



IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PERFORMANCE UNDER COUNTY

GOVERNMENTS: Challenges and Opportunities Presented by:

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Kenya Constitution 2010

Chapter Eleven – Devolved Governments

Article 174 (d)

Objective: to recognize the right of communities to manage their affairs and further their development

(f) To promote social and economic Development and make services accessible through out kenya

Schedule 4: Distribution of functions between national(NG) and county Governments (CG)

NG: – Agriculture Policy, Veterinary Policy, Capacity Building And Technical Assistance To Counties

CG:- Agriculture, including

- a) Crop Husbandry
- b) Livestock sale yards
- c) Crop/animal disease control
- d) County Abattoirs
- e) Fisheries

Article 6 (2): – Governments distinct interdependent, to conduct their mutual relations on the basis of consultation and cooperation

Article 189(2):- Allows for setting up of joint committees and joint authorities at county

Opportunities

- Services closer to the people
- Public participation requirement
- Development agenda :- Projects and programs
Prioritization, planning and implementation
- CIDP:- Prerequisite in PFMA
- local leaders and stakeholders involved in
planning
- Public involvement in Budget in making process

- Enhanced Farmer Organizations
 - ✓ Revival/initiation of Farmer Coops
 - issuance of Milk coolers ,
 - milk dispensers,
 - feed mills,
 - hay seeds,
 - Livestock vaccines
 - Improved feeder road networks – to facilitate produce transportation

Agricultural Funding

- 15% GDP funding to counties
- Increased agriculture Budgets from NG.
E.g. FY2014/15 CGN – KSh.463 M
- More focused engagement with partners
(Some counties)

County Assemblies

- Involvement of elected leaders in Budgets approval other issues
- Fiscal and Implementation Oversight
- Decentralized staff performance audit
- Development of county agricultural policies and laws

Focused investments in county priority agricultural value chains

Nyandarua county agricultural flagship projects

- Dairy Development
 1. Subsidized AI
 2. Milk processing
- Potato value chain Development
- Fertilizer subsidy – **2015/16: Ksh.34M** investment, **Ksh. 10M** Soil testing lab
- Trout farming
- Revival of Pyrethrum Industry
- Packhouse with 100 Ton cold storage facility for Horticulture to stimulate markets

- Article 189 (2) : Creation of Inter-county trading Blocks – e.g.
 - Potato growing counties and packaging,
 - East and Central counties Agricultural block
 - Western counties trading Block

Challenges

- Not well defined intergovernmental relations
- IGS –ITWGs-Policy and legislation, Food security, Extensionn and Capacity building, M&E and Communication, Projects and Farm inputs
- Top cream at NG, lack/ little capacity building. County policies and laws. CECMs?
- Unwillingness by NG to release county functions/ resources- fertilizers.

Challenges cont'd

- Delayed disbursement of funds from NG
- Wage Bill for seconded staff. CGN Agriculture 62%
- Duplication of devolved functions by NG through service units. KAPAP, ASDSP
- Support to extension service by devpt partners reduced. Sida, WB- poor mobility of extension SPs

At County Level

- Political interference- farmers political groupings, MCAs et
- Reduced allocation due to poor understanding of central role of agriculture
- Lack of resources for funding mega projects, eg irrigation infrastructure

Thank you