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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

MOVING OF THE 2008/2009 BUDGET  
FOR THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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Mr. Speaker sir,

I beg to move that you do now leave the chair to enable me initiate debate on vote 42; Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker sir, Kenyan Youth, aged 15 to 30 years, comprises more than 30 percent of the population while those below 30 years old account for 75% of the Kenyan society. Whereas they form the majority of the population, the youth are generally a marginalized group in the nation's political, socio-economic and development processes. Today, young Kenyans are confronted with daunting challenges including:

- **Unemployment:** With an increasingly young labour force, limited economic growth provides for only 25% absorption capacity in the labour market, leaving majority of the 75% of approximately 500,000 youth annually joining the labour market unemployed. 67% of all those who are unemployed are young people below the age of 30 years old and 45% are below 24 years. Clearly unemployment in Kenya is a youth problem.
- **Lack of skills and training:** Trends in primary school examinations reveal that 43% of young Kenyans miss out on secondary schooling. Indeed only 1% of those starting primary school will get a university education. Besides, 90% of young people who are unemployed lack any vocational or professional training.
- **Crime and drugs:** Over 50% of all inmates in Kenyan prisons are young people; specifically young males aged 16 to 25 years.
- **Health, especially HIV/AIDS:** One third (1/3) of all HIV/AIDS sufferers are young and over 70% of all new infections are found among the youth.

Against the backdrop of these critical issues confronting young Kenyans, the Ministry of Youth Affairs was formed and mandated to coordinate and mainstream youth issues in the government agenda and to empower young Kenyans by addressing their developmental and socio-economic needs.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Ministry of Youth Affairs was established in December 2005 to champion mainstreaming of youth agenda in all sectors of the economy. This year, the ministry has been expanded to include the Sports docket.

The Ministry has been tasked with the following mandate:

- Promote youth development by designing policies and programmes that build young peoples' capacity to resist risk factors and enhance protective factors;
- Develop a National Youth Policy (NYP), to ensure Kenyan youth participation in the development of the country
- Facilitate the establishment of the National Youth Council (NYC), to coordinate, monitor , advocate and promote youth issues and youth led initiatives;
- Coordination of youth organizations in the country to ensure youth development through structured organizations, collaboration and networking;
- Develop youth resource centers and revive the Kenya Association of Youth Centers;
- Rehabilitation and promotion of Youth Polytechnics and the operation and expansion of the National Youth Service (NYS).
- Sports policy implementation.
- Development coordination and promotion of sports.
- National stadia management

## CHALLENGES

Mr. Speaker sir, inspite of the huge expectations of the public the ministry faces a number of challenges which need to be addressed. These include:

- **Insufficient Transport:** The ministry has only 46 vehicles against an approved establishment of 114. There is therefore need to review budgetary allocations to facilitate the mobility of field officers.
- **Obsolete equipment:** The National Youth Service is mandated to undertake projects of national importance. Currently, the department is operating in several marginalized areas. However, the plant and equipment in use are obsolete, having been acquired in the 70s and are in need of replacement.

- **Dilapidated Youth Polytechnics training structures:** Despite the continuing efforts to rehabilitate Youth Polytechnics, a lot of effort is required to improve these institutions both in terms of infrastructure, equipment support, and the curriculum support.
- **Staffing in Youth Polytechnics (YPs) and sports Department:** Though there has been an effort to recruit instructors for YPs the number recruited is grossly inadequate.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr. Speaker sir, In spite of the above challenges, the ministry has endeavored to discharge its mandate effectively and I would like to highlight some of the main activities and achievements realized so far:

### 2.0 YOUTH ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Mr. Speaker sir, unemployment is one of the most daunting economic challenges facing Kenya. The government has placed job creation at the top of policy agenda in recognition of this fact. The Youth, defined as age 15 to 30 years constitute two thirds (2/3) of the economically active population. The Youth account for 61% of the unemployed. Ninety two percent (92%) of the unemployed Youth have no job training other than formal schooling. Hence, unemployment is not just a lack of jobs, but also a lack of job skills due to inadequacy of the training infrastructure as well as the means to acquire skills due to poverty.

Mr. Speaker sir, the government mooted the idea of establishing a Youth Enterprise Development Fund in mid 2006 as one of the bold and radical interventions to address the Youth unemployment problem. The objective of the Youth Enterprise Development Fund is to increase young entrepreneurs' access to loans, complemented with facilitating linkages in supply chains, creating commercial infrastructure and markets. The government commitment was reflected in the National Budget of June 2006 when Kenya shillings one billion (Kshs. 1 billion) was set aside for the Youth Enterprise Fund. However, there was no operational and legal framework in place to facilitate the immediate disbursement of the allocated funds.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Fund was gazetted on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to provide the necessary legal framework to govern its use and operations. The Fund facilitates youth employment through enterprise development and structured labour export. The 10-member Advisory Board of the Fund was gazetted on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 and has 60% of its membership from private sector.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund was officially launched on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 by His Excellency President Mwai Kibaki. This launch marked the beginning of the Fund disbursement process to the youth enterprises through the Financial Intermediaries and the Constituency Youth Enterprise Scheme. The Fund was authorised to transform into a State Corporation on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 by His Excellency the President through Legal Notice Number 63.

### **2.1.1 Objectives of the Fund**

Mr. Speaker, the Fund's has the following objectives:

- To provide loans to existing micro-finance institutions (MFIs), registered non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in micro financing, and savings and credit co-operative organisations (SACCOs ) for on-lending to youth enterprises.
- To attract and facilitate investment in micro, small and medium enterprises oriented commercial infrastructure such as business or industrial parks, markets or business incubators that will be beneficial to youth enterprises.
- To support youth oriented micro, small and medium enterprises to develop linkages with large enterprises.
- To facilitate marketing of products and services of youth enterprises both in the domestic and the international markets.
- To facilitate employment of youth in the international labour market.

### **2.1.2 Funding Mechanism**

Mr. Speaker, the on-lending component of the Fund mainly works through Financial Intermediaries such as banks, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs), and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs), from which the Youth access funds to start or expand viable businesses. The Financial Intermediaries manage funds allocated to the district from which the youth will access funds directly either as individuals or as organized entities such as groups, cooperatives, companies among others.

Mr. Speaker, a second component is the Constituency Youth Enterprise Scheme that is meant for funding enterprises of youth groups in all constituencies. The Divisional Youth Enterprise Development Fund Committee (Divisional YEDFC) has been formed to effectively identify, and recommend viable youth group enterprises for loans. The funds, managed by the Divisional YEDFC with the District Youth Enterprise Development Fund (District YEDFC) playing an oversight role, are only those allocated to the respective constituencies.

### 2.1.3 Financial Commitments

Mr. Speaker sir, so far the Board of the fund has approved financial commitments for on lending to the youth as follows:

No.	Financial Intermediary	Financial Commitments
1.	Family Bank Ltd	100,000,000
2.	Kenya Industrial Estates	100,000,000
3.	Kenya Women Finance Trust	200,000,000
4.	K-REP Dev. Agency	50,000,000
5.	Business Initiatives and Management Assistance Services	30,000,000
6.	Nyamira Tea Farmers Sacco	10,000,000
7.	Taifa Sacco	16,000,000
8.	Nomads Welfare Development Group	500,000
9.	Masaku Traders Sacco	6,000,000
10.	Marsabit Teachers Sacco	2,000,000
11.	Kenya Entrepreneurship Empowerment Foundation	4,000,000
12.	K-REP Bank Ltd	40,000,000
13.	Small and Micro Enterprise Programme	7,000,000
14.	Adok Timo	11,800,000
15.	Elgon Teachers Sacco	2,800,000
16.	Taita Taveta Teachers Sacco	2,900,000
17.	Baringo Farmers Sacco	1,800,000
18.	Equity Bank Ltd	100,000,000
19.	Lokichoggio Coop Sacco	2,000,000
20.	Lamu Teachers Sacco	2,600,000
21.	Marafiki Sacco	2,000,000
22.	Tana Teachers Sacco	2,400,000
23.	Kuria Teachers Sacco	2,400,000
24.	Kena Roscas	1,000,000
25.	Songa Mbele Women Organization	3,000,000
26.	Silver Ray Ltd	6,000,000
27.	Copper Group	600,000
28.	Emmanuel Consulting Ltd	9,000,000
	<b>TOTAL COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>715,800,000</b>

Mr. Speaker sir, it is important to note that of all the partners involved in disbursing the Youth Fund, only three are banks. The rest are Micro-Finance Institutions, non-governmental organizations, Community Based Organizations, Foundations, and Cooperatives who have been chosen due to their ability to reach young people at the

grassroots. Many of these do not insist on any collateral from the youth and rely on group or membership security for their loans.

#### 2.1.4 Disbursement Summary to Youth Enterprises through Financial Intermediaries:

The following is the summary of disbursement to youth enterprises through Financial Intermediaries:

PROVINCE	MALE	FEMALE	NO. OF ENTERPRISES	AMOUNT DISBURSED
Nairobi	1,780	1,746	3,526	166,788,668
Central	2,784	3,377	6,161	181,246,686
Coast	489	1,947	2,436	59,438,964
Eastern	2,447	3,649	6,096	137,533,528
North Eastern	145	59	204	16,519,800
Nyanza	822	2,631	3,453	81,299,874
Rift Valley	1,311	5,856	7,167	163,721,073
Western	600	1,661	2,261	52,036,387
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,378</b>	<b>20,926</b>	<b>31,304</b>	<b>858,584,980</b>

Mr. Speaker sir, honourable members are requested to note that that loan repayment through Financial Intermediaries by the youth is quite impressive and the repayment rate stands at 98%.

#### 2.1.5 Disbursement summary to youth enterprises through Constituency Youth Enterprise Scheme (C-YES):

Mr. Speaker, funds have already been released for the following districts:

DISTRICT	NO. OF GROUPS	AMOUNT
Nairobi	196	7,895,750
Kiambu	96	4,800,000
Kirinyaga	111	3,999,600
Nyeri	111	5,498,655
Nyandarua	31	1,499,740
Thika	87	3,842,000
Muranga	104	2,984,000
Maragua	73	3,000,000
Embu	44	2,094,105

Isiolo	60	3,000,000
Makueni	99	4,812,170
Machakos	123	5,927,269
Moyale	20	1,00,000
Mwingi	44	2,000,000
Meru North	194	7,907,600
Tharaka	15	750,000
Marsabit	60	3,000,000
Meru Central	67	2,992,356
Meru South	25	1,000,000
Kitui	117	3,894,000
Mbeere	32	1,498,500
Wajir	109	4,900,000
Garissa	56	2,800,000
Ijara	16	800,000
Mandera	85	3,000,000
Homa Bay	40	1,883,600
Kisii Central	80	3,989,970
Kisumu	63	2,943,980
Migori	127	5,033,000
Rachuonyo	38	1,894,360
Siaya	51	1,765,000
Nyando	79	3,650,000
Baringo	40	2,000,000
Suba	48	1,993,250
Bondo	50	1,999,500
Bomet	92	2,198,000
Keiyo	41	1,980,500
Kajiado	84	3,650,000
Kericho	78	2,835,000
Nakuru	104	4,763,225
Nandi North	55	2,000,000
Samburu	45	1,645,000
Trans Nzoia	115	3,000,000
Turkana	49	2,480,000
Bureti	88	2,500,000
Bungoma	196	4,242,100
Marakwet	38	1,880,700
Uasin Gishu	57	2,850,000



West Pokot	18	900,000
Trans Mara	20	1,000,000
Koibatek	40	1,970,820
Narok	40	2,000,000
Laikipia	41	1,915,000
Kuria	24	940,000
Gucha	65	3,000,000
Nyamira	60	2,857,560
Busia	80	4,000,000
Lugari	24	988,000
Teso	15	748,000
Butere/Mumias	137	6,840,000
Vihiga	80	3,989,710
Kakamega	107	3,110,000
Mt. Elgon	29	1,000,000
Kilifi	84	3,943,165
Taita Taveta	82	3,723,830
Lamu	33	1,610,000
Malindi	59	2,900,000
Mombasa	87	4,350,000
Kwale	132	5,187,700
Tana River	59	2,750,000
Nandi South	40	1,997,200
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,999</b>	<b>211,408,165</b>

Mr. Speaker sir, returns from districts whose constituencies have not exhausted their allocations are being processed while constituencies which have exhausted their allocations have been requested to approve applications for the second phase of disbursements and submit the returns to facilitate commencement of payment process. However, loan repayment performance of first phase will be strictly assessed to release funds for the second phase.

The Fund uses Posta Pay service of the Postal Corporation of Kenya to disburse the constituency cheques to youth groups. This arrangement has quickened the disbursement process and ensured timely delivery of cheques to the youth.

Mr. Speaker sir, we are proud of our youth groups who have commenced the servicing of their loans. Repayment of loans for initial beneficiaries began early October 2007. The total loan repayments to date are Ksh.13.6 million.

### **2.1.6 Entrepreneurship Training**

Mr. Speaker sir, the fund has also been spearheading entrepreneurship training to equip the youth with relevant skills to establish and successfully run their businesses. Towards these end, the following have been undertaken:

- The number of youths who have benefited from the Fund's entrepreneurship program stands at 4,360.
- The number of young people who have been trained by Financial Intermediaries stands at 67,550.
- The fund sponsored the national business plan competition last year and over 6000 youths participated. The 300 young people who succeeded in the competition have now graduated and overall winners have been awarded. Another Business Plan Competition is planned for this year.

### **2.1.7 Progress on partnerships**

Mr. Speaker sir, for the Fund to be effective, it is important to form partnerships with like minded organizations. The following partnerships have been established:

- The Fund has entered into a partnership with a Canadian NGO, Enablis Entrepreneurial Network, to offer credit and training services to the youths. The Canadian government is supportive of this partnership. The NGO has officially launched its operations in Kenya on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007. An additional Ksh. 1 billion will be available for young people to borrow to start or expand their businesses.
- Negotiations are going on between the Fund and the World Bank with a view to financing some objectives of the Fund.
- The International Organization on Migration (IOM) has also expressed its willingness to finance and support the labour export scheme.

### **2.1.8 Youth Employment Scheme Abroad**

Mr. Speaker sir, a lot of employment opportunities exist abroad and the potential can be tapped through an integrated approach. Towards this, the following has been undertaken so far:

- 24 employment agents have been engaged to search for and secure employment opportunities abroad for young people.
- 702 young people have already been facilitated to work abroad mainly in the Gulf Region. The initiative to give more young people access to foreign markets is currently gaining momentum.

- An inter ministerial technical committee on the labour export is working on the operational framework to harmonize the initiative.
- Young people are now facilitated financially in processing the necessary documentations required to go abroad.

### 2.1.9 Activities in Progress

- The Fund will finance one Digital Kiosk in every constituency this financial year. A total of 210 youth-owned kiosks will have been funded in the year.
- Loan products such as bid bonds and performance bonds to enable youth participate in government contracts and supply of goods and services are also being developed to suit the different needs of the youth.
- Negotiations are ongoing with the Nairobi City Council and the Tourism Trust Fund to fund construction of kiosks and market stalls for young people to conduct their businesses in a more organized and beneficial manner.
- Negotiations are going on between the Fund and the commercial banks to increase credit facilities to the youth entrepreneurs through leverage financing and loan guarantee schemes
- Preparation of a 3-year strategic plan for the Fund is in progress.

Mr. Speaker sir, in order to meet the above objectives of the fund, a further provision of **Ksh 500million** has been made in the 2008/09 bringing the total fund to **Ksh 2.25 Billion**. I wish to call upon development partners to supplement our limited resources and contribute towards the fund.

### 3.0 NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

Mr. Speaker sir, the National Youth Service (NYS) was established in 1964 by an act of Parliament and its operations are regulated by, among other legislative laws and regulations, the National Youth Service Act Chapter 208, Laws of Kenya.

The department has various existing programs mainly involving hardship and previously bandit prone areas aimed at improving communication links with the rest of the country and thus improving security. Examples include:

- The 320 KM road from Garissa to Hola-Garsen and Malindi in Tana River Basin
- Farming projects mostly in remote regions of the country such as Yatta, Lambwe, Garissa, Bura-Tana, Lamu, Lomut among others and the local communities have been benefiting from its demonstration farms. The department has developed a strategic plan to revitalize their farms and would require support services through setting up of a revolving fund by Government to improve production in its various units all over the country.
- Construction of dykes to control flooding in Budalangi

Mr. Speaker sir, the above works involve heavy earth moving equipment which is very costly to replace. Due to scarcity of resources, the ministry has adopted a system of overhauling the existing plant and towards this a provision of **Ksh 40million** has been made in the 2008/09 financial year. A further **Ksh 100.7 million** has been provided under the Development vote for procurement of new plant and machinery.

Mr. Speaker sir, to further open up the Tana Delta, a provision of **Ksh.900** million has been made under the Development vote for the completion of section B of the Tana Basin Road Project which will fully link Garissa, Hola and malindi. The project is expected to take two years and will be labour intensive so as to create employment for the local youth.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Ministry has focused on the completion of stalled housing and other projects under the NYS at the Ruaraka Headquarters, Gilgil and Naivasha units. To date the following projects have been completed:

- 10 No. blocks each consisting of 16units completed with access roads at NYS Ruaraka.
- 7No. twin block E Flats and access roads
- 3No double span kitchen/dining and barracks and access roads NYS Gilgil.
- Junior officers' mess at NYS Gilgil
- Warehouse and parking for the warehouse at NYS Gilgil

Mr. Speaker sir, towards the completion of stalled projects, a further provision of **Ksh 220 million** has been made in the 2008/09 financial year.

Mr. Speaker sir, apart from improvement of marginalized areas, the National Youth Service has also been charged with an important mandate of equipping the youth with vocational skills for nation building. Currently, the NYS has an enrolment of 10,000 service men and women who are undertaking training in the following trades: Engineering, craftsmanship, driving, business studies, Agriculture, building trade and textile.

Mr. Speaker sir, to optimize the use of NYS facilities, plans are underway to;

- Rehabilitate ex-Nyayo Bus Units in Nakuru, Miritini, Kisumu, Meru and Kisii into Vocational Training Centres.
- Rehabilitate the Nyayo Bus Unit in Eldoret into an athletics camp for use by servicemen who excel in sports.
- Introduce Diploma studies in Computer Science in both NYS Engineering Institute and NYS Institute of Business Studies.

Mr. Speaker sir, in order to cater for the servicemen and women, a provision of Ksh **742.8million** has been made for specialized supplies in the 2008/09 financial year. This provision will cater for: Food and Rations, uniform, supplies for women trainees, purchase of small equipment and educational and library supplies. A provision of **Ksh 20million** has also been made to procure ICT equipment to enhance the computer literacy of the trainees.

Mr. Speaker sir, the service men and women are currently living in very poor conditions. To improve their living conditions, a provision of **Ksh 175million** has been made under the development vote to refurbish their barracks in the 2008/09 financial year. This provision will cater for refurbishments in Athi River, Yatta, Kirimun, and Tumaini. A further provision of **Ksh 20million** has also been made to sink boreholes in units that normally have interrupted water supplies which include Garissa Mbalambala, Kirimun and Nairobi Holding Unit.

#### **4.0 YOUTH POLYTECHNICS TRAINING SERVICES**

Mr. Speaker, Until December 2005, Youth Polytechnics (YPs) were coordinated by the Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development. Youth Polytechnics provide the youth with necessary skills and expertise for either direct entry into gainful employment or self-employment. With the implementation of the free primary education in 2002, the number of primary school leavers who are unable to proceed to the secondary school level of formal education has increased tremendously.

Mr. Speaker, currently, there are over seven hundred (700) Youth Polytechnics with 395 assisted with salary top up grants for instructors by the Government, while the others are either private, church or communities run Institutions. The resources provided by the Government are grossly inadequate to cope with the demand.

My ministry has already set in motion a process to reform and rehabilitate youth polytechnics and towards this, the following have been undertaken:

- Development of the Youth Polytechnics policy which will shortly be tabled in this house as a sessional paper.
- Review of the YPs curriculum to make it more responsive to market demand and allow progression to degree level of education. Piloting of the curriculum is already ongoing in 30 YPs.
- Recruiting of over 700 qualified instructors for the YPs.
- Carried out quality assurance in 300 YPs.
- Construction of hostels and workshops in 47 YPs in the last two years.
- Equipping 180 YPs in the last two years.
- Training of 500 instructors and management committees

Mr. Speaker, provision of technical and vocational skills to the youth will create an avenue that will prevent the youth from engaging in antisocial behavior including crime,

prostitution, drug trafficking and other vices which are detrimental to economic growth and development.

Mr. Speaker, it is in recognition of this that a provision of **Ksh 465 million** has been made to implement cost sharing in 400 youth polytechnics with effect from January 2009. This provision will reduce the burden of parents in paying for tuition fees by partly subsidizing the fees.

Mr. Speaker, my ministry is keen to continue providing infrastructure support through construction of workshops, hostels, clean water supply and electric power. Refurbishment works are already ongoing in over 30 youth polytechnics across the country. The objective remains to develop one model Youth Polytechnic in each constituency in partnership with the Honourable Members of Parliament and Constituency Development Fund Committees.

Mr. Speaker, to continue the support of YPs my ministry has made a provision of Ksh **110.5 million** for construction of workshop and hostel blocks and a further Ksh **100million** for equipping them under the GoK component the 2008/09 financial year.

Mr. Speaker, the Italian government has further agreed to provide **Ksh 281.2million** under the debt relief programme to support construction and equipping selected YPs in Nairobi North, Nyandarua North, Kilifi, Tharaka, Suba, and West Pokot districts. I wish to thank the Italian government for this kind gesture and invite other development partners that would be willing to assist in revamping YPs.

Further, the Ministry has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the African Development Bank (ADB) to rehabilitate ten (10) selected youth polytechnics. Following the preparation of the MoU, a Needs Assessment on the 10 youth polytechnics was carried out and report compiled in October 2006. Implementation of the project is being coordinated by my Ministry and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology.

Mr. Speaker, the government has shown its commitment to improve the standards of training offered in the YPs by employing over 700 qualified instructors to teach in the institutions. A provision of **Ksh202.9 million** has been made to cater for the personnel emoluments of the officers. A further provision of **Ksh 69.6 million** has been made to continue the salary top ups for the existing instructors who are not under the government payroll. To cater for the administration of the officers and operationalization of the field offices, a provision of **Ksh 50.8million** has been made in the 2008/09 financial year.

Mr. Speaker, for rehabilitation of these institutions to be successful, collaborative effort is required from all concerned. I therefore invite the Honourable members to set aside a percentage of the Constituency Development Fund for YP development in their respective constituencies.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let me point out that my ministry believes that the number of Youth Polytechnics should be increased to 2,000 over the next five years so as to adequately cater for the skills training required to achieve Vision 2030.

## **5.0 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Mr. Speaker, my ministry is mandated to coordinate the affairs of the youth in the country. With this realization the ministry has developed a 5 year strategic plan which has the following thematic areas under youth development services

### **Youth Participation and Empowerment**

Mr, Speaker, and Kenyan youth presently feel sidelined and left out in planning and participative decisions making processes that promote their lives. Youth participation at all levels of society needs to be promoted. This makes them empowered thereby contributing meaningfully to national development. In this regard the Ministry anticipates to;



- Expand the “Growing our Leaders” Programme through which Careers’ Fairs which will be organized countrywide. An Award system will also be established for outstanding young people in various fields,
- Build capacity of youth and youth groups through training them in leadership and management,
- Facilitate the establishment of a National Youth Council. A bill has been finalized and will soon be tabled in the house on this.
- Approach the National Constituency Development Fund Secretariat and the Members of Parliament to allocate a certain percentage of CDF in each constituency to Youth related projects. A proposed guide is 30%, which would channel approximately Kshs. 3 billion directly to the youth to finance Youth Empowerment Centres, Youth Polytechnics, Sports and recreational facilities and general youth development

### **Youth and Environment**

Mr. Speaker sir, the numerical strength of young people offers a great resource for caring for the environment and also provides potential to re-afforest Kenya. Besides, the massive re-forestation, the initiative offers the possibility of large-scale immediate and medium term employment creation. To this end, the Ministry has launched an initiative dubbed “**Trees for Jobs**” where it plans to engage the youth in planting trees in certain designated areas. A pilot project has been launched in Yatta, Athi River, and Mavoloni NYS units in Machakos District and in Nakuru District. A provision of **Ksh. 18.8million** has been made in the 2008/09 financial year.

### **Youth Leisure, Recreation and Community service**

Mr. Speaker sir, research shows that occupying young people during their free time is an effective way of keeping them off drugs, crime and irresponsible sexual behaviors. In this regard, the Ministry will promote exercise as a way towards a more healthy life. The Ministry intends to partner with the Ministry of Local Government in ensuring optimal use of community centres facilities situated in Nairobi and other towns. This will promote

our culture and traditional values, sports and ensure that youth use their time effectively.

### **Youth and Health**

Mr. Speaker, progressive nations rely on healthy youths who can engage in nation building. However, youth who are the most productive people in the society have been greatly affected by various health problems especially HIV/AIDS. The Ministry will facilitate intervention policies and programmes at the national and local levels that include life skills-based HIV/AIDS information and education that would empower young people to make choices and decisions about their health. In addition, the Ministry will liaise with other stakeholders to develop accessible, available and affordable quality primary health care services, including sexual and reproductive health care.

### **Youth, Crime and drugs**

Mr. Speaker, growing crime, drugs and substance abuse among the Kenyan youth contribute to high mortality and the risk of contracting HIV infection. The Ministry will collaborate with key stakeholders including UNICEF, UNFPA, Ministry of Health, NACADA, and NACC among others in enforcing preventive and treatment intervention policies.

### **Information, Communication and Technology (ICT)**

Mr. Speaker, Information and Communication Technology have become a significant factor of development in the world. It has a profound impact on political, economic and social life of youth. Young people are using ICT to access education materials, employment opportunities, entertainment, networking and exchanging views on youth development. To take advantage of the benefits created by ICT, the Ministry will champion establishment of youth friendly resource centres where youth will be accessing information on youth participation and development through internet.

Mr. Speaker, in order to streamline the youth agenda in national development the following achievements have been realized:

- The National Youth Policy was prepared and approved by parliament last year.
- Kenya successfully hosted the Youth Employment Summit in September 2006.

- Nation wide dissemination of the National Youth Policy has been done.
- Assistance for the Young Women Christian Association global council meeting in June 2007.
- Entrepreneurship training was carried out in 79 districts.

Mr. Speaker, to further the agenda of youth participation and empowerment, a provision of **Ksh. 10million** has been made for the National Youth Council in the 2008/09 financial year. It is however expected that once the council is fully established, more resources will be availed for its operations. To promote the activities of existing youth organization such as the Girl Guides and the Scouts, Presidents Award Scheme among others, a provision of **Ksh 30million** has also been made.

Mr. Speaker, youth empowerment centers will be constructed to further enhance youth empowerment. This is a flagship project under the vision 2030. These centers will be one stop shop and will provide information to the youth on employment opportunities, health, environment, crime and drugs counseling services etc. In addition to this, the centres will also have space for youth enterprises to set their businesses. The target of the ministry is to have a youth empowerment centre in every constituency. A provision of **Ksh250 million** has been made in the 2008/09 budget to construct the centres in 50 districts across the country. The ministry expects to build these centres in collaboration with the Honourable Members of Parliament and the CDF.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to report to Honorable members that over 600 youth officers have been employed and posted to the Provincial, District and a majority of Divisional offices. Their duties are to handle all youth affairs including the disbursement of loans given by the Youth Enterprise Development Fund. A provision of **Ksh213.9million** has been made to cater for the personnel emoluments of the officers. To cater for the administration of the officers and operations of the field offices, a provision of **Ksh 55.6 million** has been made in the 2008/09 financial year. A further **Ksh58million** has been provided to cater for office space requirements for the field offices.

Mr. Speaker, the area of Youth Development is the widest and most challenging and requires significantly more resources than have been availed.

## **6.0 SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Speaker, our sports men and women continue to do our country proud year in and year out. We as a country have excelled on many international events. The following achievements in the 2007/08 financial year which have been mainly attributed to the cash awards introduced by the government for medallists in major international championships are worth a mention:

- The All Africa Games in Algiers – July 2007 where 40 medals (13 Gold, 15 Silver, and 12 Bronze) were won.
- The Women’s and Men’s Hockey teams won silver and bronze medals respectively in the African Olympic qualifying championships (August 2007).
- The World Athletic Championships in Osaka - Japan in August 2007 where 13 medals (5 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze)
- In the World Youth Athletics Championships held in Ostrava – Czech Republic – in July 2007, 11 medals (6 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze) were won.
- In the Africa Junior Athletics Championships held in Ouagadougou Burkina Faso in August 2007, 27 medals (19 Gold, 5 Silver, 3 Bronze) were won.
- The National Women’s Volleyball team qualified for the World Cup (Japan) by beating other African Teams in October 2007
- The Special Olympics Team successfully participated in the Summer Games in Shanghai, China in August 2007 and won 29 medals.
- The National Swimming team participated in Sub Saharan Championships in South Africa I January 2008 and won 10 medals.
- The Africa Canoe/Kayak Championships were hosted at Masinga Dam and River Sagana from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2008. Kenya won 5 medals (1 silver and 4 bronze).
- The 16<sup>th</sup> Africa Athletics Championships were held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 28<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Kenya won 16 medals (5 Gold, 5 Silver and 6 Bronze).

- The Africa Volleyball Women's Club Championships held in Cairo, Egypt on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Kenya won Gold medal (Prisons Women's team) and Bronze (K.C.B. Women's team).

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the role that the sports continue to play in national cohesion, tourism promotion, crime prevention and employment creation, the following provisions have been made in the 2008/09 financial year:

- **Ksh 100million** to support teams participating in international events under domestic travel, foreign travel, and specialized supplies.
- **Ksh 67 million-** for the 2008 Beijing Paralympics scheduled to take place in between August and September 2008.
- **Ksh 60 million** to honour athletes who excel in international competitions in different disciplines with medals and cash awards.
- **Ksh 210 million-**1 million per constituency to support community soccer competitions through sporting kits, balls and uniforms, and community soccer competitions.

Mr. Speaker, the need for formation of the Sports Stadia Management Board (SSMB) board arose from the ever-increasing demand for standard sports facilities for recreation and competitions. Towards this, it was necessary for the Stadia Management Board to be established. Its functions being:

- Effective and efficient management of sports facilities.
- Proper marketing and maximum utilization of sports facilities by Kenyans.
- Planning and expanding existing facilities and development of news ones.
- Collaboration of with local public, corporate sector and individuals for timely and efficient service delivery.
- Introduction of innovative ways of raising revenue through the use of existing and newly developed facilities to ensure self-generation of funds.

Mr. Speaker, sports facilities if well maintained have the potential to promote tourism where foreign teams would pay to train in Kenya. Towards this end great opportunities are bound to arise with the 2010 world cup which will be held in South Africa. Therefore, more resources should be availed to improve the existing facilities and also construct new ones. There is also need to bring all the stadia in the country under SSMB so as to have an integrated improvement approach.

Mr. Speaker, in order to support the SSMB, a provision of **Ksh 42 million** and **Ksh 37 million** has been made for both the recurrent and development votes respectively in 2008/09. Further, it is expected that the Chinese government will give a grant of **Ksh 285 million** for the refurbishment of Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani.

## **7.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING**

The General Administration and Planning Services provides needed leadership and direction for the affairs of the Ministry. Other issues to which Headquarters pays keen attention to are:

- Planning of ministry's programmes.
- Coordination of audit queries and other financial matters for improved expenditure review.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of programmes and activities.
- Policy development.
- Liaison with external partners such as development partners and other ministries.
- Conflict resolution.
- Providing support services such as finance, accounting, and personnel issues.
- Overall co-ordination of the budget preparation, control and implementation.

Mr. Speaker a provision of **Ksh. 253.6million** has been made to cater for these functions in the 2008/09 financial year.

## 8.0 2008/09 ALLOCATION

Mr. Speaker, I humbly request the Honorable members to approve a gross budget of Ksh **4.096 billion** for the recurrent vote and Ksh **3.416 billion** for the Development vote.

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### 8.1 RECURRENT VOTE

Mr Speaker, the gross recurrent estimates for the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports during the 2008/09 financial year amounts to **Kenya Shillings 4.096 billion**. This represents **Ksh 817 million or 25.4%** increase from the 2007/2008 financial year partly due to addition of the Sports Department in the recent government re-organisation.

During the 2008/09 financial year Kenya shillings 64.96 million will be realized as Appropriations-in-Aid leaving **Kenya shillings 4.031 billion** as the Net Expenditure to be met by the Treasury. The funds are provided under the following sub votes:

Sub Vote	Title	Net Approved Estimates 2006/07 Ksh Millions	Net Printed Estimates 2007/08 Ksh Millions	Difference Ksh Millions
420	General Administration and Planning	238.1	331.6	93.5
421	National Youth Service	1,803.7	1,780.2	(23.5)
422	Youth Development and Training	775.3	1,272.6	497.3
423	Department of Sports	396.8	646.6	249.8
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,213.9</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>817.1</b>

Mr. Speaker, the increment of Ksh 817million is mainly attributed to Ksh465 million for Youth Polytechnics tuition and Ksh 377 million for sports activities.

## 8.2 DEVELOPMENT VOTE

Mr. Speaker, the gross development estimates for the same period is **Kenya shillings 3.416billion**. This represents **Ksh 1.205 billion or 67.6%** increase from Ksh 1.783billion in the 2007/08 financial year. Of this provision, the government will contribute Ksh 2.988 billion while the balance of Ksh 428million will come from development partners in form of grants. The net estimates are provided under the following sub votes:

<b>Sub Vote</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Net Approved Estimates 2006/07 Ksh Millions</b>	<b>Net Printed Estimates 2007/08 Ksh Millions</b>	<b>Difference Ksh Millions</b>
420	General administration and Planning	-	75.6	75.6
420	National Youth Service	566.9	1,499.2	932.3
422	Youth Development and Training	1,131.9	1,309.9	178
423	Department of Sports	84.5	103.5	19
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,783.3</b>	<b>2,988.2</b>	<b>1204.9</b>

Mr. Speaker, the increment of Ksh 1.205 billion is mainly attributed to the provision of Ksh 900million for the Tana Basin Road Project, 250million for the youth empowerment centres and 100million for plant and machinery

## CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker, let me remind this house that in December last year, there were 11 million Kenyans aged between 18 and 35 years. By 2012, this number will have risen to 15million. We need therefore to make corresponding investment in our youth if they are to become the engine of our development, security and prosperity.



In conclusion Mr. Speaker sir, let me assure the honourable members that the funds that have been provided under my ministry will be utilized for the intended purpose.

Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move.

