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**THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
RESILIENCE ACT, 2022**

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Laikipia to provide for embedding of community engagement in the processes and provision of services by the County Government that reach to vulnerable persons in Laikipia County.

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Laikipia as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Laikipia County Community Engagement and Resilience Act, 2022.

Interpretation

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise permits— “County Integrated Development Plan” means the County Integrated Development Plan referred to in Section 108 of the County Governments Act;

“Department” means the County Department responsible for Administration;

“Executive Committee Member” means the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Administration; “Licensee” means a person who holds a valid business license issued by the Laikipia County Government/ a person occupying a property with the permission of the owner. “Resilience” means the ability of an individual or a community to overcome harsh conditions which they face and adapt to them;

“Vulnerable Person” means someone who belongs to a group or community within a society that is either marginalized or more susceptible to harm.

Object and purpose of the Act

3. The object and purpose of this Act is to—

- (a) establish a county engagement forum and community led processes that ensure services reach to the most vulnerable individuals in order to reduce radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism;
- (b) provide for coordination of County Engagement and Resilience services and activities within the County Executive Departments of the County Government of Laikipia;

14. (1) The Executive Committee Member shall make Regulations for the better carrying out of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) the regulations shall—

- (a) establish formal structures and processes within the County Government for cooperation and coordination with the National Government under section 7;
- (b) prescribe mechanisms and processes for the follow up and implementation of recommendations of the county community engagement forum;
- (c) prescribe the procedures for the convening and conduct of the county community engagement forum;
- (d) prescribe the membership of the county community engagement forum and community engagement fora at the ward level;
- (e) prescribe the procedures for the convening and conduct of the community engagement fora at the ward level;
- (f) provide for the mainstreaming of national security strategies and action plans in the operations;
- (g) programmes of the county government;
- (h) provide for early warning and response systems including the installation of security cameras and surveillance systems;
- (i) provide for community service programmes;
- (j) provide for awards and recognition for distinguished community service in the County; and
- (k) provide for establishment of a database on opportunities in public and private sector that may reduce vulnerability to radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism.

(3) A county public officer who violates the provisions this section shall in addition to other sanctions in law be liable to disciplinary action.

Duty of licensees and business

10. (1) It shall be the duty of every licensee to support peace, security and cohesion.

(2) The department shall collaborate with premises owners, business owners and licensees to establish surveillance systems, early warning and response mechanisms.

(3) The Department shall in collaboration with the licensees and business owners develop and maintain a database of private sector opportunities that reduce vulnerability to radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism.

Responsible citizenship and community service

11. (1) The Department shall develop programs to encourage responsible citizenship amongst residents of Laikipia.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) the Department shall establish community service programs that targets most vulnerable groups.

PART III—MISCELLANEOUS

Establishment of Office and deployment of staff

12. (1) The County Public Service Board shall establish an office within the office of the County Administration department for the implementation of this Act.

(2) The County Public Service Board may deploy such number of staff as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act.

(3) The department shall submit to the County Assembly annual reports showing the status of implementation of this Act.

Report in annual state of the county address

13. The Governor shall in the annual state of the county address—

- (a) give a report on the extent of implementation of this Act.
- (b) give a report on the state of vulnerability of different parts of the county to radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism, and mitigation measures taken.
- (c) the state of community engagement and resilience in the county.

(c) encourage patriotism and a shared sense of pride and responsibility amongst the residents of Laikipia County;

(d) to give effect to Article 6(2) of the Constitution;

(e) to provide for matters necessary or convenient to give effect to Article 174 of the Constitution.

PART II—COUNTY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM

County Community Engagement Forum

4. (1) The Department shall convene a County Community Engagement Forum twice per year.

(2) The County Community Engagement forum shall—

- (a) identify exclusion and marginalization among vulnerable groups or areas with respect to service delivery and development;
- (b) propose interventions that reduce vulnerability and build economic resilience;
- (c) propose areas of affirmative action;
- (d) discuss intercommunity peace and resource sharing;
- (e) propose youth specific affirmative action;
- (f) provide a forum to discuss and address quality of service delivery by the County Government;
- (g) identify and propose areas of mainstreaming prevention and countering violent extremism within the County.

(3) The County Community Engagement Forum upon concluding the meeting shall prepare a report containing its findings and recommendations and submit it to the County Executive Committee member responsible for Administration.

Participation of Key Stakeholders

5. (1) The Governor shall invite and facilitate the participation of agencies of the National Government in the County Community Engagement Forum. The meeting shall be held twice per year.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1) the Governor shall at least seek the participation of—

- (a) the County Commissioner and National Government agencies;
- (b) officers representing national security agencies at the county level; and

- (c) National and County Government Departments responsible for services that reach out to vulnerable individuals in the community;
- (d) Representatives of regional development agencies;
- (e) private sector representatives;
- (f) religious and cultural leaders;
- (g) at least two youth representatives of each gender from each sub-county.

County Engagement Forum as an avenue for cooperation with the national government

6. The County Community Engagement Forum shall provide a platform at the county level for consultation and coordination between the National Government and the County Government on matters of development, projects, peace and security in accordance with the Constitution and, more specifically, Article 6(2), Article 10 and Article 174 of the Constitution.

Integration of national government policy in County Development plans

7. (1) The County Community Engagement Forum shall propose areas of integration of national government policy in county development plans.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above the County Community Engagement Forum shall identify and propose programs, services and opportunities for integration of the Laikipia County Action Plan on preventing and countering violent extremism into the County Integrated Development Plan and Annual Development Plans.

(3) The Department shall ensure that there is at least one resilience building project carried out in every ward in every financial year that reaches out to those who are most at risk of radicalization and recruitment to Violent Extremism.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM AT THE WARD LEVEL

Community Engagement for at the Ward level

8. (1) The Department shall convene a Community engagement forum at the ward level after every three months.

- (2) The Department shall ensure and facilitate the participation of—
 - (a) national government administration officers at the ward level;

- (b) officers representing national security agencies at the ward level;
- (c) national and county government departments responsible for services that reach out to vulnerable individuals or groups in the community;
- (d) representatives of regional development agencies;
- (e) private sector representatives;
- (f) religious and cultural leaders;
- (g) at least two youth representatives of each gender from each ward.

(3) The Community Engagement Forum at the ward level upon meeting shall—

- (a) identify exclusion and marginalization among vulnerable groups or areas with respect to service delivery and development;
- (b) propose interventions that reduce vulnerability and build economic resilience;
- (c) propose areas of affirmative action;
- (d) discuss intercommunity peace and resource sharing;
- (e) propose youth specific affirmative action;
- (f) provide a forum to discuss and address quality of service delivery by the county government;
- (g) identify and propose areas of mainstreaming prevention and countering violent extremism in County Government operations.

(4) The Community Engagement Forum at the ward level upon concluding the meeting shall prepare a report containing its findings and recommendations and submit it to the County Executive Committee member responsible for Administration.

Duty to prevent disenchantment

9. (1) It shall be the duty of every county public officer to offer public services and to conduct themselves in a manner that does not cause disenchantment.

(2) A county public officer shall not discriminate or alienate any segment of society in the performance of functions or the delivery of services.