

# **KENYA COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER,**

## **CONSTITUENCY BASED CONSULTATIONS AND PEOPLES VERDICT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN 2008 AND THEIR PETITION TO THE HONOURABLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR 2009 AND BEYOND.**

### **CHANGAMWE CONSTITUENCY**

#### **Review of Constituency perspectives on the performance of Member of Parliament:**

- Most of the community members were promised positive action on all the proposals presented to CDF offices. Up to now most of the proposals have not been acted upon, a case in hand 2.5 million for kibokoni ward and the 1.2million fund that was supposed to be given to women groups.
- Most of the started projects by devolved funds is either stalled or not completed to the satisfaction of the community members e.g. the feeder roads that was supposed to be repaired, Changamwe market that was supposed to be built.
- Most of the companies that were promised that will be opened for youths to get employment have not been opened and the few that are opened has employed youths from outside the constituency.
- Salaries for the CDF officers are too high and should be reduced.
- There are a lot of duplications of projects to an extent you cannot know who has been doing the projects e.g. a project is funded by CDF and at the same time being funded by LATF.
- There is lack of accountability in the projects that are being carried out using CDF, e.g. Changamwe market that is claimed to have costed a total of 3.5million but the actual structure that has been built does not look like something that have a cost of that a mount.
- Although employment was promised to the youths during elections, the youths from the constituency are yet to get employed and in cases of where there is some jobs then they are given to people who does not come form the constituency.
- Most community members feel that the CDF act is bad as it gives the M.P the immense power of constituting the CDF committee; which also gives him the power to control the committee to do whatever he wants. These has made the M.Ps to concentrate the projects in areas that voted for him and neglecting the perceived "opposition areas".
- There was mixed opinion with majority saying that there has no been a consultative meeting organized by the M.P where projects are discussed, others had the feeling that most community members does not attend such like meetings to air their views.

### **Preparation of petition and priorities for Presentation to Members of Parliament:**

- i. The constituent wants their M.P to lobby other members of parliament to change the CDF Act to reduce (MPs) excessive powers to dictate the CDF committee. The committee should be all inclusive regardless of party affiliation.
- ii. All members in areas where projects are implemented to become supervisors of the projects and monitor quality implementation of projects.
- iii. The M.P to have specific days that he is in the constituency office where the constituents can see him for discussions.
- iv. The M.P should build positive relationship with civic leaders for the sake of development in the constituency.
- v. Women groups' projects' should be prioritized and funded.
- vi. Committee members of the CDF and the ones in charge of the projects in the constituency to be brought and introduced to the community members at the grass-root as they are not known by the constituents hence they don't know whom to see incase they have an issue concerning the constituency development.
- vii. All the projects that were started before 2007 and after should be completed.
- viii. The M.P to take time and walk around the constituency to inspect the projects that are being undertaken especially by CDF instead of relying on reports given to him on paper which sometimes does not hold the true situation of the project and this is with regards to most feeder roads which are reported on paper to have been completed yet some have not been completed and in other cases the contractors collude with CDF officers and use cheap materials and do a shoddy job.
- ix. The M.P to ensure that there is proper accountability of funds used in the Constituency projects.
- x. The issue of water is a major problem in changamwe that the M.P should address.
- xi. The M.P should at least appoint literate people to be in the Constituency development Committee.
- xii. The Constituents' are demanding to know whether their M.P is ready to pay tax or not, and if not he should pay just the way his constituents are paying yet they earn so little.
- xiii. Their M.P to address of hunger in the constituency, they are demanding the subsidized maize flour.
- xiv. The M.P and his team in the constituency development committee should never again give one contractor all the projects in the constituency as this has led to corruption.
- xv. The constituency members are demanding that their M.P prioritizes education in the constituency.
- xvi. The MPs position on the major petroleum scum and mismanagement of HIV/Aids, Malaria and Tuberculosis' funds which has impacted on his them.
- xvii. They are demanding that their M.P to lobby for the speedy making of a new constitution as they promised during the elections.
- xviii. MPs position on taxation should be made public.
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