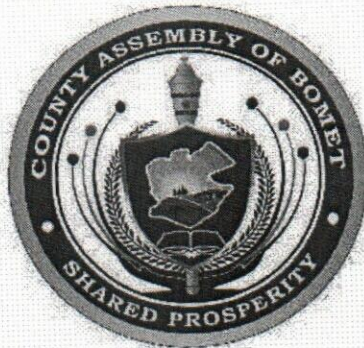




THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BOMET

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PETITIONS ON PETITION No.2 OF
2025 ON THE ENACTMENT OF A LEGISLATION ON FOOD SECURITY AND
SUSTAINABLE FOOD MANAGEMENT**

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1. CHAPTER 1

1.1 PREFACE

The Committee on County Petitions is one of the select committees established under the Standing Order 200(1) of the County assembly Standing orders.

1.2 Committee Membership

The Committee on County Petitions comprises of the following Honourable Members: -

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| 1. Hon. Josphat Kipkirui | -Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Emily Cheruiyot | -Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Peter Rono | -Member |
| 4. Hon. Japhet Cheruiyot | -Member |
| 5. Hon. Joseah Samoei | -Member |
| 6. Hon. Chemutai Naomi | -Member |
| 7. Hon. Nathan Kibet | -Member |

1.3 Mandate of the Committee

The Select Committee on County Petitions derives its mandate from provisions of Standing order 200(3) of the County assembly standing orders which provides that the committee shall consider and report on all public petitions presented to the Assembly.

1.4 Petition No.2 of 2025

Pursuant to Standing order 200(3) of the County assembly standing orders, the County Petitions Committee shall consider and report on all public petitions presented to the Assembly.

The Committee on County Petitions formally received a petition from Mr. David Kipngetich Meli and 3 others on the enactment of a legislation on food security and sustainable food management.

The main issue in the petition relates to a lack of a legal framework in the county to address food security and sustainable food management. The petitioner is deeply concerned about a looming threat to food security because of the lack of legislation and poor land management and farming methods. The petitioner submits that there is lack of training and advice to farmers because of lack

of a legal framework on how to undertake the process. He is concerned that if the situation is not addressed then the future of the county in terms of food security would be wanting.

The petitioner therefore prayed that the County assembly enacts a county legislation on food security and sustainable food management.

In dealing with the matter, the committee held a number of sittings during which the committee was able to engage the petitioner and the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives.

Upon deliberations in the said sittings and based on the submissions from the petitioner, the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives and its own investigations, the committee came up with a report in response to the petition as provided for under the Standing Order 213 (2) of the County Assembly Standing Orders.

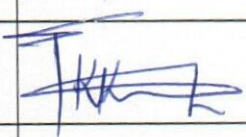
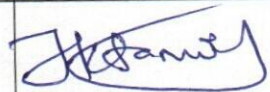
It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on County Petitions to table this report on the Petition.

SIGNED Date15/11/2012.....

HON. JOSPHAT KIPKIRUI
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PETITIONS

1.5 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

We, the Hon. Members of Committee on County Petitions do hereby append our signatures to this report to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity: -

No.	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Hon. Josphat Kipkirui	Chairperson	
2.	Hon. Emily Cheruiyot	Vice-Chairperson	
3.	Hon. Peter Rono	Member	
4.	Hon. Japhet Cheruiyot	Member	
5.	Hon. Joseah Samoei	Member	
6.	Hon. Chemutai Naomi	Member	
7.	Hon. Nathan Kibet	Member	

1.5.1 Background

Petition No.2 of 2025 was tabled and committed to the Committee on County Petitions on 11th March, 2025. In the petition, the petitioner sought to draw the attention of the County Assembly to the following:

- (a) **THAT** this petition is of county importance and it touches on the livelihoods of the residents of Bomet.
- (b) **THAT** food security is a major threat to nutrition of the residents;
- (c) **THAT** there is a looming threat to food security because of lack of legislation;
- (d) **THAT** there is lack of structures and guidelines on food security;

- (e) **THAT** there is poor land management and poor farming methods;
- (f) **THAT** there is lack of training and advice to farmers because of lack of guidelines;
- (g) **THAT** the county government has watched as food security is getting out of hands;
- (h) **THAT** a legislation governing and protecting food security is lacking;
- (i) **THAT** if the situation is not addressed the future of food security in the county will be worst;
- (j) **THAT** a similar petition was raised in the county assembly and processed to conclusion but up to date nothing has happened;
- (k) **THAT** none of the issues raised in the petition is pending in any court of law, constitutional body or other quasi-judicial organ.

1.6 LEGAL BASIS FOR PETITIONS

The Legal Framework

Petitions

The right of citizens to petition public authorities is enshrined in the Constitution. **Article 37 of the Constitution** provides that; *'Every person has a right, peaceably and unarmed, to assemble, to demonstrate, to picket and to present petitions to public authorities''*

Section 15(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 makes a provision for citizens' right to petition the County assembly. The said section provides that; *"A person has a right to petition a county assembly to consider any matter within its authority, including enacting, amending or repealing any of its legislation."*

The Standing Order 213(1) of the County Assembly Standing Orders provides that every Petition presented or reported pursuant to this Part, shall stand committed to the County Petitions Committee.

Standing Order 213(2) further provides that whenever a Petition is committed, the Committee shall, in not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer, respond to the petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the Table of the County Assembly and no debate on or in relation to the report shall be allowed, but the Speaker may, in exceptional circumstances, allow comments or observations in relation to the Petitions for not more than twenty Minutes.

2. CHAPTER 2

2.1 CONSIDERATION OF PETITION

2.1.1 Specific Prayer of the Petitioner

The specific prayer of the petitioner to the County Assembly was to implore/request the County assembly to enact a county legislation on food security and sustainable food management.

2.2 Approach taken by the committee

(1) In considering the petition, the committee observed that it would be important to verify the facts alleged in the petition. The committee therefore resolved to conduct an inquiry on the issues raised in the petition.

(2) In this regard the committee received the petition on 11th March, 2025 after being tabled and committed to it.

(3) The committee invited the petitioner on 1st July, 2025 to clarify the issues raised in the petition.

(4) The Committee then later invited the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives to respond to the issues raised in the petition.

(5) On 22nd July, 2025, the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives appeared before the committee to respond to the issues raised in the petition.

2.3 SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PETITIONER

The Petitioner appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 1st July, 2025 and stated under oath as follows;

- (a) **THAT** food security is a major threat to nutrition of the residents;
- (b) **THAT** there is a looming threat to food security because of lack of legislation;
- (c) **THAT** there is lack of structures and guidelines on food security;
- (d) **THAT** there is poor land management and poor farming methods;
- (e) **THAT** there is lack of training and advice to farmers because of lack of guidelines;
- (f) **THAT** the county government has watched as food security is getting out of hands;
- (g) **THAT** a legislation governing and protecting food security is lacking;
- (h) **THAT** if the situation is not addressed the future of food security in the county will be worst

(i) **THAT** a similar petition was raised in the county assembly and processed to conclusion but up to date nothing has happened.

(j) **THAT** the County has not been adequately supporting initiatives that would promote food security. He also posits that the financial allocation for agriculture has been inadequate. The county has further not employed enough extension officers to help the farmers and that there are no enough markets. He also claimed that county has not been making or providing important information and skills to farmers to increase profitability and as a result some of the farming methods that farmers engage in affect the environment and reduce production.

(k) **THAT** none of the issues raised in the petition is pending in any court of law, constitutional body or other quasi-judicial organ.

SUBMISSIONS FROM THE COUNTY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBER FOR AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND CO-OPERATIVES

The County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives appeared before the committee on 22nd July, 2025 and responded as follows:

(a) **THAT** the Department has developed a Multi-Sectoral Food and Nutrition Policy.

(b) **THAT** the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives is adequately covered under Objective 2 of the said policy.

(c) **THAT** page 17 of the policy outlines the specific responsibilities assigned to the Department of Agriculture.

(d) **THAT** the Department is in the process of formulating a Bill to give full effect to the policy provisions.

(e) **THAT** 90% of the strategies outlined in the policy have been implemented.

(f) **THAT** the Department has trained 175 Agri-preneurs on modern and appropriate farming technologies.

(g) **THAT** the policy strategies have been fully integrated into the CFSP for FY 2025/2026.

(h) **THAT** the Department has on-boarded several value chains to enhance agricultural productivity.

(i) **THAT** plans are underway to expand land under irrigation, including additional acreage to Chebara, Nogirwet and Kaposon irrigation sites.

(j) **THAT** the Department has partnered with NAVCDP in advancing irrigation development and other agricultural initiatives.

(k) **THAT** access to quality farm inputs has been enhanced through improved extension services and the distribution of subsidized fertilizer.

(l) **THAT** the County currently has 72 extension officers deployed to sensitize farmers on best agricultural practices.

Disease Management

(m) **THAT** the Department continues to implement sustained disease-management programmes, including the use of drones to distribute pesticides, as demonstrated in Chebunyo Ward.

Distribution of Seeds

(n) **THAT** the Department implemented a schools-based model by selecting 2–3 schools per ward and distributing bean seeds on a buy-one-get-one free basis.

Maize Necrosis Disease

(o) **THAT** the Department has partnered with Kenya Seed, KALRO and KEPHIS to eliminate the disease, resulting in the development of tolerant maize varieties.

(p) **THAT** land has been allocated to KALRO to support ongoing research on Maize Necrosis Disease.

(q) **THAT** the County is addressing relay farming through the enforcement of closed-season farming across villages.

Pyrethrum Farming

(r) **THAT** the Department has distributed dryers across the County to improve the quality of pyrethrum products.

Indigenous Vegetables

(s) **THAT** the Department has partnered with the National Museums of Kenya to promote the production and commercialization of indigenous vegetables.

Cooperatives and SACCOs

(t) **THAT** the Department has built capacity in 25 cooperatives across the County one per ward.

(u) **THAT** three SACCOs have been advanced credit, and proposals to NAVCDP for further SACCO support have been submitted.

(v) **THAT** the Department has replenished and strengthened agro-vets in collaboration with KEPHIS.

Mobilization of Extension Officers

(w) **THAT** one motorbike has been deployed in every ward to support the mobility of agricultural extension officers, and the Department is considering increasing this number.

Efforts in Apiculture

(x) **THAT** the Department is collaborating with Savannah Honey, which has established a honey aggregation centre at Labotiet, targeting the production of Venox, Propolis and Wax—high-value honey products.

Efforts in Livestock Development

1. **THAT** the Department has rolled out the planting of various fodder crops and has provided genetic semen to cooperatives—one per ward.
2. **THAT** livestock sale yards have been constructed at Kapkwen, Sigor and Kapkelei.
3. **THAT** vaccines have been delivered via drones in Chebunyo Ward, and post-vaccination certificates issued to enhance livestock health and safety.
4. **THAT** the Department intends to propose the establishment of a Veterinary Service Fund to reduce reliance on exchequer disbursements and ensure continuous vaccination programmes.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Having considered the petition, the responses and submissions from the petitioner and the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives and arising from its own investigations, the committee made the following observations:

- (1) **THAT** there is no county food security and sustainable management policy in place;
- (2) **THAT** there is a need to develop a county food security and sustainable management policy;
- (3) **THAT** there is a need to enact a county food security and sustainable management law;

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The committee having investigated the matter in accordance with its mandate under Standing order 200(3) of the County Assembly Standing orders recommends as follows:-

THAT in response to the petitioner's prayer, the committee recommends that the County executive do develop a county food security and sustainable management policy and forward it to the county assembly for consideration and further develop a bill and forward it to the county assembly for consideration.