

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU
SECOND ASSEMBLY
(FIFTH SESSION)
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS**

Honorable Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(2), I hereby request for a statement from the Chair Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development Committee regarding the implementation status of the Budget for FY 2020/2021 on initiation of New Group Ranches namely; Nairimirimo, Kukwar, Ngare-Narok and Silalei among others.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

The group ranch concept was implemented in various districts in Kenya in the mid-1960s and early 1970s and aimed at overcoming some of the problems related to sharing land resources. The sharing was based on a defined livestock quota system which was not implemented. Individual members benefits depended on herd size, especially the size of the breeding herd which determined herd growth. The group ranch approach advocated a policy of destocking through periodic livestock sales aimed at achieving proper carrying capacity but this was viewed negatively by most pastoralists.

Honorable Speaker.

Land is an important resource as it anchors most human development activities. Moreover, land is used not only as economic resource but also as a socio - cultural tool. Land in the County is either owned as registered community land (group ranches), unregistered community land (held in trust by County Government), public and private land as leasehold or freehold.

Honorable Speaker.

The County is blessed with huge land mass of an approximate size of 21, 022. 01 square kilometers and it host numerous natural resources and human activities. Of the total area, 3,103.41km² (15.5% of the County land area) is under gazetted forests; 170km² (0.85%) is under game reserves and animal sanctuary; 1.8 km² (0.0085%) is under surface water and 16,746.8 Km² or 83.64% is the land remaining for occupation under urban centers, Group Ranches, land set aside for public uses, individual ownership and hosting other natural features.

The significant land cover within the county is rangeland and gazetted forest that occupies 15.5% of the county. On the other hand, the dominant land uses include nomadic pastoralism, wildlife conservation areas such as West Gate, Namunyak, Kalama & Samburu National Reserve, urban development and crop farming.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

The registered community land constitutes what is referred to us as Group Ranches. Presently, the County has forty-three (43) group ranches and an approximately 26, 551 registered members with the majority being found in Samburu West and East and with the least being in Samburu North. Out of these 43 registered community land, 21 of them are found in Samburu Central, 10 in Samburu North and 11 in Samburu East. This shows that Samburu Central is advanced in regard to securing of tenure as compared to North yet north is vast. These forty-three registered group ranches have an approximate total size of 829, 371.88 Ha (8, 293.72 Km²). If compared to the total size of registerable land with exception of gazetted forest, gazetted park and lake (16,746.8 Km²), then the registered community land occupies 49.52% and if subjected to the total land mass of the county, the registered community land occupies 39.45% of the county.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

All the above registered community land (group ranches) have collected their title deeds. There are unregistered community land that are in the process of being registered. These include Kukwar, Naimirimo while Ngare Narok remains undeclared.

Honorable Speaker,

In view of this, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

- i. **How much money was allocated for initialization of forming new group ranches for FY 2020/2021?**
- ii. **The level of implementation in terms of percentages progress.**
- iii. **The methodology of implementation.**

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