizens.
- 716. While supporting the Bill, some participants stated that Parliament should ensure the implementation of proper accountability measures for utilization of the three Funds.
- 717. Conversely, 15 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. They stated that the SOF and the NGAAF are unnecessary. In their view, the SOF would duplicate the functions of county governments. Noting loopholes in allocating bursaries to needy students, some participants proposed that the resources be redirected to alternative initiatives, such as increasing the rates for coffee prices. The participants also stated that the three Funds could be used for political expediency.



Photo 223: Public Participation in Nyeri Town Constituency

4.4.224 OI Jorok Constituency

- 718. The public hearing exercise was held at the OI Jorok Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 702 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 719. A total of 701 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through bursaries for the needy students, school feeding programmes, construction of dining halls, classrooms and science laboratories, issuance of desks to learners, construction of ablution blocks and water tanks in schools, procurement of school buses, and scholarships to students in TVETs.

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- (ii) The NG-CDF has also been instrumental in infrastructural development, such as the construction of the chief's offices, police posts, and stations, improvement of rural roads and bridges, enhanced electricity access through matching funds and street lighting, construction of ICT Hubs, construction of hospitals, and drilling of boreholes.
- (iii) In addition, NG-CDF has ensured effective development through timely payment of contractors, creation of employment for youth, timely completion of projects and easy accessibility of services.
- (iv) The NGAAF has provided social support by paying for insurance coverage for senior citizens, greatly impacted talents and sports development through the issuance of playing kits and balls, provided food relief, such as food distributed during droughts and assisted the vulnerable through empowerment programmes in the country.
- 720. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 224: Public Participation in OI Jorok Constituency

4.4.225 OI Kalou Constituency

- 721. The public hearing exercise was held at the OI Kalou Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 623 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 722. A total of 617 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill included:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education at the constituency level by helping disadvantaged students through bursaries and constructing classrooms and sanitation facilities. The Funds have also facilitated infrastructure development, including the construction of police stations and local chiefs' offices.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has strengthened vulnerable groups via local initiatives within the county, such as youth empowerment through the provision of seed capital to do business, licensing bodaboda riders and creating employment for local residents.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has constituency development.

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723. Conversely, 6 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill. The main concerns raised included a lack of transparency and oversight of the Funds, which increases the risk of mismanagement; a likely conflict of interest in the management of NG-CDF; and unfair allocation of bursaries. In their view, resources should be allocated through the two levels of government only; the national and county government to avoid a duplication of roles. Entrenching the three Funds in the Constitution would create an increase in public expenditure, burdening an already strained taxpayer.



Photo 225: Public Participation in OI Kalou Constituency

4.4.226 Othaya Constituency

- 724. The public hearing exercise was held at the Othaya Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 350 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 725. A total of 349 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated the improvement of education infrastructure, constructed police posts and administration blocks, which have enhanced security and developed youth ICT Hubs.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF has enhanced access to education through the provision of bursaries to needy students. The Funds have also brought development closer to the people.
- 726. Conversely, one participant expressed his reservations on the Bill citing that the Members of Parliament should focus on their representation and oversight roles. Further that, the SOF was unnecessary funding for Senators and would cause a financial strain on Kenyan taxpayers.



Photo 226: Public Participation in Othaya Constituency

4.4.227 Pokot South Constituency

- 727. The public hearing exercise was held at the Pokot South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 199 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 728. A total of 191 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to education through provision of bursaries to needy students and facilitating the construction of schools, classrooms, libraries, laboratories and purchasing of school buses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to community empowerment through the creation of employment opportunities in the local projects.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction of police stations and NGAO Offices.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported the distribution of dignity kids to schoolgirl girls and assistive devices to persons with disabilities.
 - (v) The Senate Oversight Fund would enable the Senate to effectively discharge its oversight mandate.
- 729. On the other hand, 8 participants expressed reservations on the Bill.



Photo 227: Public Participation in Pokot South Constituency

4.4.228 Rabai Constituency

- 730. The public hearing exercise was held at the Rabai Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,086 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 731. A total of 1,081 participants expressed their support for the Bill and citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has promoted education through provision of bursaries to students thus easing the burden of school fees on disadvantaged families.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has improved school infrastructure through the construction of schools and classrooms.
- 732. On the contrary, 5 participants expressed reservations on the Bill and stated among other concerns that there was unequal distribution of the Funds for all the constituents



Photo 228: Public Participation in Rabai Constituency

4.4.229 Rangwe Constituency

- 733. The public hearing exercise was held at the Rangwe Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 570 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 734. A total of 563 participants expressed their support for the Bill and stated, among other reasons, that the NG-CDF has supported sectors such as education health and infrastructure.
- 735. On the contrary, 7 participants expressed reservations on the Bill and stated, among other concerns, that there was alleged misappropriation of the funds due to lack of clear oversight mechanisms.



Photo 229: Public Participation in Rangwe Constituency

4.4.230 Rarieda Constituency

- 736. The public hearing exercise was held at Rarieda Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 7,993 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 737. Of these, 7,963 persons supported the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enabled local communities to take charge of their own development by financing projects that address their specific needs. The Fund has also created employment opportunities and stimulated economic growth.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has promoted equity in development by bridging the gap between urban and rural constituencies ensuring the most underserved areas receive support for critical infrastructure including health facilities.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education through construction of classrooms and school infrastructure and issuance of bursaries.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has supported vulnerable groups through targeted assistance to orphans, the elderly and PWDs and social inclusion programs.
- 738. On the other hand, 30 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a fear of mismanagement of the Funds, inadequate oversight mechanisms, previous allegations of political favouritism in project allocation and a likely conflict of interest in the management and oversight of the Funds.



Photo 230: Public Participation in Rarieda Constituency

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4.4.231 Rongai Constituency

- 739. The public hearing exercise was held at the Rongai Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 247 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 740. A total of 246 members of the public supported the Bill citing among others reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to education by providing bursaries to needy students, improving infrastructure in schools, facilitating the construction of new classrooms and purchasing of school buses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security through construction of police stations and NGAO offices.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted economic empowerment to women, youths and PWDs.
- 741. On the other hand, I participant expressed reservations on the Bill stating among other concerns that there has been alleged corruption and nepotism in the allocation of bursaries and projects.



Photo 231: Public Participation in Rongai Constituency

4.4.232 Rongo Constituency

- 742. The public hearing exercise was held at the Rongo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 365 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 743. All the 365 participants supported the Bill citing among other reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to education through provision of bursaries as well as the construction and maintenance of school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has supported infrastructural development through the drilling of boreholes, construction of security and NGAO offices and establishment of ICT hubs.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to economic empowerment through creation of employment opportunities for the women, youth and vulnerable groups.

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Photo 232: Public Participation in Rongo Constituency

4.4.233 Roysambu Constituency

- 744. The public hearing exercise was held at the Roysambu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 530 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 745. A total of 528 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported the education sector through provision of bursaries to needy and vulnerable students and contributed to the construction of schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to infrastructural development through construction of drainage systems and facilitated the installation of security lights.
 - (iii) The Senate Oversight Fund would support the Senate to effectively discharge its oversight mandate.
- 746. While supporting the Bill, the members of the public stated that the Funds should be allocated to the relevant Ministries.
- 747. On the contrary, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give any reasons.



Photo 233: Public Participation in Roysambu Constituency

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4.4.234 Ruaraka Constituency

- 748. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ruaraka Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,758 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 749. A total of 1,727 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing among other reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through provision of bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced security through the construction of police stations and NGAO offices.
- 750. On the contrary, 31 participants expressed reservations on the Bill stating among other concerns that:
 - There was unequal distribution of the NG-CDF and NGAAF thereby disadvantaging many deserving students.
 - (ii) The entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution will add to the taxpayer's financial burden.



Photo 234: Public Participation in Ruaraka Constituency

4.4.235 Ruiru Constituency

- 751. The public hearing exercise was held at the Ruiru Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,467 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 752. A total of 1,464 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing among other reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to education by providing bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security through the construction of police stations and NGAO offices.
- 753. On the contrary, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill stating among other concerns that entrenchment of the Funds in the Constitution would undermine the principle of separation of powers.

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Photo 235: Public Participation in Ruiru Constituency

4.4.236 Runyenjes Constituency

- 754. The public hearing exercise was held at the Runyenjes Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 518 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 755. All the 518 participants supported the Bill citing among other reasons that:
 - The NG-CDF has contributed to the education sector by providing bursaries to needy students.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security by facilitating the construction of police stations and NGAO offices.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to the economic empowerment of the youth through construction of *bodaboda* shades.



Photo 236: Public Participation in Runyenjes Constituency

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4.4.237 Sabatia Constituency

- 756. The public hearing exercise was held at the Sabatia Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,416 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 757. A total of 1,093 members of the public supported the Bill citing among others reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education through issuance of bursaries to needy students, sponsoring the youth to undertake short courses to improve their technical skills as well as construction of classrooms and laboratories.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has contributed to infrastructural development by constructing police stations and NGAO offices.
- 758. On the other hand, 53 participants expressed reservations on the Bill.



Photo 237: Public Participation in Sabatia Constituency

4.4.238 Saboti Constituency

- 759. The public hearing exercise was held at the Saboti Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 568 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 760. A total of 567 participants expressed their support for the Bill, citing among other reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education by providing bursaries to needy students, contributing to the school feeding program, facilitated the construction of classrooms, administration and ablution blocks as well as purchasing school buses.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported environmental conservation initiatives through tree planting initiatives.
- 761. On the contrary, I participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not state any reasons.

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Photo 238: Public Participation in Saboti Constituency

4.4.239 Saku Constituency

- 762. The public hearing exercise was held at the Saku Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 429 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 763. A total of 428 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has assisted in addressing social issues such as early marriages, drug abuse and banditry among the youth by enhancing access to education. The Funds have also supported the construction of schools, classrooms, laboratories and dormitories.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided access to full and partial scholarships to needy students.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has enhanced security by facilitating the construction of police stations and NGAO offices.
- 764. On the contrary, I participant expressed reservations on the Bill stating, among other concerns, that the Bill would result to duplication of roles between the Executive and the Legislature.



Photo 239: Public Participation in Saku Constituency

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4.4.240 Samburu East Constituency

- 765. The public hearing exercise was held at the Samburu East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 145 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 766. All the 145 participants supported the Bill citing, among other reasons, that:
 - The NG-CDF has supported education by providing bursaries to needy students and improving school infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have facilitated school-going girls with sanitary pads and supported vulnerable groups within the constituency.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has supported the establishment of rescue centres for victims of GBV.
 - (iv) The Senate Oversight Funds would enhance transparency and accountability of county finances.



Photo 240: Public Participation in Samburu East Constituency

4.4.241 Samburu North Constituency

- 767. The public hearing exercise was held at the Samburu North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 220 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 768. A total of 218 participants expressed their support for the Bill citing among other reasons that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education by providing bursaries to needy students and contributing to the constructing schools.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to economic empowerment of vulnerable groups as well as supported school-going girls with sanitary pads.
 - (iii) The Senate Oversight Funds facilitate effective oversight and monitoring of county finances.
- 769. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.

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Photo 241: Public Participation in Samburu North Constituency

4.4.242 Samburu West Constituency

- 770. The public hearing exercise was held at the Samburu West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 544 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 771. A total of 516 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The provision of bursaries through the NG-CDF has been key in supporting schoolgoing children in their communities. Additionally, the Fund has played a key role in advancing infrastructure development in the constituency, including constructing schools, laboratories, dormitories, dispensaries and police posts. The construction of such police posts has improved the area's security and boosted investment in the constituency.
 - (ii) In addition, the NG-CDF has complemented county government initiatives, particularly in areas of disaster management. They expressed optimism that continued facilitation of the NG-CDF would contribute to increased employment opportunities for the youth.
 - (iii) The NGAAF empowers women-led businesses and various women-structured groups. In addition, the Fund facilitates the distribution of vital resources such as water tanks to benefit local community members. It has also established and supported girl-child rescue centres and supported orphans, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups in society.
 - (iv) The SOF was hoped to provide a structured platform for community members to engage with and monitor the performance of their elected leaders. Additionally, facilitating the Fund would strengthen the oversight role of the Senate.
- 772. On the other hand, 28 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to alleged past misappropriation of the NG-CDF and concerns regarding transparency and accountability in the management and distribution of the NG-CDF across the county.

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Photo 242: Public Participation in Samburu West Constituency

4.4.243 Seme Constituency

- 773. The public hearing exercise was held at the Seme Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 705 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 774. A total of 695 participants supported for the Bill stating, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been key in advancing school infrastructure in the constituency and has aided in providing bursaries.
 - (ii) The different funded projects have created employment opportunities for the locals.
 - (iii) The entrenchment of the NG-CDF, the SOF and NGAAF in the Constitution would
 - ensure transparency, impartiality and timeliness in the disbursement of funds.
- 775. On the other hand, 10 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill. The main concern raised was a likelihood of unequal distribution of the three Funds. They added that the proposed amendment to enshrine the Funds in the Constitution was unnecessary, noting that the constituents still benefit from the Fund.



Photo 243: Public Participation in Seme Constituency

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4.4.244 Shinyalu Constituency

- 776. The public hearing exercise was held at the Shinyalu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 200 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 777. A total of 187 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries to needy and vulnerable students.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has provided wheelchairs to PWDs, facilitated the establishment of businesses within the communities, and supported the girl child.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has supported infrastructural development in the community, including hospitals, schools, and rural electrification, and provided water in schools by drilling boreholes and installing water tanks.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have created job opportunities for the locals through various project initiatives.
- 778. On the other hand, 13 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill due to a lack of improvement in the area's transport infrastructure despite the existence of the NG-CDF.



Photo 244: Public Participation in Shinyalu Constituency

4.4.245 Sigor Constituency

- 779. The public hearing exercise was held at the Sigor Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 241 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 780. All the 241 participants expressed their support for the Bill and stated as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy and vulnerable students to relieve the financial burden on parents; purchased school buses to improve school transport; constructed and maintained roads and bridges for better access and mobility;

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developed chiefs' offices, police posts, and boreholes to improve public services; and has generally enhanced public infrastructure within constituencies.

- (ii) The SOF would strengthen oversight over national and county government projects effectively and promote transparency and accountability in public resource utilisation.
- (iii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have created employment opportunities through local project implementation, promoted sports and talent development among youth, and supported equality in access to services and community welfare programs.
- (iv) The NGAAF was widely praised for its inclusive approach to addressing the needs of marginalised groups, especially women, youth, PWDs and the vulnerable in society. Key areas of support cited included distribution of dignity kits, including sanitary pads to school-going girls thus enhancing school retention and dignity; provision of assistive devices such as wheelchairs for PWDs; supplying community tents used during public functions, funerals, and women/youth events; provision of support for economic empowerment programmes, including start-up grants and training for women and youth groups; and promoting gender equality, affirmative action and social inclusion at the grassroots level.



Photo 245: Public Participation in Sigor Constituency'

4.4.246 Sigowet Soin Constituency

- 781. The public hearing exercise was held at Sigowet Soin Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 601 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 782. A total of 582 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries to needy students and facilitated the construction of Sigowet KMTC which has led to the community's economic empowerment.
 - (ii) The NGAAF provided sanitary towels to the school-going girls and assisted the marginalised groups in the community.

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- 783. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase of budgetary allocation of the NG-CDF and NGAAF and implementation of a clear legal framework for managing the Funds to ensure equity and equality.
- 784. On the other hand, 19 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) Previous allegations of mismanagement of the Funds and a lack of accountability and transparency in the utilization of the Funds.
 - (ii) The Funds should be allocated to the ministries concerned. For example, bursaries should be channelled to the Ministry of Education to reduce corruption and ensure equity. This will provide free primary, secondary, college, and university education.
 - (iii) The Funds would cause an increase in government expenditure.



Photo 246: Public Participation in Sigowet Soin Constituency

4.4.247 Sirisia Constituency

- 785. The public hearing exercise was held at the Sirisia Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 972 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 786. A total of 969 participants expressed their support for the Bill by submitting as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education education by issuing bursaries, furthering literacy within the constituency.
 - (ii) Entrenching the funds in the Constitution would enable all parts of the country to realise accelerated development and enable continuous infrastructural upgrades of local institutions within the constituency, including primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions.
- 787. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill, mainly regarding nepotism in the disbursement of Funds.

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Photo 247: Public Participation in Sirisia Constituency

4.4.248 Sotik Constituency

788. The public hearing exercise was held at the Sotik Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 634 members of the public participated in the exercise.

789. A total of 633 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:

- (i) The NG-CDF provides financial assistance through bursaries to needy and deserving students, helping them pursue their educational goals.
- (ii) The fund has significantly contributed to developing essential infrastructure in the education sector. This includes constructing new schools, classrooms, libraries, and other vital facilities, ultimately improving access to education and other essential services.
- (iii) The SOF would enable the Senate to fulfil its constitutional responsibility to oversee the County Government. This oversight is crucial for maintaining checks and balances within the government.
- (iv) The NGAAF aims to ensure that women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations receive targeted support. The fund also boosts socio-cultural development and nurtures talent for affirmative action groups, including promoting art, music, and sports.
- 790. On the other hand, I participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 248: Public Participation in Sotik Constituency

4.4.249 South Imenti Constituency

- 791. The public hearing exercise was held at the South Imenti Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,510 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 792. Of these, 1,503 persons supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The Bill is a critical amendment that will directly impact the lives of Kenyans and there may be a need for an increased budgetary allocation to the Funds. Further that, there is a need to formally address the legal challenges hindering the progress of NG-CDF.
 - (ii) Devolution of power and resources is enshrined in the Constitution hence the SOF would empower the Senate to carry out its oversight function.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has empowered women and youth groups through the provision of seed capital to do business thereby contributing to reduced poverty levels.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has contributed to the construction and renovation of classrooms and other school infrastructure in primary and secondary learning institutions.
 - (v) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have promoted equal access to education through the provision of bursaries for needy students.
- 793. On the other hand, 7 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill stating that the SOF was not necessary and resources should not be allocated to the three Funds due to a potential of embezzlement of the Funds.



Photo 249: Public Participation in South Imenti Constituency

4.4.250 South Mugirango Constituency

- 794. The public hearing exercise was held at the South Mugirango Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 468 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 795. A total of 456 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported education at the constituency level by providing bursaries
 - to students and promoted IC1 literacy by supporting digital hub initiatives in the area.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also contributed to the construction of NGAO offices.
- 796. On the other hand, 12 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The Funds ought to be administered at the national level.
 - (ii) The entrenchment of the three Funds will lead to a duplication of roles.



Photo 250: Public Participation in South Mugirango

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4.4.251 Soy Constituency

- 797. The public hearing exercise was held at the Soy Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 613 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 798. A total of 605 participants expressed their support for the Bill and submitted, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided bursaries for needy students thus relieving the financial burden on parents. The Fund has also improved school infrastructure, thereby supporting education in the constituency.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also enhanced security by supporting the construction of security infrastructure, including police posts and chiefs' offices.
- 799. On the other hand, 8 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 251: Public Participation in Soy Constituency

4.4.252 Starehe Constituency

- 800. The public hearing exercise was held at the Starehe Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,457 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 801. A total of 1,410 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported infrastructure projects in schools. The Fund has also contributed to the construction of NGAO offices such as county commissioner offices and chiefs' offices.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated community development projects which have created employment opportunities for the constituents.
- 802. On the other hand, 47 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. They submitted that entrenchment of the three Funds in the Constitution would burden an already strained taxpayer. In their view, bursaries issued by NG-CDF and NGAAF should be channelled through the Ministry of Education.

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Photo 252: Public Participation in Starehe Constituency

4.4.253 Suba North Constituency

- 803. The public hearing exercise was held at the Suba North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am to 5.00 pm A total of 1,250 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 804. A total of 1,239 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF provides bursaries to needy students, constructs and maintains schools and transport infrastructure for better access and mobility, hence promoting access to education.
- 805. In contrast, 11 participants opposed the Bill without providing reasons.



Photo 253: Public Participation in Suba North Constituency

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4.4.254 Suba South Constituency

- 806. The public hearing exercise was held at the Suba South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 88 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 807. A total of 77 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - The NG-CDF has enabled the construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure in the constituency, including schools and roads.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have also provided bursaries for needy and vulnerable students.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has uplifted the lives of marginalised groups, including persons with disabilities, women, and youth.
- 808. On the other hand, 11 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill.



Photo 254: Public Participation in Suba South Constituency

4.4.255 Subukia Constituency

- 809. The public hearing exercise was held at the Subukia Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 273 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 810. All the 273 participants supported the Bill and stated, among other reasons, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has improved the community through the provision of bursaries for needy students, constructing new schools and the rehabilitation of existing schools in the constituency. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of police stations thereby enhancing security in the region. Furthermore, the Fund has provided government services to the grassroots through the construction and rehabilitation of NGAO offices.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has been instrumental in helping the residents by providing bursaries to needy students and economic empowerment to women, youth, and persons with disabilities in the constituency.

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Photo 255: Public Participation in Subukia Constituency

4.4.256 Suna East Constituency

- 811. The public hearing exercise was held at the Suna East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 363 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 812. A total of 356 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided school facilities, including laboratories, classrooms, and ablution blocks. In addition, the NG-CDF has contributed to constructing security offices, hospitals and roads within the constituency.
 - (ii) The NGAAF supports society's needy and vulnerable, including widows and persons with disabilities. The Funds have also empowered women and the youth by providing seed capital for businesses.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF funded projects have created employment opportunities for constituents.
 - (iv) The Funds have assisted the community in providing support for emergency response.
 - (v) The SOF would enhance the Senate's oversight role as required by Article 96 of the Constitution.
- On the other hand, 7 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 256: Public Participation in Suna East Constituency

4.4.257 Suna West Constituency

- 814. The public hearing exercise was held at the Suna West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 484 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 815. A total of 482 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has improved school infrastructure through the construction of classroom laboratories. Additionally, the Fund has supported needy students by providing bursaries and funding the construction and maintenance of road infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has supported CBOs, the marginalised, women and youth with seed capital to conduct business. The Fund has also empowered PWDs with the necessary mobility equipment.
- 816. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 257: Public Participation in Suna West Constituency

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4.4.258 Tarbaj Constituency

- 817. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tarbaj Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 241 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 818. A total of 240 participants supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has enhanced access to quality education in Tarbaj Constituency by providing bursaries to needy students. In addition, the Funds have supported the community by constructing school infrastructure such classrooms for both day and boarding schools in the constituency.
 - (ii) The education sector has improved significantly since the establishment of the NG-CDF and is currently the only constituency in Wajir County that hosts a Teachers' Training College.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has further enhanced security in the constituency by constructing all divisional headquarters and chiefs' offices.
- 819. Conversely, one participant disagreed with the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 258: Public Participation in Tarbaj Constituency

4.4.259 Taveta Constituency

- 820. The public hearing exercise was held at the Taveta Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 866 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 821. A total of 833 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:
 - The NG-CDF has been providing bursaries to needy students, constructed school infrastructure, including classrooms, security infrastructure, procured school buses, and provided for health facilities, including community dispensaries, that have increased access to basic medical services;

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- (ii) The NGAAF had facilitated the construction of rescue centres for victims of GBV.
- 822. On the other hand, 33 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (a) The Funds would provide an avenue for corruption and misuse of public resources. Further that there was a potential of delay in the disbursement of Funds by the respective offices.
 - (b) There is need to consolidated all resources for bursaries into one Bursaries are duplicated; hence, there is a need to harmonise the funds. Implementing the programmes supported by the three Funds was more expensive than administering the monies by a central fund.
 - (c) The three Funds need not be entrenched in the Constitution but may be established through Acts of Parliament.



Photo 259: Public Participation in Taveta Constituency

4.4.260 Teso North Constituency

- 823. The public hearing exercise was held at the Teso North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 252 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 824. All the 252 participants expressed their support for the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have a broader outreach to the areas of the constituency for development. The Funds have allowed the vulnerable to be identified and supported, bursaries for school-going children to be provided, and police posts and chiefs' camps to be built.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF would guarantee equal distribution of resources at the constituency level.



Photo 260: Public Participation in Teso North Constituency

4.4.261 Teso South Constituency

- 825. The public hearing exercise was held at the Teso South Constituency office from 5th to 8th May 2025 from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. A total of 312 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 826. A total of 311 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill include the following:

 (i) NG-CDF and NGAAF provide bursaries and enhance school infrastructure, supporting education at the constituency level.

- (ii) The Senate Oversight Fund will empower Senators to perform their constitutional roles.
- Conversely, one participant expressed reservations about the Bill but did not specify his reasons.



Photo 261: Public Participation in Teso South Constituency

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4.4.262 Tetu Constituency

- 828. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tetu Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 555 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 829. A total of 553 participants expressed their support for the Bill. The reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has played a key role in enhancing the education sector by providing bursaries to school-going children, supporting school feeding programmes and enhancing educational infrastructure.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has further contributed to enhanced security through electrification programmes within the constituency and construction of NGAO offices and police stations.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has facilitated the construction of rehabilitation centres and youth ICT hubs that have been beneficial in the combating the alcohol menace in Nyeri County.
 - (iv) The Bill would promote economic and social empowerment, especially women, youth and PWDs.
- 830. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill. They were concerned that there was insufficient reason to warrant to entrenchment of the SOF in the Constitution. In their view, there was a need to have the NGAAF audited before entrenching it in the Constitution. In addition, the Bill would occasion additional expenditure, imposing a high financial burden on an already strained taxpayer.



Photo 262: Public Participation in Tetu Constituency

4.4.263 Tharaka Constituency

- 831. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tharaka Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,742 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 832. A total of 1,644 participants were in support of the Bill. They stated as follows:
 - (i) Many underprivileged children had received educational support through the NG-CDF bursaries. In addition, the Fund had contributed to development projects such as building schools, a *Huduma* Centre and the KMTC at Marimanti.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF-funded projects have generated employment opportunities for the local community.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has improved the lives of women, PWDs and other vulnerable groups.

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Photo 263: Public Participation in Tharaka Constituency

4.4.264 Thika Town Constituency

- 834. The public hearing exercise was held at the Thika Town Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 720 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 835. A total of 697 participants supported the Bill by stating as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has improved school infrastructure and provided bursaries to children, enhanced accessibility to the area through the construction of roads. The Fund has also improved infrastructural developments such as police stations, enhancing security in the constituency.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has uplifted the lives of the marginalised in the community by providing funds to groups, including women, youth, and persons with disabilities.
- 836. Conversely, 23 participants expressed their reservations about the Bill claiming that not enough civic education was conducted for the residents regarding the Bill.



Photo 264: Public Participation in Thika Town Constituency

4.4.265 Tiaty Constituency

- 837. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tiaty Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 291 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 838. All the 291 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has contributed to the improvement of education standards by providing bursaries to deserving and needy students and infrastructural development in the region.
 - (ii) The allocation to NG-CDF and NGAAF should be increased to enhance their capacity to effectively support grassroots development initiatives and address the needs of the vulnerable.



Photo 265: Public Participation in Tiaty Constituency

4.4.266 Tigania East Contituency

839. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tigania East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,295 members of the public took part in the exercise.

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- 840. Of these, 1,294 persons supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced access to education through issuance of bursaries to needy students and improved infrastructure in learning institutions through construction of classes and modern toilets.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has promoted security through establishment of police camps and NGAO offices.
 - (iii) The SOF would improve the oversight of county governments, addressing misuse of the alleged rampant misuse of public funds at the county level.
 - (iv) The Funds have promoted equitable sharing of resources at the local level.
- 841. On the other hand, one person expressed his reservations on the Bill due to allegations of bias in issuance of bursaries.



Photo 266: Public Participation in Tigania East Constituency

4.4.267 Tigania West Constituency

- 842. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tigania West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,042 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 843. Of these, 1,041 persons supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have alleviated the financial burden on vulnerable members of the society through issuance of bursaries, improving access to education. The Funds have also provided a conducive environment for learners through the construction of classrooms and modern ablution blocks.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has promoted community development through the construction of bridges.
 - (iii) The NGAAF has boosted economic empowerment of women and the youth through provision of seed capital to conduct business.
 - (iv) The SOF would enhance oversight of county governments thereby ensuring accountability.
- 844. On the other hand, one person expressed reservations on the Bill because of a fear of mismanagement of the Funds.

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Photo 267: Public Participation in Tigania West Constituency

4.4.268 Tinderet Constituency

845. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tinderet Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 230 members of the public participated in the exercise.

846. A total of 227 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:

- (i) The NG-CDF has created employment opportunities through various construction projects. Many youths, local contractors and artisans have been engaged in the construction of schools, roads, and community facilities funded by NG-CDF.
- (ii) The NG-CDF has supported the drilling of boreholes, installation of water piping systems, and construction of sanitation facilities in schools and marketplaces. Access to clean water has supported agriculture, school feeding programs, and community health, making it a cornerstone of rural development.
- (iii) Bursary programs have enabled students from vulnerable backgrounds to continue with their education. The NG-CDF bursaries cover tuition fees, school uniforms, and boarding expenses. The support has improved academic performance and reduced school dropout rates within the constituency.
- (iv) The SOF would strengthen the Senate's oversight role and ensure efficient resource utilization. Enhanced senate oversight will restore public trust and ensure prudent use of public resources.
- 847. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that the Funds should be allocated for environmental conservation activities like tree planting, protection of water catchment areas, and promotion of clean energy, to enhance climate resilience, preserve ecosystems, and support sustainable agriculture.

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Photo 268: Public Participation in Tinderet Constituency

4.4.269 Tongaren Constituency

848. The public hearing exercise was held at the Tongaren Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 293 members of the public participated in the exercise.

849. A total of 291 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:

- (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have expanded access to education and improved learning environment through the provision of bursaries to learners from disadvantaged backgrounds, the purchase of school buses, bursary awards, and the construction of classrooms.
- (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF should be entrenched in the Constitution and allocation to the funds increased to safeguard their sustainability and empower them to reach a greater number of people.
- 850. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted the to address existing loopholes and challenges relating to misuse of the funds by strengthening accountability frameworks, enhancing oversight, and community involvement.
- 851. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill.



Photo 269: Public Participation in Tongaren Constituency

4.4.270 Turbo Constituency

- 852. The public hearing exercise was held at Turbo Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,031 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 853. A total of 999 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF supported access and retention by providing bursaries and scholarships to needy students at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. The Fund has also facilitated the construction of classrooms, dormitories, libraries, and other key facilities, thereby enhanced the quality of education and learning environments.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has been used in the construction of police stations and offices for chiefs, contributing to enhanced law enforcement and administrative efficiency.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has backed initiatives such as the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project, aligning with national goals for food security and economic empowerment.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF has supported disaster preparedness by allocating emergency resources to address urgent needs and unforeseen events promptly.
 - (v) The NGAAF has played a complementary role, particularly in empowering women and supporting grassroots development. It has contributed to education by facilitating access to bursaries and scholarships for learners from vulnerable backgrounds.
 - (vi) The SOF would strengthen the Senate's ability to perform its oversight functions through audits, field inspections, and reporting, ensuring accountability in the implementation of government projects.
- 854. On the other hand, 32 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that the lack of transparency in the administration of NG-CDF resulting in corruption and misappropriation undermines the effectiveness of the Fund.



Photo 270: Public Participation in Turbo Constituency

4.4.271 Turkana Central Constituency

- 855. The public hearing exercise was held at Turkana Central Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 360 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 856. A total of 346 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have supported education, infrastructure, and social welfare initiatives. It is important to ensure equitable distribution of these Funds across all regions to address disparities and promote inclusive development.
 - (ii) It is essential to entrench the NG-CDF and NGAAF in the Constitution to safeguard the Funds from arbitrary policy reversals, and to provide legal certainty, protect their continuity, and reinforce their developmental mandate.
 - (iii) The establishment of a SOF would equip the Senate to effectively conduct oversight and enhance the prudent and accountable use of devolved resources.
- 857. While supporting the Bill, some participants expressed additional views and opinions including:
 - (i) There is need to apply the poverty index more prominently in the distribution formula. Prioritizing resource allocation based on levels of need would ensure that the most disadvantaged regions receive adequate support.
 - (ii) It is important to increase the budgetary allocation to the NG-CDF and NGAAF to achieve meaningful socioeconomic transformation. Enhanced resourcing would allow for the expansion of projects in education, health, infrastructure, and social welfare.
 - (iii) Persistent delays in disbursement of the Funds have derailed project timelines and undermined the achievement of intended development goals.
- 858. On the other hand, 14 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that:

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- (i) There have been allegations of favouritism in the allocation of funds, where certain groups or regions within constituencies receive preferential treatment, undermining the principle of equitable development.
- (ii) The operational demands of NG-CDF have in some cases infringement of the principle of separation of powers. Parliament should focus on their core legislative, oversight and representation responsibilities.
- (iii) Instances of duplication in program funding, particularly in areas such as bursaries, have led to inefficiencies and overlapping mandates between the funds and other government agencies.
- (iv) There is potential misuse of the Funds for political gain, including campaigning for reelection or advancing personal ambitions for higher office, thereby compromising the intended purpose of the funds.



Photo 271: Public Participation in Turkana Central Constituency

4.4.272 Turkana East Constituency

- 859. The public hearing exercise was held at Turkana East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 125 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 860. All the 125 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have enabled historically marginalized areas like Turkana to access critical infrastructure and services, ensuring equitable development and inclusive growth.
 - (ii) The representation of all regions in the management of the funds has enhanced public participation in the identification and prioritization of projects.
 - (iii) The decentralized funds allow for faster project implementation, as they are free from the complex bureaucratic procedures that often delay projects under national government programs.

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Photo 272: Public Participation in Turkana East Constituency

4.4.273 Turkana North Constituency

- 861. The public hearing exercise was held at Turkana North Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 385 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 862. A total of 382 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The projects and programs funded by the NG-CDF and NGAAF have contributed to local development in education, infrastructure, and social welfare.
 - (ii) The establishment of the SOF would enable effective monitoring and enforcement of financial prudence across all devolved funding mechanisms.
 - (iii) The grassroots-based management structure of the Ng-CDF and NGAAF have enhanced equity and accountability by allowing communities to participate directly in the identification and implementation of development priorities.
 - (iv) Recent judicial decisions on the constitutionality of the NG-CDF highlight the urgent need to anchor the NG-CDF in the Constitution to protect their existence.
- 863. While supporting the Bill, some participants expressed additional views and opinions including:
 - (i) The need to review the allocation criteria of the NG-CDF and NGAAF to ensure equity, as the current distribution formula does not adequately account for the needs of marginalized and historically disadvantaged regions.
 - (ii) The need to enhance the budgetary allocations to NG-CDF and NGAAF to expand their reach and impact, particularly in education, infrastructure, and social welfare.
 - (iii) To safeguard the integrity of the funds, there is need for sanctions against misuse of the Funds to advance personal or electoral interests.
- 864. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill concerned that:
 - (i) There was a potential of misuse of the Funds for personal or political interests, diverting resources away from intended public beneficiaries. Weak regulatory oversight creates opportunities for mismanagement by Fund administrators, undermining transparency and public trust.
 - (ii) The limited budgetary allocations to the Funds have led to perceptions of bias or discrimination among constituents who miss out on critical support, particularly in bursary programs.

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(iii) Duplication in the funding of certain programs and projects has led to inefficiencies and suboptimal use of public resources.



Photo 273; Public Participation in Turkana North Constituency

4.4.274 Turkana South Constituency

- 865. The public hearing exercise was held at Turkana South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 200 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 866. All the 200 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has served as a precursor and foundation to devolution, delivering development directly to the grassroots even before the formal establishment of devolved units.
 - (ii) The effectiveness and reach of the NG-CDF underscores the need for enhanced funding and structural support to further its functions.
 - (iii) Positive testimonies from beneficiaries of the NG-CDF and NGAAF reflected tangible improvements in education, infrastructure, and livelihoods of the vulnerable and special interest groups.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF employs proximity-driven oversight to foster transparency, enhance public trust, and reinforce the role of community participations in development governance making it easier for citizens to monitor and participate in decision-making of projects.



Photo 274: Public Participation in Turkana South Constituency

4.4.275 Turkana West Constituency

- 867. The public hearing exercise was held at Turkana West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 319 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 868. A total of 313 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have directly benefited a wide cross-section of citizens through impactful projects and programs, and extending development to the grassroots and complementing devolution.
 - (ii) The constitutionality of NG-CDF has been challenged in court, posing a threat to its continuity, hence the urgent need for its constitutional entrenchment to provide legal protection.
 - (iii) The SOF would enhance Senate's oversight and ensure accountability, transparency and prudent use of county government public resources.
 - (iv) The NG-CDF and NGAAF play an important role in devolving resources, empowering local development, and devolving national development goals to the constituency level.
- 869. On the other hand, 6 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that:
 - (i) The allocations to the NG-CDF and NGAAF remain insufficient, and the per capita benefits are often too minimal to achieve meaningful or sustained impact at the constituency level.
 - (ii) Fairness in the distribution of resources, with political considerations sometimes influencing fund allocation and project prioritization have eroded equity and diminished public confidence in the funds.
 - (iii) Weak accounting systems persist in certain areas, compromising financial integrity and opening avenues for mismanagement.
 - (iv) There is a potential of misuse of the Funds for political mileage, diverting attention from development objectives to electoral interests.

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Photo 275: Public Participation in Turkana West Constituency

4.4.276 Ugenya Constituency

- 870. The public hearing exercise was held at Ugenya Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 332 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 871. A total of 328 participants supported the Bill. The main reasons cited in support of the Bill were, among others, that:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have provided bursaries enabling students from vulnerable backgrounds to access education. The Funds have also supported the construction of critical infrastructure, including schools, roads and administrative offices, thereby improving service delivery to the people.
 - (ii) The NGAAF have played an important role in assisting vulnerable groups within the constituency through targeted social support initiatives.
- 872. On the other hand, 4 participants expressed reservations on the Bill concerned about a likely conflict of interest in the administration and oversight of the Funds and a fear of mismanagement of Funds due to inadequate oversight mechanisms. Additionally, they were of the view that the Funds should not have been lumped together in one Bill.



Photo 276: Public Participation in Ugenya Constituency

4.4.277 Ugunja Constituency

873. The public hearing exercise was held at Ugunja Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. A total of 1,158 members of the public participated in the exercise.

- 874. A total of 14 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been used to construct classrooms, thereby improving learning environments and addressing congestion in schools.
 - (ii) The provision of bursaries through the NG-CDF and NGAAF has enabled many needy students to pursue and complete their education.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF projects have been directly beneficial to the constituents and as such demonstrated effective use of resources.
 - (iv) The Funds would collectively serve as catalysts for roader socio-economic development by improving education, equity and service delivery.
- 875. On the other hand, 1,172 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that the NG-CDF and NGAAF have faced governance challenges including corruption in the utilization of funds and discriminatory practices in project selection and beneficiary targeting.



Photo 277: Public Participation in Ugunja Constituency

4.4.278 Uriri Constituency

- 876. The public hearing exercise was held at the Uriri Constituency Office between 5th to 8th May 2025 from 8.00am to 5.00pm. A total of 598 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 877. A total of 596 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have played an important role in infrastructure development, including the construction of school laboratories, classrooms, toilets, police stations, and NGAO offices.
 - (ii) The provision of bursaries to needy students by the NG-CDF and NGAAF has enabled many learners to remain in school. The Funds have also supported vulnerable groups, including widows, orphans and PWDs thereby improving social welfare and inclusivity. The Funds have also contributed to employment creation, particularly through construction projects and local enterprise support.
 - (iii) Through NGAAF, women and youth have been empowered through funding of small businesses and economic initiatives that promote self-reliance.
 - (iv) The constituency level of representation is more responsive to grassroots needs compared to the broader county level, allowing for targeted development and better engagement with citizens.
 - (v) The impact of NG-CDF is widely visible and its beneficiaries clearly identifiable, reinforcing the importance of the Fund in driving equitable, community-based development.
- 878. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 278: Public Participation in Uriri Constituency

4.4.279 Vihiga Constituency

879. The public hearing exercise was held at Vihiga Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 358 members of the public participated in the exercise.

880. A total of 353 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:

- (i) The NG-CDF is recognized for its inclusive nature, particularly in its support for needy students to access and pursue education through the provision of bursaries.
- (ii) The NG-CDF stands out as one of the most effectively implemented, with visible and measurable results in various sectors, including education, infrastructure, and community welfare.
- (iii) The NG-CDF operates within the confines of national government responsibilities and does not conflict with the functions of county governments. Instead, it complements devolution by extending national development functions to the grassroots level.
- 881. While in support of the Bill, some participants expressed additional views and opinions including a proposal for total amendment to have 85% of the national revenue allocated to the counties and 15% to the national government.
- 882. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that:
 - (i) The resources dedicated to the NG-CDF should be channelled through county governments to align with the broader objectives of devolved governance, to enhance coordination, eliminate overlap, and ensure that development initiatives are integrated into county planning and budgeting systems.



Photo 279: Public Participation in Vihiga Constituency

4.4.280 Voi Constituency

883. The public hearing exercise was held at Voi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,570 members of the public participated in the exercise.

884. A total of 1,536 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:

- (i) The NG-CDF has improved access to education through the provision of bursaries, the construction of classrooms, and the purchase of school buses. These interventions have ensured smooth learning for students from vulnerable backgrounds, and improved retention and enrolment rates across schools.
- (ii) The funds have created direct opportunities at the NG-CDF and NGAAF offices and through the award of construction tenders for various development projects.
- (iii) The construction of police stations and NGAO offices have improved law enforcement presence and administrative efficiency in rural and urban areas.
- (iv) The proposed SOF would enhance the capacity of the Senate to effectively execute their oversight mandate over county governments. The Fund would also facilitate audits, field inspections, and evaluation of devolved programs to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of public resources.

885. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted as follows:

- (i) There is a need to provide structured civic education to inform citizens about their rights, eligibility, and procedures for accessing the Funds to promote transparency and encourage participation.
- (ii) A follow-up and monitoring mechanism should be established within the legal framework governing the NGAAF to ensure that resources are utilized strictly for their intended purposes and enhance accountability.
- (iii) Each Fund should set aside a fixed percentage for youth empowerment initiatives to promote inclusivity and address unemployment and economic marginalization among the youth.

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- 886. On the other hand, 34 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill concerned that:
 - (i) All devolved functions should be fully assigned to county governments, in accordance with the principles of devolution as outlined in the Constitution. The continued involvement of national-level funds such as the NG-CDF in devolved sectors risks undermining the integrity and effectiveness of county governance.
 - (ii) The County Government Act, Cap 265 established County Development Boards, chaired by Senators, to provide oversight on development at the county level. The proposal to establish the SOF as outlined in the current Bill, raises concerns of duplicity of roles and institutional overlap, which may result in confusion and inefficiencies in governance.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF lacks a comprehensive legal framework to prevent discrimination and favouritism in the allocation of bursaries. Therefore, the resources allocated for education support should be retained under the national government to promote equity in access to education and advance the goal of free education for all citizens.
 - (iv) The construction of school infrastructure and police stations falls within the mandates of the Ministry of Education and the National Police Service, respectively. It was their view that such responsibilities to NG-CDF risks creating duplication of functions and violates the principle of separation of powers, blurring lines between development implementation and policymaking.
 - (v) The three Funds should be issued as a lump sum, rather than in fragmented tranches to enhance planning, enable timely implementation of projects, and ensure maximum impact.



Photo 280: Public Participation in Voi Constituency

4.4.281 Wajir East Constituency

887. The public hearing exercise was held at Wajir East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00am and 5.00pm. A total of 800 members of the public participated in the exercise.

888. A total of 799 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:

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- (i) The NG-CDF is readily accessible to the people, with its impact in education and security clearly visible across constituencies. The Fund also plays an important role in addressing socio-economic challenges at the constituency level., contributing to poverty reduction and advancement of social equity, thereby stimulating sustainable economic development.
- (ii) The NG-CDF and NGAAF has promoted meaningful community participation, as local residents are actively involved in identifying and prioritizing projects. This participatory approach enhances social cohesion, ensures that development aligns with actual community needs, and promotes inclusivity.
- 889. On the other hand, one participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 281: Public Participation in Wajir East Constituency

4.4.282 Wajir North Constituency

- 890. The public hearing exercise was held at the Wajir North Constituency Office at Bute from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 326 members of the public took part in the exercise.
- 891. All the 326 members of the public supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has played a significant role in enhancing development within Wajir North Constituency. Notably, it has facilitated the improvement of educational standards through the construction and equipping of learning institutions. The Fund has also contributed to improved security by supporting the construction of police posts across the constituency; and
 - (ii) Due to the constituency's geographical remoteness from the county headquarters, residents rely heavily on the NG-CDF as their primary source of development support. They contended that the county government has largely neglected the area, with minimal development initiatives undertaken. As a result, the little progress

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observed in the constituency is predominantly attributed to the NG-CDF interventions.

- 892. While supporting the Bill, some participants noted as follows:
 - (i) In the event that the proposed amendments to the NG-CDF are opposed and the Fund is eventually dissolved, the government allocations previously directed to constituencies should not be reallocated to county governments. Instead, it would be more appropriate for such funds to revert to the national government.
 - (ii) Nonetheless, constituents expressed support for any development fund that benefits the constituency, regardless of its origin.



Photo 282: Public Participation in Wajir North Constituency

4.4.283 Wajir South Constituency

893. The public hearing exercise was held at Wajir South Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 442 members of the public participated in the exercise.

894. All the 442 participants supported the Bill. They submitted, among others, that:

- (i) Through the NG-CDF, the number of secondary schools has increased from three (3) to nineteen (19), with classroom infrastructure ranging from 1 to 3 streams per school, significantly expanding access to secondary education. Free secondary education is currently accessible within the constituency, reducing financial barriers for learners.
- (ii) The NG-CDF has supported the training of 300 diploma teachers at Wajir Teachers Training College and 40 graduates have already received employment letters to teach within Wajir South Constituency thus addressing the acute shortage of qualified teachers.
- (iii) An additional 200 Bachelor's degree students are being funded through the NG-CDF and are expected to be absorbed into the local education system by 2026, ensuring long-term sustainability in teaching capacity.
- (iv) The Fund also sponsors students in health, agriculture, and water-related courses, aligning educational investment with local development priorities and critical service sectors.

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- (v) The NG-CDF has facilitated the construction of eight (8) police stations, significantly strengthening law enforcement and community safety in the region. Four (4) subcounty administrative offices have also been built, improving the delivery of public services and enhancing coordination within local government structures.
- 895. While supporting the Bill, some participants proposed an increase in the budgetary allocation of NG-CDF for larger constituencies, particularly in Wajir South Constituency which is significantly larger in size and population compared to other constituencies within Wajir County.



Photo 283: Public Participation in Wajir South Constituency

4.4.284 Wajir West Constituency

- 896. The public hearing exercise was held at Wajir West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 77 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 897. A total of 72 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has provided education bursaries to vulnerable students, enabling increased access to learning opportunities for students from low-income households and reducing school dropout rates. The Fund has also supported the construction of key infrastructure, particularly in the education sector, including the building of new schools and renovation of existing facilities, thereby improving the learning environment.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also contributed to enhancing security in the sub-county through the construction of police stations and administrative offices, improving law enforcement presence and public safety.
- 898. On the other hand, 5 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill due to a potential for corruption in the management of the Fund. They also expressed concerns regarding the visibility and effectiveness of the NGAAF. It was their submission that there were no visible projects undertaken by NGAAF and the locals were unaware of the existence of the Fund and its target beneficiaries. In their view, therefore, the NGAAF should be integrated into the NG-CDF framework.

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Photo 284: Public Participation in Wajir West Constituency

4.4.285 Webuye East Constituency

899. The public hearing exercise was held at Webuye East Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 291 members of the public participated in the exercise.

- 900. A total of 289 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has supported the purchase of school buses, the issuance of bursaries to needy students, and the construction of classrooms, thereby improving access to learning and educational infrastructure. The Fund had also facilitated the construction of police posts and chiefs' offices, strengthening local law enforcement and administrative presence at the grassroots level.
 - (ii) The NGAAF has promoted equity, empowerment, and greater participation of vulnerable groups in local development.
- 901. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 285: Public Participation in Webuye East Constituency

4.4.286 Webuye West Constituency

- 902. The public hearing exercise was held at Webuye West Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 561 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 903. A total of 559 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has facilitated the purchase of school buses, the award of bursaries to needy students, and the construction of classrooms, thereby improving access, mobility, and the overall learning environment. The Fund has also supported the construction of police posts and chiefs' offices, enhancing local law enforcement capacity and administrative service delivery.
- 904. On the other hand, 2 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 286: Public Participation in Wabuye West Constituency

4.4.287 West Mugirango Constituency

- 905. The public hearing exercise was held at the West Mugirango Constituency Building from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 and 5.00 pm. A total of 325 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 906. Of these, 318 persons supported the Bill for the following reasons:
 - (i) Since its establishment, the NG-CDF has empowered communities to identify and prioritize projects aligned with their specific needs. The Fund has had a direct impact on communities through bursaries, education and infrastructure hence ensuring equitable infrastructure. Therefore, entrenching NGCF in the Constitution would ensure continuity of the Fund in addressing critical issues at the grassroots level.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has facilitated the establishment of infrastructure such as new primary and secondary schools, dormitories, national administration blocks, libraries, dining halls and laboratories in schools. Thus, the need to increase the Fund's budgetary allocation to align with the growing needs and priorities of local communities.
 - (iii) The SOF would ensure that the Senate is adequately empowered and resourced to perform its oversight functions.
 - (iv) The NGAAF would ensure that vulnerable Kenyans participate in development matters in the country thereby ensuring diversity, equity and inclusion.
- 907. On the other hand, 7 persons expressed their reservations on the Bill for the following reasons:
 - Previous mismanagement of the NG-CDF has made the members of the public skeptical about the suitability of entrenching the Fund in the Constitution.
 - (ii) Uneven distribution of the NG-CDF, in the past, due to a lack of oversight mechanisms and transparent criteria to ensure fairness and equitable benefits of the Fund across the constituency.

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Photo 287: Public Participation in West Mugirango Constituency

4.4.288 Westlands Constituency

908. The public hearing exercise was held at Westlands Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 1,092 members of the public participated in the exercise.

909. A total of 1,089 participants supported the Bill by submitting that:

- (i) The NG-CDF has promoted access to education through the provision of bursaries to needy students and the construction of new schools, particularly in marginalized and informal settlements. The Fund has also transformed local infrastructure through the construction of classrooms, police houses, chief's offices, and social halls, therefore, enhancing public service delivery, strengthened local security, and provided platforms for civic engagement and community dialogue.
- (ii) Through NG-CDF support, the youth have gained access to vocational training opportunities such as driving school sponsorships, equipping them with employable skills.
- (iii) The NGAAF has supported women, PWDs, and other vulnerable groups through the provision of business start-up grants, assistive devices, sanitary pads, and adult diapers.
- (iv) Entrenching the Funds in the Constitution would shield it from legal challenges, court injunctions, and political sabotage that have previously disrupted service delivery.
- 910. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 288: Public Participation in Westlands Constituency

4.4.289 Wundanyi Constituency

- 911. The public hearing exercise was held at the Wundanyi Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 351 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 912. A total of 348 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF and NGAAF have funded education through bursaries, including targeted initiatives which support needy students. The Fund has also contributed to the upgrading of school infrastructure, through the construction of new schools, refurbishment of classrooms, and renovation of sanitation facilities, thereby creating better learning environments and raising the standard of education.
 - (ii) The NG-CDF has also improved community safety and public safety through the construction of police posts, central police offices, and NGAO offices.
 - (iii) The NG-CDF has improved access to social amenities by funding the construction of social halls, which serve as important community engagement and development centres.
 - (iv) The NGAAF has empowered women's groups and other marginalized populations by providing targeted financial support for economic activities, capacity-building, and welfare projects, thus advancing gender equality and inclusive development at the county level.
- 913. While in support of the Bill, some participants were of the view that:
 - (i) There was need to establish an oversight fund for the Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) to enhance accountability and monitoring at the grassroots level over the county-level development projects and ensure the prudent use of devolved resources.
 - (ii) Budgetary allocations to the NGAAF and NG-CDF should be enhanced to expand the reach and impact of their programs, particularly in marginalized and underserved regions.

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- (iii) To maximize the return on investment in education, students who have benefited from the NG-CDF bursaries should be considered for employment opportunities where applicable.
- (iv) There was need to reallocate the Ward Development Fund declared illegal courts by to the NG-CDF and NGAAF to ensure optimal resource utilization and address the needs of the people.
- 914. On the other hand, 3 participants expressed their reservations on the Bill noting a potential for mismanagement and embezzlement of the Funds resulting in wastage of public resources.



Photo 289: Public Participation in Wundanyi Constituency

4.4.290 Yatta Constituency

- 915. The public hearing exercise was held at Yatta Constituency Office from 5th to 8th May 2025 between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm. A total of 780 members of the public participated in the exercise.
- 916. A total of 779 participants supported the Bill. They submitted as follows:
 - (i) The NG-CDF has been instrumental in providing bursaries to needy and deserving students, thereby enhancing access to education and supporting the retention of learners from vulnerable backgrounds. The Fund has also contributed to the reduction of regional disparities by allocating resources based on need, ensuring that all constituencies benefit equitably from development initiatives.
- 917. On the other hand, I participant expressed reservations on the Bill but did not give reasons.



Photo 290: Public Participation in Yatta Constituency

918. A quantitative summary of the public views during the public hearings exercise is contained in Table 2.

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
1	Ainabkoi	549	6	555	98.9	1.1
2	Ainamoi	119	-	119	100.0	-
3	Aldai	1,550	17	1,567	98.9	1.1
4	Alego Usonga	585	24	609	96.1	3.9
5	Awendo	355	7	362	98.1	1.9
6	Bahati	219	5	224	97.8	2.2
7	Balambala	175	-	175	100.0	
8	Banissa	539	-	539	100.0	
9	Baringo Central	516	4	520	99.2	0.8
10	Baringo North	330	1	331	99.7	0.3

Table 2: Analysis of Views of the Public on the Bill at the Constituency Level

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
П	Baringo South	373	3	376	99.2	0.8
12	Belgut	205	2	207	99.0	1.0
13	Bobasi	409	3	412	99.3	0.7
14	Bomachoge Borabu	259	1	260	99.6	0.4
15	Bomachoge Chache	190	17	207	91.8	8.2
16	Bomet Central	685	5	690	99.3	0.7
17	Bomet East	801	3	804	99.6	0.4
18	Bonchari	218	-	218	100.0	-
19	Bondo	1,238	8	1,246	99.4	0.6
20	Borabu	585	2	587	99.7	0.3
21	Budalangi	592	Ē.	593	99.8	0.2
22	Bumula	289	E	290	99.7	0.3
23	Bura	416	71	487	85.4	14.6
24	Bureti	136	1	137	99.3	0.7
25	Butere	238	-	238	100.0	-
26	Butula	1,053	7	1,060	99.3	0.7
27	Buuri	1,595	Г	1,596	99.9	0.1
28	Central Imenti	1,840	19	1,859	99.0	1.0
29	Changamwe	1,536	4	1,540	99.7	0.3
30	Chepalungu	637	7	644	98.9	1,1
31	Cherangany	682	-	682	100.0	-
32	Chesumei	757	4	761	99.5	0.5
33	Chuka/Igambang'o mbe	1,188	6	1,194	99.5	0.5

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
34	Dadaab	396	-	396	100.0	-
35	Dagoretti North	1,223	10	1,233	99.2	0.8
36	Dagoretti South	1,662	30	1,692	98.2	1.8
37	Eldama Ravine	444	18	462	96.1	3.9
38	Eldas	353	-	353	100.0	-
39	Embakasi Central	1,080	6	1,086	99.4	0.6
40	Embakasi East	1,727	18	1,745	99.0	1.0
41	Embakasi North	1,075	4	1,079	99.6	0.4
42	Embakasi South	4,759	6	4,765	99.9	0.1
43	Embakasi West	1,625	58	1,683	96.6	3.4
44	Emgwen	284	7	291	97.6	2.4
45	Emuhaya	211	4	215	98.1	1.9
46	Emurua Dikirr	680	-	680	100.0	-
47	Endebess	429	-	429	100.0	-
48	Fafi	210	-	210	100.0	-
49	Funyula	523	12	535	97.8	2.2
50	Galole	552	5	557	99.1	0.9
51	Ganze	287	5	292	98.3	1.7
52	Garissa Township	128	4	132	97.0	3.0
53	Garsen	495	_	495	100.0	-
54	Gatanga	729	-	729	100.0	-
55	Gatundu North	309	5	314	98.4	1.6
56	Gatundu South	284	4	288	98.6	1.4

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
57	Gem	534	8	542	98.5	1.5
58	Gichugu	207	3	210	98.6	1.4
59	Gilgil	430	3	433	99.3	0.7
60	Githunguri	859	4	863	99.5	0.5
61	Hamisi	608	21	629	96.7	3.3
62	Homa Bay Town	463	18	481	96.3	3.7
63	lgembe Central	1,010	1	1,011	99.9	0.1
64	Igembe North	484	-	484	100.0	-
65	Igembe South	2,307	11	2,318	99.5	0.5
66	ljara	72	-	72	100.0	-
67	Ikolomani	958	12	970	98.8	1.2
68	Isiolo North	761	18	779	97.7	2.3
69	Isiolo South	343	3	346	99.1	0.9
70	Jomvu	2,044	111	2,155	94.8	5.2
71	Juja	1,938	7	1,945	99.6	0.4
72	Kabete	976	5	981	99.5	0.5
73	Kabondo Kasipul	543	4	547	99.3	0.7
74	Kabuchai	707	17	724	97.7	2.3
75	Kacheliba	162	3	165	98.2	1.8
76	Kaiti	621	1	622	99.8	0.2
77	Kajiado Central	363	17	380	95.5	4.5
78	Kajiado East	649	15	664	97.7	2.3
79	Kajiado North	1,075	43	1,118	96.2	3.8

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
80	Kajiado South	658	9	667	98.7	1.3
81	Kajiado West	1,019	3	1,022	99.7	0.3
82	Kaloleni	981	5	986	99.5	0.5
83	Kamukunji	1,610	-	1,610	100.0	-
84	Kandara	367	-	367	100.0	-
85	Kanduyi	345	19	364	94.8	5.2
86	Kangema	1,536	3	1,539	99.8	0.2
87	Kangundo	290	4	294	98.6	1.4
88	Kapenguria	440	4	444	99.1	0.9
89	Kapseret	267	39	306	87.3	12.7
90	Karachuonyo	1,547	53	1,600	96.7	3.3
91	Kasarani	1,038	30	1,068	97.2	2.8
92	Kasipul	774	5	779	99.4	0.6
93	Kathiani	1,941	12	1,953	99.4	0.6
94	Keiyo North	1,645	3	1,648	99.8	0.2
95	Keiyo South	1,416	1	1,417	99.9	0.1
96	Kesses	417	25	442	94.3	5.7
97	Khwisero	288	-	288	100.0	-
98	Kiambaa	560	6	566	98.9	1.1
99	Kiambu Town	900	10	910	98.9	1.1
100	Kibra	1,843	24	1,867	98.7	1.3
101	Kibwezi East	2,295	9	2,304	99.6	0.4
102	Kibwezi West	3,058	26	3,084	99.2	0.8

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
103	Kieni	832	12	844	98.6	1.4
104	Kigumo	734	-	734	100.0	-
105	Kiharu	1,412	7	1,419	99.5	0.5
106	Kikuyu	1,428	215	1,643	86.9	13.1
107	Kilgoris	615	Ī.	616	99.8	0.2
108	Kilifi North	729	4	733	99.5	0.5
109	Kilifi South	816	20	836	97.6	2.4
110	Kilome	880	1. 1	880	100.0	-
Ш	Kimilili	1,225	20	1,245	98.4	1.6
112	Kiminini	1,200	-	1,200	100.0	-
113	Kinango	379	1	380	99.7	0.3
114	Kinangop	818	7	825	99.2	0.8
115	Kipipiri	213	-	213	100.0	-
116	Kipkelion East	339	12	351	96.6	3.4
117	Kipkelion West	221	16	237	93.2	6.8
118	Kirinyaga Central	740	13	753	98.3	1.7
119	Kisauni	892	4	896	99.6	0.4
120	Kisumu Central	2,154	24	2,178	98.9	1.1
121	Kisumu East	3,363	131	3,494	96.3	3.7
122	Kisumu West	950	17	967	98.2	1.8
123	Kitui Central	2,011	10	2,021	99.5	0.5
124	Kitui East	938	16	954	98.3	1.7
125	Kitui Rural	582	-	582	100.0	-

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
126	Kitui South	1,431	5	1,436	99.7	0.3
127	Kitui West	836	4	840	99.5	0.5
128	Kitutu Chache North	337	5	342	98.5	1.5
129	Kitutu Chache South	183	26	209	87.6	12.4
130	Kitutu Masaba	366	5	371	98.7	1.3
131	Konoin	909	4	913	99.6	0.4
132	Kuresoi North	346	2	348	99.4	0.6
133	Kuresoi South	514	12	526	97.7	2.3
134	Kuria East	392	47	439	89.3	10.7
135	Kuria West	235	9	244	96.3	3.7
136	Kwanza	745	-	745	100.0	-
137	Lafey	488	-	488	100.0	-
138	Lagdera	170	1	171	99.4	0.6
139	Laikipia East	246	3	249	98.8	1.2
140	Laikipia North	332	1	333	99.7	0.3
141	Laikipia West	2,099	137	2,236	93.9	6.1
142	Laisamis	207	4	211	98.1	1.9
143	Lamu East	273	2	275	99.3	0.7
144	Lamu West	475	6	481	98.8	1.2
145	Langata	143	16	159	89.9	10.1
146	Lari	613	-	613	100.0	-
147	Likoni	2,234	2	2,236	99.9	0.1
148	Likuyani	304	41	345	88.1	11.9

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
149	Limuru	2,661	26	2,687	99.0	1.0
150	Loima	189	2	191	99.0	1.0
151	Luanda	659	36	695	94.8	5.2
152	Lugari	432	3	435	99.3	0.7
153	Lungalunga	581	-	581	100.0	-
154	Lurambi	370	3	373	99.2	0.8
155	Maara	360	6	366	98.4	1.6
156	Machakos Town	174	1	175	99.4	0.6
157	Magarini	606	10	616	98.4	1.6
158	Makadara	1,978	73	2,051	96.4	3.6
159	Makueni	1,456	2	1,458	99.9	0.1
160	Malava	2,667	28	2,695	99.0	1.0
161	Malindi	169	-	169	100.0	-
162	Mandera North	928	2	930	99.8	0.2
163	Mandera East	582	2	584	99.7	0.3
164	Mandera South	452	4	456	99.1	0.9
165	Mandera West	537	4	541	99.3	0.7
166	Manyatta	1,042	30	1,072	97.2	2.8
167	Maragwa	811	3	814	99.6	0.4
168	Marakwet East	441	-	441	100.0	-
169	Marakwet West	70	-	70	100.0	-
170	Masinga	855	4	859	99.5	0.5
171	Matayos	596	43	639	93.3	6.7

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
172	Mathare	2,079	-	2,079	100.0	-
173	Mathioya	313	2	315	99.4	0.6
174	Mathira	147	3	150	98.0	2.0
175	Matuga	569	3	572	99.5	0.5
176	Matungu	271	9	280	96.8	3.2
177	Matungulu	1,296	7	1,303	99.5	0.5
178	Mavoko	139	2	141	98.6	1.4
179	Mbeere North	521	22	543	95.9	4.1
180	Mbeere South	481	14	495	97.2	2.8
181	Mbooni	1,352	-	1,352	100.0	-
182	Mogotio	937	13	950	98.6	1.4
183	Moiben	462	12	474	97.5	2.5
184	Molo	356	8	364	97.8	2.2
185	Mosop	180	10	190	94.7	5.3
186	Moyale	126	15	141	89.4	10.6
187	Msambweni	294	-	294	100.0	2
188	Mt. Elgon	1,126	-	1,126	100.0	-
189	Muhoroni	322	6	328	98.2	1.8
190	Mukurweini	331	5	336	98.5	1.5
191	Mumias East	265	4	269	98.5	1.5
192	Mumias West	468	-	468	100.0	-
193	Mvita	793	1	794	99.9	0.1
194	Mwala	253	1	254	99.6	0.4

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
195	Mwatate	1,250	78	1,328	94.1	5.9
196	Mwea	735	30	765	96.1	3.9
197	Mwingi Central	1,215	-	1,215	100.0	-
198	Mwingi North	770	1	771	99.9	0.1
199	Mwingi West	737	-	737	100.0	-
200	Naivasha	1,439	5	1,439	100.0	-
201	Nakuru Town East	280	5	285	98.2	1.8
202	Nakuru Town West	434	7	441	98.4	1.6
203	Nambale	338	7	345	98.0	2.0
204	Nandi Hills	216	6	222	97.3	2.7
205	Narok East	526	40	566	92.9	7.1
206	Narok North	343	-	343	100.0	-
207	Narok South	279	-	279	100.0	
208	Narok West	366	101	467	78.4	21.6
209	Navakholo	750	4	754	99.5	0.5
210	Ndaragwa	1,196	3	1,199	99.7	0.3
211	Ndhiwa	175	3	178	98.3	1.7
212	Ndia	1,067	6	1,073	99.4	0.6
213	Njoro	893	63	956	93.4	6.6
214	North Horr	237	3	240	98.8	1.3
215	North Imenti	1,868	3	1,871	99.8	0.2
216	North Mugirango	458	2	460	99.6	0.4
217	Nyakach	1,527	8	1,535	99.5	0.5

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
218	Nyali	828	-	828	100.0	-
219	Nyando	870	-	870	100.0	-
220	Nyaribari Chache	570	4	574	99.3	0.7
221	Nyaribari Masaba	310	3	313	99.0	1.0
222	Nyatike	351	1	352	99.7	0.3
223	Nyeri Town	367	15	382	96.1	3.9
224	Ol Jorok	701	1	702	99.9	0.1
225	Ol Kalou	617	6	623	99.0	1.0
226	Othaya	349	1	350	99.7	0.3
227	Pokot South	191	8	199	96.0	4.0
228	Rabai	1,081	5	1,086	99.5	0.5
229	Rangwe	563	7	570	98.8	1.2
230	Rarieda	7,963	30	7,993	99.6	0.4
231	Rongai	246	1	247	99.6	0.4
232	Rongo	365	-	365	100.0	-
233	Roysambu	528	2	530	99.6	0.4
234	Ruaraka	1,727	31	1,758	98.2	1.8
235	Ruiru	1,464	3	1,467	99.8	0.2
236	Runyenjes	518	-	518	100.0	-
237	Sabatia	1,093	53	1,146	95.4	4.6
238	Saboti	567	1	568	99.8	0.2
239	Saku	428	1	429	99.8	0.2
240	Samburu East	145	-	145	100.0	-

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
241	Samburu North	218	2	220	99.1	0.9
242	Samburu West	516	28	544	94.9	5.1
243	Seme	695	10	705	98.6	1.4
244	Shinyalu	187	13	200	93.5	6.5
245	Sigor	241	-	241	100.0	-
246	Sigowet/Soin	582	19	601	96.8	3.2
247	Sirisia	969	3	972	99.7	0.3
248	Sotik	633	1	634	99.8	0.2
249	South Imenti	1,503	7	1,510	99.5	0.5
250	South Mugirango	456	12	468	97.4	2.6
251	Soy	605	8	613	98.7	1.3
252	Starehe	1,410	47	1,457	96.8	3.2
253	Suba North	1,239	11	1,250	99.1	0.9
254	Suba South	77	11	88	87.5	12.5
255	Subukia	273	-	273	100.0	
256	Suna East	356	7	363	98.1	1.9
257	Suna West	482	2	484	99.6	0.4
258	Tarbaj	240	1	241	99.6	0.4
259	Taveta	833	33	866	96.2	3.8
260	Teso North	252	-	252	100.0	2
261	Teso South	311	I	312	99.7	0.3
262	Tetu	553	2	555	99.6	0.4
263	Tharaka	1,644	98	1,742	94.4	5.6

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Suppor
264	Thika Town	697	23	720	96.8	3.2
265	Tiaty	291	-	291	100.0	-
266	Tigania East	1,294	1	1,295	99.9	0.1
267	Tigania West	1,041	1	1,042	99.9	0.1
268	Tinderet	227	3	230	98.7	1.3
269	Tongaren	291	2	293	99.3	0.7
270	Turbo	999	32	1,031	96.9	3.1
271	Turkana Central	346	14	360	96.1	3.9
272	Turkana East	125	-	125	100.0	-
273	Turkana North	382	3	385	99.2	0.8
274	Turkana South	200	-	200	100.0	-
275	Turkana West	313	6	319	98.1	1.9
276	Ugenya	328	4	332	98.8	1.2
277	Ugunja	1,158	14	1,172	98.8	1.2
278	Uriri	596	2	598	99.7	0.3
279	Vihiga	353	5	358	98.6	1.4
280	Voi	1,536	34	1,570	97.8	2.2
281	Wajir East	799	1	800	99.9	0.1
282	Wajir North	326		326	100.0	-
283	Wajir South	442	-	442	100.0	-
284	Wajir West	72	5	77	93.5	6.5
285	Webuye East	289	2	291	99.3	0.7
286	Webuye West	559	2	561	99.6	0.4

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
287	West Mugirango	318	7	325	97.8	2.2
288	Westlands	1,089	3	1,092	99.7	0.3
289	Wundanyi	348	3	351	99.1	0.9
290	Yatta	779	1	780	99.9	0.1
	Total	221,133	3,349	224,482	98.5	1.5

4.5 Analysis of the Public Hearing Exercise

- 919. In the conduct of the public participation, the National Assembly received a total of two hundred and twenty-four thousand nine hundred and nineteen (224,919) submissions comprising submissions received through hand-delivery, emails and views from the public who attended the public hearings exercise.
- 920. A collated summary of all the views received via e-mail, hand delivery and during the public hearings exercise is contained in Table 3.

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
1	Ainabkoi	549	6	555	98.9	1.1
2	Ainamoi	119	-	119	100.0	-
3	Aldai	1,550	17	1,567	98.9	1.1
4	Alego Usonga	585	24	609	96.1	3.9
5	Awendo	355	7	362	98.1	1.9
6	Bahati	219	5	224	97.8	2.2
7	Balambala	175	-	175	100.0	-
8	Banissa	539	2	539	100.0	-
9	Baringo Central	516	4	520	99.2	0.8
10	Baringo North	330	1	331	99.7	0.3

Table 3: Combined Tally of Constituencies

Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on its Consideration of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025)

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
11	Baringo South	373	3	376	99.2	0.8
12	Belgut	205	2	207	99.0	1.0
13	Bobasi	410	3	413	99.3	0.7
14	Bomachoge Borabu	259	1	260	99.6	0.4
15	Bomachoge Chache	192	17	209	91.9	8.1
16	Bomet Central	685	5	690	99.3	0.7
17	Bomet East	801	3	804	99.6	0.4
18	Bonchari	218	_	218	100.0	-
19	Bondo	1,238	9	1,247	99.3	0.7
20	Borabu	585	2	587	99.7	0.3
21	Budalangi	592	1	593	99.8	0.2
22	Bumula	289	1	290	99.7	0.3
23	Bura	417	71	488	85.5	14.5
24	Bureti	136	1	137	99.3	0.7
25	Butere	238	-	238	100.0	
26	Butula	1,053	7	1,060	99.3	0.7
27	Buuri	1,595	1	1,596	99.9	0.1
28	Central Imenti	1,840	19	1,859	99.0	1.0
29	Changamwe	1,536	4	1,540	99.7	0.3
30	Chepalungu	637	7	644	98.9	1.1
31	Cherangany	682	-	682	100.0	-
32	Chesumei	757	4	761	99.5	0.5
33	Chuka/Igambang'ombe	1,188	6	1,194	99.5	0.5

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
34	Dadaab	396	-	396	100.0	-
35	Dagoretti North	1,238	13	1,251	99.0	1.0
36	Dagoretti South	1,662	31	1,693	98.2	1.8
37	Eldama Ravine	444	18	462	96.1	3.9
38	Eldas	353	-	353	100.0	-
39	Embakasi Central	1,153	6	1,159	99.5	0.5
40	Embakasi East	1,741	19	1,760	98.9	1.1
41	Embakasi North	1,077	4	1,081	99.6	0.4
42	Embakasi South	4,773	6	4,779	99.9	0.1
43	Embakasi West	1,695	60	1,755	96.6	3.4
44	Emgwen	285	7	292	97.6	2.4
45	Emuhaya	212	5	217	97.7	2.3
46	Emurua Dikirr	680	-	680	100.0	-
47	Endebess	429	-	429	100.0	-
48	Fafi	210	-	210	100.0	2
49	Funyula	523	13	536	97.6	2.4
50	Galole	552	5	557	99.1	0.9
51	Ganze	287	5	292	98.3	1.7
52	Garissa Township	128	4	132	97.0	3.0
53	Garsen	495	-	495	100.0	2
54	Gatanga	729	-	729	100.0	-
55	Gatundu North	309	5	314	98.4	1.6
56	Gatundu South	284	4	288	98.6	1.4

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Suppor
57	Gem	534	8	542	98.5	1.5
58	Gichugu	207	3	210	98.6	1.4
59	Gilgil	430	4	434	99.1	0.9
60	Githunguri	859	4	863	99.5	0.5
61	Hamisi	608	21	629	96.7	3.3
62	Homa Bay Town	463	18	481	96.3	3.7
63	lgembe Central	1,010	1	1,011	99.9	0.1
64	lgembe North	485	4	485	100.0	
65	Igembe South	2,307	11	2,318	99.5	0.5
66	ljara	72		72	100.0	-
67	Ikolomani	958	13	971	98.7	1.3
68	Isiolo North	761	18	779	97.7	2.3
69	Isiolo South	343	3	346	99.1	0.9
70	Jomvu	2,044	111	2,155	94.8	5.2
71	Juja	1,938	7	1,945	99.6	0.4
72	Kabete	976	5	981	99.5	0.5
73	Kabondo Kasipul	544	6	550	98.9	1.1
74	Kabuchai	707	17	724	97.7	2.3
75	Kacheliba	162	3	165	98.2	1.8
76	Kaiti	621	1	622	99.8	0.2
77	Kajiado Central	363	17	380	95.5	4.5
78	Kajiado East	649	15	664	97.7	2.3
79	Kajiado North	1,075	44	1,119	96.1	3.9

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
80	Kajiado South	658	9	667	98.7	1.3
81	Kajiado West	1,019	3	1,022	99.7	0.3
82	Kaloleni	981	5	986	99.5	0.5
83	Kamukunji	1,628	-	1,628	100.0	
84	Kandara	367	-	367	100.0	
85	Kanduyi	345	19	364	94.8	5.2
86	Kangema	1,536	3	1,539	99.8	0.2
87	Kangundo	290	4	294	98.6	1.4
88	Kapenguria	440	4	444	99.1	0.9
89	Kapseret	267	39	306	87.3	12.7
90	Karachuonyo	1,548	53	1,601	96.7	3.3
91	Kasarani	1,048	32	1,080	97.0	3.0
92	Kasipul	777	6	783	99.2	0.8
93	Kathiani	1,941	13	1,954	99.3	0.7
94	Keiyo North	1,645	3	1,648	99.8	0.2
95	Keiyo South	1,416	1	1,417	99.9	0.1
96	Kesses	417	25	442	94.3	5.7
97	Khwisero	288	-	288	100.0	-
98	Kiambaa	560	8	568	98.6	1.4
99	Kiambu Town	900	11	911	98.8	1.2
100	Kibra	1,875	26	1,901	98.6	1.4
101	Kibwezi East	2,295	9	2,304	99.6	0.4
102	Kibwezi West	3,058	26	3,084	99.2	0.8

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
103	Kieni	832	12	844	98.6	1.4
104	Kigumo	734	-	734	100.0	-
105	Kiharu	1,412	7	1,419	99.5	0.5
106	Kikuyu	1,428	216	1,644	86.9	13.1
107	Kilgoris	615	2	617	99.7	0.3
108	Kilifi North	729	5	734	99.3	0.7
109	Kilifi South	816	20	836	97.6	2.4
110	Kilome	880	-	880	100.0	4
111	Kimilili	1,225	20	1,245	98.4	1.6
112	Kiminini	1,200	_	1,200	100.0	-
113	Kinango	379	1	380	99.7	0.3
114	Kinangop	818	7	825	99.2	0.8
115	Kipipiri	213		213	100.0	-
116	Kipkelion East	339	12	351	96.6	3.4
117	Kipkelion West	221	16	237	93.2	6.8
118	Kirinyaga Central	740	13	753	98.3	1.7
119	Kisauni	892	4	896	99.6	0.4
120	Kisumu Central	2,154	25	2,179	98.9	1.1
121	Kisumu East	3,364	131	3,495	96.3	3.7
122	Kisumu West	950	17	967	98.2	1.8
123	Kitui Central	2,011	10	2,021	99.5	0.5
124	Kitui East	938	17	955	98.2	1.8
125	Kitui Rural	582	-	582	100.0	-

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No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
126	Kitui South	1,431	5	1,436	99.7	0.3
127	Kitui West	836	4	840	99.5	0.5
128	Kitutu Chache North	337	5	342	98.5	1.5
129	Kitutu Chache South	183	26	209	87.6	12.4
130	Kitutu Masaba	366	5	371	98.7	1.3
131	Konoin	909	4	913	99.6	0.4
132	Kuresoi North	346	2	348	99.4	0.6
133	Kuresoi South	514	12	526	97.7	2.3
134	Kuria East	392	47	439	89.3	10.7
135	Kuria West	235	9	244	96.3	3.7
136	Kwanza	745	-	745	100.0	(1 .
137	Lafey	488	-	488	100.0	-
138	Lagdera	170	T	171	99.4	0.6
139	Laikipia East	246	3	249	98.8	1.2
140	Laikipia North	332	1	333	99.7	0.3
141	Laikipia West	2,099	137	2,236	93.9	6.1
142	Laisamis	207	4	211	98.1	1.9
143	Lamu East	273	2	275	99.3	0.7
144	Lamu West	475	6	481	98.8	1.2
145	Langata	147	20	167	88.0	12.0
146	Lari	613	-	613	100.0	-
147	Likoni	2,234	2	2,236	99.9	0.1
148	Likuyani	304	41	345	88.1	11.9

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
149	Limuru	2,661	26	2,687	99.0	1.0
150	Loima	189	2	191	99.0	1.0
151	Luanda	659	36	695	94.8	5.2
152	Lugari	432	3	435	99.3	0.7
153	Lungalunga	581	-	581	100.0	-
154	Lurambi	370	3	373	99.2	0.8
155	Maara	360	6	366	98.4	1.6
156	Machakos Town	174	2	176	98.9	1.1
157	Magarini	606	10	616	98.4	1.6
158	Makadara	1,981	73	2,054	96.4	3.6
159	Makueni	1,456	3	1,459	99.8	0.2
160	Malava	2,667	28	2,695	99.0	1.0
161	Malindi	169	-	169	100.0	-
162	Mandera North	928	2	930	99.8	0.2
163	Mandera East	582	2	584	99.7	0.3
164	Mandera South	452	4	456	99.1	0.9
165	Mandera West	537	4	541	99.3	0.7
166	Manyatta	1,042	31	1,073	97.1	2.9
167	Maragwa	811	3	814	99.6	0.4
168	Marakwet East	441	2 4 3	441	100.0	-
169	Marakwet West	70	-	70	100.0	-
170	Masinga	855	4	859	99.5	0.5
171	Matayos	596	43	639	93.3	6.7

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
172	Mathare	2,090	-	2,090	100.0	-
173	Mathioya	313	2	315	99.4	0.6
174	Mathira	147	3	150	98.0	2.0
175	Matuga	569	3	572	99.5	0.5
176	Matungu	271	9	280	96.8	3.2
177	Matungulu	1,296	7	1,303	99.5	0.5
178	Mavoko	139	2	141	98.6	1.4
179	Mbeere North	521	22	543	95.9	4.1
180	Mbeere South	481	14	495	97.2	2.8
181	Mbooni	1,352	-	1,352	100.0	-
182	Mogotio	937	13	950	98.6	1.4
183	Moiben	462	12	474	97.5	2.5
184	Molo	356	8	364	97.8	2.2
185	Mosop	180	10	190	94.7	5.3
186	Moyale	126	15	141	89.4	10.6
187	Msambweni	295	-	295	100.0	-
188	Mt. Elgon	1,126	-	1,126	100.0	-
189	Muhoroni	322	6	328	98.2	1.8
190	Mukurweini	332	5	337	98.5	1.5
191	Mumias East	265	4	269	98.5	1.5
192	Mumias West	468	1	469	99.8	0.2
193	Mvita	793	1	794	99.9	0.1
194	Mwala	253	1	254	99.6	0.4

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
195	Mwatate	1,250	78	1,328	94.1	5.9
196	Mwea	735	30	765	96.1	3.9
197	Mwingi Central	1,215	-	1,215	100.0	-
198	Mwingi North	770	1	771	99.9	0.1
199	Mwingi West	737	-	737	100.0	
200	Naivasha	1,439	-	1,439	100.0	
201	Nakuru Town East	280	5	285	98.2	1.8
202	Nakuru Town West	434	7	441	98.4	1.6
203	Nambale	338	7	345	98.0	2.0
204	Nandi Hills	216	6	222	97.3	2.7
205	Narok East	526	40	566	92.9	7.1
206	Narok North	344	-	344	100.0	-
207	Narok South	280	-	280	100.0	-
208	Narok West	366	101	467	78.4	21.6
209	Navakholo	750	4	754	99.5	0.5
210	Ndaragwa	1,196	3	1,199	99.7	0.3
211	Ndhiwa	175	3	178	98.3	1.7
212	Ndia	1,067	6	1,073	99.4	0.6
213	Njoro	893	63	956	93.4	6.6
214	North Horr	237	3	240	98.8	1.3
215	North Imenti	1,868	3	1,871	99.8	0.2
216	North Mugirango	458	2	460	99.6	0.4
217	Nyakach	1,527	9	1,536	99.4	0.6

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Support
218	Nyali	828	1	829	99.9	0.1
219	Nyando	870	-	870	100.0	-
220	Nyaribari Chache	570	4	574	99.3	0.7
221	Nyaribari Masaba	310	3	313	99.0	1.0
222	Nyatike	351	I	352	99.7	0.3
223	Nyeri Town	367	15	382	96.1	3.9
224	Ol Jorok	701	1	702	99.9	0.1
225	Ol Kalou	617	6	623	99.0	1.0
226	Othaya	349	1	350	99.7	0.3
227	Pokot South	191	8	199	96.0	4.0
228	Rabai	1,081	5	1,086	99.5	0.5
229	Rangwe	563	7	570	98.8	1.2
230	Rarieda	7,965	31	7,996	99.6	0.4
231	Rongai	246	1	247	99.6	0.4
232	Rongo	365	-	365	100.0	-
233	Roysambu	531	6	537	98.9	1.1
234	Ruaraka	1,734	31	1,765	98.2	1.8
235	Ruiru	1,464	3	1,467	99.8	0.2
236	Runyenjes	518	-	518	100.0	-
237	Sabatia	1,093	53	1,146	95.4	4.6
238	Saboti	567	2	569	99.6	0.4
239	Saku	428	1	429	99.8	0.2
240	Samburu East	145	-	145	100.0	-

No	Constituency	l support	l do not Support	Total Responses	% support	% Do not Suppor
241	Samburu North	218	2	220	99.1	0.9
242	Samburu West	516	28	544	94.9	5.1
243	Seme	696	10	706	98.6	1.4
244	Shinyalu	187	13	200	93.5	6.5
245	Sigor	241	-	241	100.0	-
246	Sigowet/Soin	582	19	601	96.8	3.2
247	Sirisia	969	3	972	99.7	0.3
248	Sotik	633	2	635	99.7	0.3
249	South Imenti	1,504	9	1,513	99.4	0.6
250	South Mugirango	456	12	468	97.4	2.6
251	Soy	605	8	613	98.7	1.3
252	Starehe	1,421	48	1,469	96.7	3.3
253	Suba North	1,239	11	1,250	99.1	0.9
254	Suba South	77	11	88	87.5	12.5
255	Subukia	273		273	100.0	-
256	Suna East	356	7	363	98,1	1.9
257	Suna West	482	2	484	99.6	0.4
258	Tarbaj	240	1	241	99.6	0.4
259	Taveta	833	34	867	96.1	3.9
260	Teso North	252	-	252	100.0	-
261	Teso South	311	1	312	99.7	0.3
262	Tetu	553	2	555	99.6	0.4
263	Tharaka	1,644	98	1,742	94.4	5.6

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264	Thika Town	697	24	721	96.7	3.3
265	Tiaty	291	-	291	100.0	-
266	Tigania East	1,294	1	1,295	99.9	0.1
267	Tigania West	1,041	1	1,042	99.9	0.1
268	Tinderet	228	3	231	98.7	1.3
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282	Wajir North	327	-	327	100.0	
283	Wajir South	443	-	443	100.0	-
284	Wajir West	72	5	77	93.5	6.5
285	Webuye East	289	3	292	99.0	1.0
286	Webuye West	559	2	561	99.6	0.4

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287	West Mugirango	318	7	325	97.8	2.2
288	Westlands	1,093	6	1,099	99.5	0.5
289	Wundanyi	349	3	352	99.1	0.9
290	Yatta	779	1	780	99.9	0.1
291	Not Indicated Constituency	9	56	65	13.8	86.2
		221,459	3,460	224,919	98.5	1.5

5 MEMORANDA SUBMITTED ON THE BILL

5.1 Memoranda received on the Bill

- 921. Pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) and 3(A) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed advertisements in the print media on 15th March, 21st and 22nd April, and 5th May 2025 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on the Bill on or before 10th June 2025 at 5.00 pm (East African Time).
- 922. By the close of the submission deadline, the Committee received twenty six (26) memoranda from the Makueni People's Assembly, Prof. PLO-Lumumba, Ukweli Party, the Architects Alliance (TAA), AC Knights and Advocates, Mizani 254, Transparency International (TI), Coast Civil Society Network for Human Rights (CCSNHR), Council of Governors (COG), Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Nairobi Branch, Echo Network Africa Foundation (ENAF) and Democracy Trust Fund (DTF), Torch Africa, Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops-Catholic Justice and Peace Department (KCCB-CJPD), Stephen Rugumi, Simon Mwangi Mbugua, Anthony Maiyuku, Victor Nundu, Justus Kipkoech Kurgat, Peter Kiplangat Ngetich, Titus Kimala, Mark Maina, Osman Abdi, Victor Kamau, Nderitu Nduba, Sydney Sid and Jeremy Ng'ang'a. The memoranda are annexed to this report as Annexure 14.

Makueni People's Assembly

- 923. Makueni People's Assembly proposed the abolition of the NG-CDF and replacement with a development financing mechanism constitutionally embedded within the Executive arm under county governments to be renamed County Constituency Development Support Fund and administered under the County Executive through a framework of intergovernmental cooperation subject to oversight by the County Assembly and Auditor-General.
- 924. Makueni People's Assembly further submitted that the development funds under NG-CDF, NGAAF and SOF should be consolidated into a single-county based development envelope to prevent duplication of roles, preserve separation of powers, enhance transparency and end political patronage.

Committee Observation

925. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the law on transparency and accountability.

Prof. PLO-Lumumba

926. Prof. PLO-Lumumba was of the view that the Constitution is not a vehicle for entrenching interests of specific institutions or officeholders but a charter for democratic governance. He added that entrenching funds that have already been declared unconstitutional by the Judiciary would not only undermine the integrity of the Constitution but also erode public trust in constitutional institutions and the doctrine of the rule of law. He added that Parliament must respect judicial independence and authority especially binding decisions emanating from the High Court and Supreme Court as provided in Article 167(3) of the Constitution.

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- 927. Additionally, Prof. PLO-Lumumba was of the view that devolution ought to be reinforced by channelling all national government support to local areas through county governments via conditional or unconditional grants in accordance with Articles 190 and 202 of the Constitution. In his view, this would ensure consistency with devolved development priorities, coordination across government levels and equitable distribution of resources.
- 923. In the alternative, Prof. PLO-Lumumba proposed establishing an Executive-managed National Development Support Program to address the development needs currently targeted by NG-CDF to be housed within the Ministry of Planning or relevant line ministries. It was his opinion that this would allow MPs to engage in identifying local priorities through structured and consultative processes.

Committee Observations

- 929. The Committee noted that court decisions on the existing NG-CDF have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution in the exercise of the legislative powers conferred under Article 256 of the Constitution. Consideration of the proposed amendment in exercise of legislative powers does not in any way offend judicial independence and authority.
- 930. The Committee further noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.

Ukweli Party

931. Ukweli Party was of the view that the Bill is retrogressive, violates the doctrine of separation of powers, subverts devolution, and entrenches corruption and governance malpractice.

Committee Observation

932. The Committee noted that the Bill only proposes the establishment of the NGCF, SOF and NGAAF. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to a violation of the Constitution or its progressive principles. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament.

The Architects Alliance

- 933. Relating to the NGCF, TAA was of the view that the Bill undermines the doctrine of separation of powers as reiterated in *Institute for Social Accountability and Another v National Assembly and 5 Others [2022] KESC 39 (KLR)* where the Court declared the Constituencies Development Act, 2013 unconstitutional for violating the constitutional principles of separation of powers.
- 934. Additionally, the Bill contravenes the objects and principles of devolution under Chapter Eleven of the Constitution as in the case of Gikonyo and Another v National Assembly of Kenya and 4 Others; Council of Governors and 3 Others (Interested Parties) [2024] KEHC 10886 (KLR) where the High Court held that the NG-CDF Act, 2015 as amended in 2022 and 2023 was unconstitutional as it undermined devolution by intruding into county functions and creating inefficiency through a duplication of roles.
- 935. Furthermore, TAA stated that the Bill would set a precedent for fragmented constitutional amendments and clutter the Constitution with operational details better addressed

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through legislation and policy. In its view, the proposed amendments undermine coherence, simplicity and stability of the Constitution.

- 936. TAA added that entrenching constituency-based funds like the NGCF in the Constitution could perpetuate inequities as resource allocation may be influenced more by political considerations than by objective measures of poverty or developmental needs thereby violating principles of public finance under Article 201 of the Constitution.
- 937. Regarding the SOF, TAA was of the view that it implies that the Senate requires a special ring-fenced fund beyond its normal operational budget to perform its constitutional mandate which undermines standard public finance management principles.
- 938. TAA was of the view that entrenching NGAAF in the Constitution would undermine the principle of separation of powers and devolution, result in a duplication and overlap of roles with existing development structures, contravene constitutional principles on public finance management and result in likely constitutional rigidity and weakening of legislative oversight. Further, TAA added that the Fund could better be addressed through ordinary legislation not through a constitutional amendment which could hinder future adaptation and reform.

Committee Observations

- 939. The Committee noted that court decisions on the existing NG-CDF have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution in the exercise of the legislative powers conferred under Article 256 of the Constitution. Consideration of the proposed amendment in exercise of legislative powers does not in any way offend judicial independence and authority.
- 940. The Committee further noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 941. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill only proposes the establishment of the NGCF, SOF and NGAAF. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to a violation of the doctrine of separation of power or the coherence, simplicity and stability of the Constitution. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

AC Knights and Advocates

- 942. AC Knights and Advocates submitted that the NGCDF and NGAAF are already operational under existing legal framework or can be implemented through existing laws rendering their entrenchment in the Constitution unnecessary.
- 943. With respect to the SOF, they submitted that the establishment of the SOF should comply with the judgment of the court in *Mwinzagu & 5 others v. Parliamentary Service Commission* which declared that the exclusion of the nominated Senators from the Senate Oversight Function Fund was unconstitutional as it violated the principle of inclusivity under Article 10(2)(b) and public finance accountability under Article 201(a) of the Constitution.

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- 944. In addition, they submitted that the Bill, particularly the entrenchment of NGCDF, disrupts the constitutional delineation of roles undermining the principle of separation of powers and the creation of the SOF results in unnecessary duplication of funding leading to wastage and undermines the constitutional principle of independently financing of Parliament.
- 945. Lastly, they submitted the failure by Parliament to enact a law on referendum creates a procedural gap that will undermine the legitimacy of the amendment process.

Committee Observations

- 946. The Committee noted that the existence of a statutory framework on part of the objects of the Bill does not preclude Parliament from proposing amendments to include the Funds in the Constitution in the exercise of its legislative mandate. Additionally, the courts have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution pursuant to its mandate under Article 256 of the Constitution.
- 947. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill only proposes the establishment of the NGCF, SOF and NGAAF. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to the disruption of the constitutional delineation of roles, disregard of the doctrine of separation of powers or wastage and misuse of public funds. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

Coast Civil Society Network for Human Rights (CCSNHR)

- 948. CCSNHR stated that the entrenchment of the NGCF on the grounds that Constitution and other laws such as the County Governments Act and the National Government Coordination Act have addressed all the concerns relating to inequality in distribution of resources and local development through establishment of county governments and other units of decentralization.
- 949. They also submitted that the Funds will carry administrative costs which will distort the principle of prudence in utilization of public funds as enshrined under Article 201(d) of the Constitution.
- 950. They further submitted that the Funds will negatively impact the current constitutional structure and that the roles intended to be played by the SOF and NGAAF are already entrenched in law.

Committee Observations

- 951. The Committee noted that the existence of a statutory framework on part of the objects of the Bill does not preclude Parliament from proposing amendments to include the Funds in the Constitution in the exercise of its legislative mandate.
- 952. The Committee further noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to unequal distribution of resources, prohibitive administrative costs, imprudent spending, or the distortion of the existing constitutional structure. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

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Kenya Devolution Civil Society Organizations' Working Group (KDCSOWG)

- 953. KDCSOWG stated that the Constitution and other laws such as the County Governments Act and the National Government Coordination Act have addressed all the concerns relating to inequality in distribution of resources and local development through establishment of county governments and other units of decentralization.
- 954. They also submitted that the Funds will carry administrative costs which will distort the principle of prudence in utilization of public funds as enshrined under Article 201(d) of the Constitution.
- 955. They further submitted that the Funds will negatively impact the current constitutional structure and that the roles intended to be played by the SOF and NGAAF are already entrenched in law.

Committee Observations

- 956. The Committee noted that the existence of a statutory framework on part of the objects of the Bill does not preclude Parliament from proposing amendments to include the Funds in the Constitution in the exercise of its legislative mandate.
- 957. The Committee further noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to unequal distribution of resources, prohibitive administrative costs, imprudent spending, or the distortion of the existing constitutional structure. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

Mizani254

958. They submitted that the High Court declared the NG-CDF Act as unconstitutional on several grounds such as the failure to involve the Senate in the legislative process and that the NG-CDF Act breached the doctrine of separation of powers as MPs continue to exercise significant influence of the Fund's management including appointment of committee members and directing the operation of the Funds.

Committee Observations

- 959. The Committee noted that court decisions on the existing NG-CDF have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution in the exercise of the legislative powers conferred under Article 256 of the Constitution. Consideration of the proposed amendment in exercise of legislative powers does not in any way offend judicial independence and authority.
- 960. The Committee further noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to management of the Funds or appointment of persons responsible for the Funds. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

Transparency International

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- 961. They submitted that the Funds being proposed by the Bill will operate parallel to county government budgets and plans hence undermining coherent planning and resource utilization.
- 962. Further, they stated that the entrenchment of the Funds must be accompanied by robust governance, oversight and transparency mechanisms due to the historical misuse and lack of accountability in NG-CDF and NGAAF undermining development impact and citizen trust.
- 963. In addition, they submitted that the Funds will bypass county structures leading to an overlap in duties and responsibilities.
- 964. Lastly, they submitted that the Bill requires an approval through a referendum as it touches on the entrenched provisions under Chapter Sixteen of the Constitution including the functions of Parliament and the structure of devolved government.

Committee Observations

- 965. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 966. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill only proposes the establishment of the NGCF, SOF and NGAAF. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to undermining coherent planning and resource utilization, lack of accountability or overlap in duties and responsibilities. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 967. The Committee was of the view that a purposive interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution lends itself to the conclusion that the enactment of the Bill does not require approval through a referendum as it does not relate to the specific matters listed under Article 255(1) of the Constitution.

Council of County Governors (COG)

- 968. COG stated that the NGCF which currently is known as NG-CDF and NGAAF upsets the principles of separation of powers between the three arms of the national government and division of functions between the national government and county governments.
- 969. They also submitted that the SOF will occasion duplication of financial allocation to the Senate in the face of public resources.
- 970. In addition, COG submitted that the proposed Articles 204A and 204C are amendments that require a referendum to be conducted as they relate to the functions of Parliament to implementation which is a function of the national and county executives.

Committee Observations

971. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.

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- 972. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill only proposes the establishment of the NGCF, SOF and NGAAF. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to duplication allocation of finances. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 973. The Committee was of the view that a purposive interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution lends itself to the conclusion that the enactment of the Bill does not require approval through a referendum as it does not relate to the specific matters listed under Article 255(1) of the Constitution.

Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Nairobi Branch

- 974. LSK Nairobi Branch submitted that the provisions of the Bill will undermine the doctrine of separation of powers and rule of law by contradicting various courts judgments on CDF and NG-CDF.
- 975. It also submitted that the Funds duplicates county governments functions which will lead to inefficiencies and potential conflict of interest in service delivery.
- 976. In addition, it submitted that the creation of new funds and offices increases administrative costs and contradicts the principles of efficient and responsible use of public resources under Articles 201 and 232.

Committee Observations

- 977. The Committee noted that court decisions on the existing NG-CDF have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution in the exercise of the legislative powers conferred under Article 256 of the Constitution.
- 978. The Committee further noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 979. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to inefficiency and potential conflict of interest in service delivery, increase in administrative costs, or inefficient use of public resources. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

Echo Network Africa Foundation (ENAF) and Democracy Trust Fund (DTF)

- 980. ENAF expressed reservations on the Bill. In its view, the Bill is inconsistent with the spirit and letter of the Constitution, would offend the doctrine of separation of powers and systems of checks and balances and violate the principles of public finance.
- 981. ENAF submitted that the courts had on several instances declared the NG-CDF to be unconstitutional.
- 982. Relating to NGAAF, he noted that the Fund is already established under the Public Finance Management Act (National Government Affirmative Action Fund) Regulations, 2016 and, therefore, does not require a constitutional amendment.

Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on its Consideration of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025) 983. Regarding the SOF, ENAF noted that the purpose and objective of the Fund is already implemented through budgetary provisions relating to Parliament as provided in the Constitution.

Committee Observations

- 984. The Committee noted that court decisions on the existing NG-CDF have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution in the exercise of the legislative powers conferred under Article 256 of the Constitution. Consideration of the proposed amendment in exercise of legislative powers does not in any way offend judicial independence and authority.
- 985. The Committee further noted that the existence of a statutory framework on part of the objects of the Bill does not preclude Parliament from proposing amendments to include the Funds in the Constitution.
- 986. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. It does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to violation of the principles of public finance. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

Torch Africa

- 987. Torch Africa submitted that the Bill undermines devolution and will cause conflicts between national and county governments and between MPs and Governors. In their view, the Funds intrude on the functions of national and county governments and in turn will cause wastage of resources.
- 988. They submitted that NGAAF undermines and offend the principle of separation of powers, prudent use of public resources, transparency and accountability as stipulated in the Constitution.

Committee Observations

- 989. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 990. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to undermining devolution, wastage of resources or lack of transparency and accountability. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops-Catholic Justice and Peace Department (KCCB-CJPD)

991. KCCB-CJPD submitted that entrenching the Funds in the Constitution is unnecessary and not advisable. They stated that NG-CDF and NGAAF already exists in law and that the Senate oversight function is already funded through PSC budgetary allocations.

Committee Observation

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992. The Committee noted that the existence of a statutory framework on part of the objects of the Bill does not preclude Parliament from proposing amendments to include the Funds in the Constitution in the exercise of its legislative mandate.

Jeremy Ng'ang'a

- 993. Jeremy Ng'ang'a expressed reservations on the Bill. In his view, the entrenchment of the NGCF in the Constitution would offend the doctrine of separation of powers and as such proposed retaining the NG-CDF but renaming it to National Government Sub-County Infrastructure and Facility Development Fund to be administered by the national government by NGAO officers at the sub-county level.
- 994. In addition, Jeremy Ng'ang'a submitted that the SOF would be instrumental in enhancing oversight, however, establishment of the Fund does not require a constitutional amendment.
- 995. Regarding the NGAAF, Jeremy Ng'ang'a was of the view that most of the Fund's roles are already performed by county governments and thus the Fund should be phased out. If retained, he proposed restructuring and renaming the Fund to National Government Affirmative Action Support Fund to be administered at the county level by the County Commissioner

Committee Observations

- 996. The Committee noted that the existence of a statutory framework on part of the objects of the Bill does not preclude Parliament from proposing amendments to include the Funds in the Constitution in the exercise of its legislative mandate.
- 997. The Committee further noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 998. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to violation of the doctrine of separation of powers. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 999. Victor Kamau noted that the NG-CDF was declared unconstitutional by the High Court in September 2024. He was of the view that entrenching the NG-CDF in the Constitution would weaken devolution and make the Fund susceptible to misuse.

Committee Observations

- 1000. The Committee noted that court decisions on the existing NG-CDF have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution in the exercise of the legislative powers conferred under Article 256 of the Constitution.
- 1001. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to the weakening of devolution or potential misuse of funds. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 1002. Nderitu Nduba submitted that the Bill is unnecessary as the proposed amendments could be realized without necessarily amending the Constitution. For instance, the

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NGAAF can be implemented through the Public Finance Management Act (National Government Affirmative Action Fund) Regulations, 2016 in accordance with Article 206(1)(a) of the Constitution; the NGCF within the confines of the Constitution as held by various court decisions including the Supreme Court; and the SOF through budgetary provisions to Parliament as provided for in the Constitution.

Committee Observations

- 1003. The Committee noted that the option of passing ordinary legislation or resolutions on part of the objects of the Bill does not preclude Parliament from proposing amendments to include the Funds in the Constitution in the exercise of its legislative mandate. Court decisions on the existing NG-CDF have not barred Parliament from amending the Constitution in the exercise of the legislative powers conferred under Article 256 of the Constitution.
- 1004. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 1005. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to violation of the doctrine of separation of powers. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 1006. Sydney Sid was of the view that entrenching the Funds in the Constitution would result in a conflict of roles between county governments and the national government.

Committee Observations

- 1007. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 1008. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to a conflict of roles between county governments and the national government.
- 1009. Stephen Rugumi submitted that the work of Parliament is representation, legislation and oversight.

Committee Observation

- 1010. The Committee agreed with this view and noted that consideration of the Bill constates the exercise of Parliament's legislative mandate.
- 1011. Simon Mwangi Mbugua submitted that the proposals do not align with the pressing priorities of the Kenyan public and risk diverting attention and resources for more urgent national needs.

Committee Observation

1012. The Committee was of the view that the objects of the Bill are fully aligned with the priorities of the public with respect to the further decentralization of the national government share of revenue through funds that directly impact development across the

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country, take int account affirmative action programmes and the optimal financing of the operations of the Senate.

1013. Antony Maiyuku submitted that the NG-CDF is illegal because it goes against the mandate of MPs which are enshrined in the Constitution.

Committee Observation

- 1014. The Committee was of the view that consideration of the Bill accords with the legislative, oversight and representative mandate of Parliament.
- 1015. Victor Nundu submitted that NG-CDF has had significant impact to common citizens through developments. He also submitted that the purpose of SOF will be done best by MCAs. Finally, he submitted that the NGAAF has not brought any impactful changes.

Committee Observation

- 1016. The Committee noted that the proposals in the Bill were limited to the establishment of the three Funds and that the Bill does not contain provisions on the administration and management of the Funds. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 1017. Justus Kipkoech Kurgat submitted that the entrenchment of the Funds raises significant concerns and may contravene several principles and provisions of the Constitution. He submitted that the Funds blurs the lines of separation of powers, undermines the principle of public finance, and infringes on the division of functions between the national government and county governments.

Committee Observations

- 1018. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operation of the Funds shall not affect or diminish the equitable share of national revenue that is allocated to county governments.
- 1019. Additionally, the Committee noted that the Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to violation of the doctrine of separation of powers, contravention of the principles of public finance or infringement of the division of functions between the national government and county governments. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 1020. Peter Ngetich supported the entrenchment of CDF and proposed an increase in budgetary allocation to the Fund because he has been a beneficiary of the Fund through educational bursaries.

Committee Observation

1021. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The operationalization and exact budgetary allocation to the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

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1022. Titus Kimala submitted that the Bill violates the principle of separation of powers whereby MPs should not implement the law and oversight at the same time. He also stated that public participation by Parliament should be inclusive.

Committee Observations

- 1023. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to MPs playing any implementation role. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.
- 1024. The Committee further noted that the National Assembly had publicised the Bill and facilitated public discussion and participation in its consideration of the Bill across all the 290 Constituencies in the country over a three-day period, in addition to receiving written representations on the Bill in compliance with the provisions of Article 256(2) of the Constitution.
- 1025. Mark Maina submitted that the entrenchment of the Funds would occasion an increase in the misuse of public funds and that Parliament should prioritize the establishment of stronger and independent oversight mechanism to protect public funds.

Committee Observation

1026. The Committee noted that the proposal in the Bill specifically relates to the establishment of Funds that are to be derived from the National Government share of Revenue. The Bill does not contain any other provisions that allude to or may be taken to allude to misuse of public funds. The operationalization of the Funds is left to legislation to be passed by Parliament that shall accord with established governance and public finance management principles.

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6 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

- 1028. Upon reviewing the Bill and the submissions received, the Committee made the following observations:
 - (1) There was huge public support of the Bill during the public hearings on the Bill. During the exercise, a total of 224,482 members of the public participated and 221,133 members of the public were in support of the Bill representing 98.5% of the participants. Some of the reasons the public gave in expressing their support for the Bill were that the NGCF would continue facilitating access to education by providing bursaries to needy students, the NGAAF would promote access to financial facilities to special interest groups and the SOF would promote accountability in county governments in how the county governments utilize the money allocated to counties.
 - (2) The Bill requires Parliament to enact consequential legislation on the administration and operations of the Funds. The consequential legislation should adhere to the doctrine of separation of powers, and the constitutional principles of devolution, transparency, accountability, and division of functions between the national government and county governments.
 - (3) The NGCF and NGAAF are means of further decentralizing resources to the local level. The Funds are intended for specific purposes and that the sources of funds consist of money appropriated from the national's government's share of revenue as divided by the annual Division of Revenue Act enacted pursuant to Article 218 of the Constitution.
 - (4) On whether the Bill may be amended by the House to take into account some of the recommendations proposed, the Committee took cognizance of the Communication from the Chair dated 20th August, 2015 where the Speaker directed that a Bill to amend the Constitution may not be amended by the House. The Speaker was of the opinion that a plain reading of Article 256 of the Constitution reveals that while the Constitution does not expressly disallow amendments to a Bill to amend the Constitution, it deliberately discouraged such amendments unless there is anything extraordinary in the Bill that would require application of extraordinary measures.
 - (5) The Committee was of the view that a purposive interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution lends itself to the conclusion that the enactment of the Bill does not require approval through a referendum as it does not relate to the specific matters listed under Article 255(1) of the Constitution.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

7 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1029. The Committee, having considered the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025) and the submissions from members of the public, recommends that the House approves the Bill.

DATE 17.6.025 SIGNED ...

HON. GEORGE GITONGA MURUGARA, CBS, MP CHAIRMAN DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4 OF 2025)

We, the Members of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs have, pursuant to Standing Order 199, adopted this Report of the Committee on the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025) and affixed our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity:

- 1. Hon. Murugara George Gitonga, CBS, MP Chairperson
- 2. Hon. Mutuse Eckomas Mwengi, OGW, MP Vice Chair
- 3. Hon. Gladys Boss, MGH, MP
- 4. Hon. Farah Maalim, EGH, MP
- 5. Hon. Silvanus Osoro Onyiego, CBS, MP
- 6. Hon. Tom Joseph Francis Kajwang', CBS, MP
- 7. Hon. Muchangi Karemba, CBS, MP
- 8. Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi Wetangula, CBS, MP
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- 10. Hon. Michael Mwangi Muchira, MP
- 11. Hon. Aden Daud, EBS, MP
- 12. Hon. John Okwisia Makali, MP
- 13. Hon. Stephen M. Mogaka, MP
- 14. Hon. Amina Udgoon Siyad, MP
- 15. Hon. CPA Suleka Hulbale Harun, MP

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