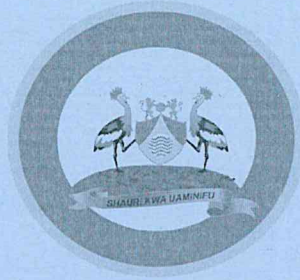


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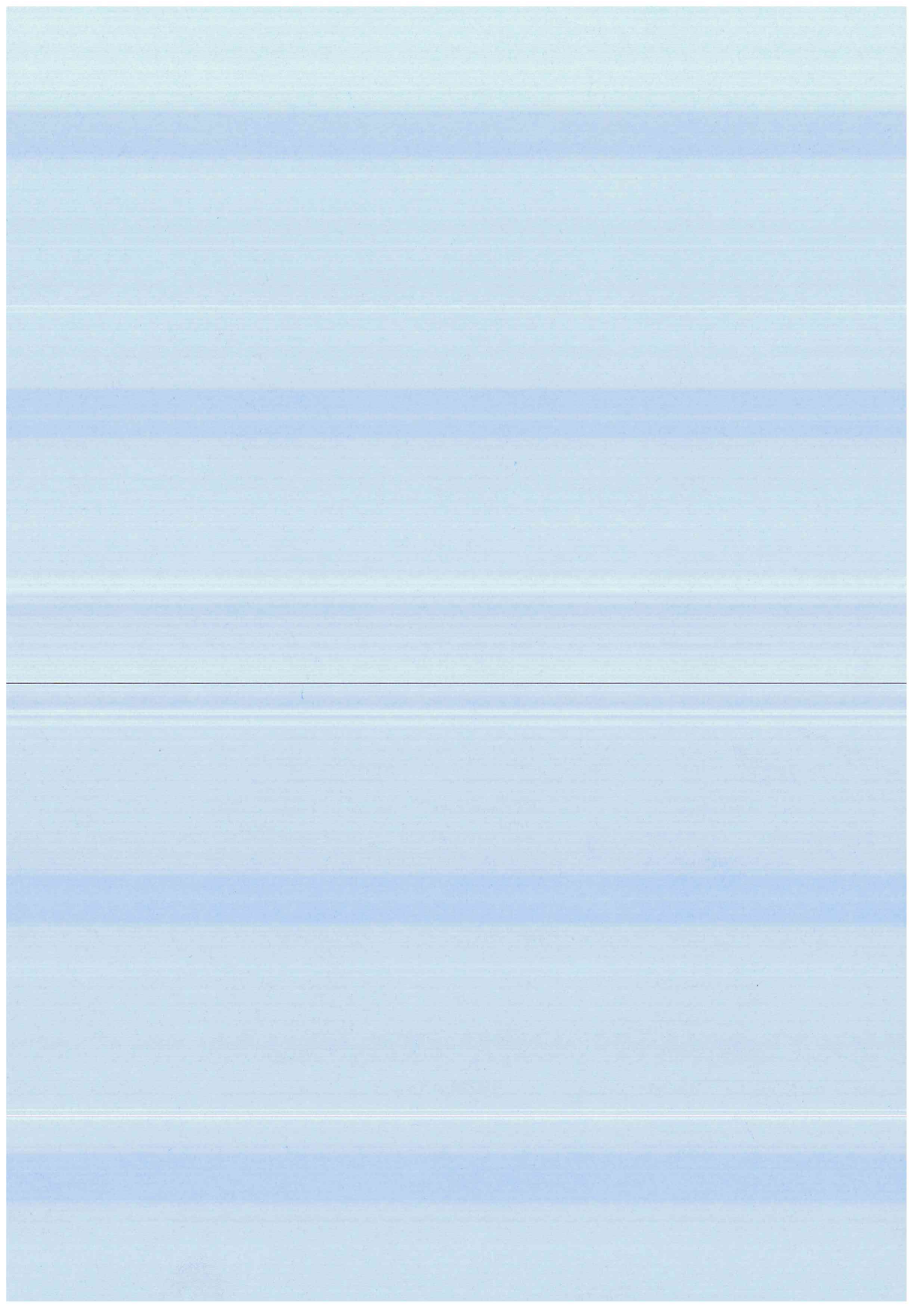
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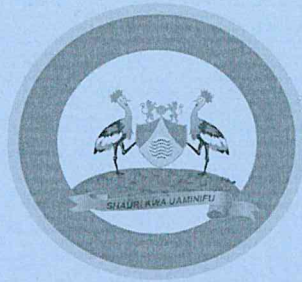
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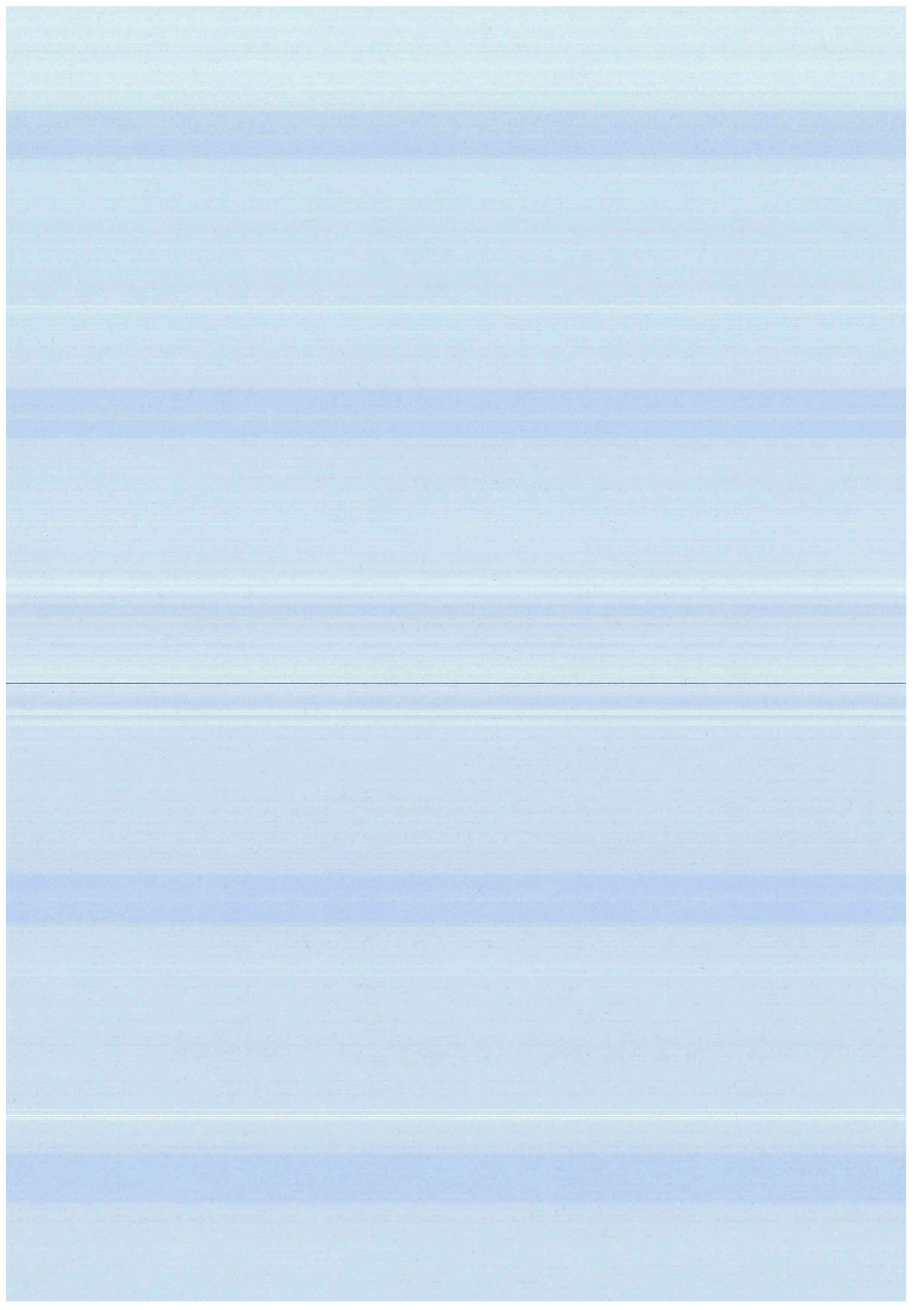
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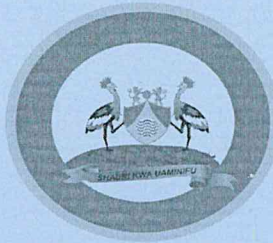
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Subject: Adoption of Committee Report

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

- **THAT, this Assembly adopts THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY, 2024, laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, 13th October, 2026.**

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education & Vocational Training)

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ON

CONSIDERATION OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CHILD
PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY, 2024

Clerk's Chambers,
CITY HALL,
NAIROBI.

September, 2026

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1.0. PREFACE

Hon. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training is established under Standing Order No. 209 (1). Its mandate pursuant to Standing Order 209 (6) is to: -

- a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- d) study, assess and analyse the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with its stated objectives;
- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 196(Committee on Appointments): and
- g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

1.1. Membership

The Committee comprises the following Members: -

1. Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa, MCA – Chairperson
 2. Hon. Kennedy Swaka, MCA – Vice-Chairperson
 3. Hon. Geophrey Majiwa, MCA
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Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 209 (6) (b), (d) and (e), the Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training is required to study the programmes of the Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training Sub-Sector; and Children Services Department and the effectiveness of the implementation; study, assess, and analyze the success of the Sub-Sector as measured by the results obtained; and inquire into all matters relating to the Sector.

In accordance with the Third Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training is mandated to consider all matters relating to: - *“pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centres and childcare facilities; children welfare”*.

2.0. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sessional Paper No.1 of 2024 on Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy was committed to the Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education & Vocational Training on **Tuesday 1st October, 2024** for consideration.

Pursuant to Article 196(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the public was invited to participate in the consideration of Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2024 on the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. A public notice was published in the Standard Newspaper on **Wednesday, 25 February, 2026**, inviting members of the public to submit their views.

The Sectoral Committee subsequently conducted a physical public participation forum on **Thursday, 5 March, 2026**, at Charter Hall, City Hall Buildings. In addition, the Committee received memoranda from three stakeholders, namely the National Council for Children's Services, Tumaini kwa Watoto, and Pendekezo Letu.

Hon. Speaker,

The Nairobi City County Government spearheaded by the Talent, Skills Development and Care Sector has developed this Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, 2024. The Sector worked to establish a seamless delivery of its mandate through a regulatory framework in form of this Policy which provides an environment for effective service delivery and optimal utilization of County resources.

The Policy ensures alignments of functions across sectors to support Children's rights and ensure a clean and safe environment for all children. And it draws its legal mandates from the Constitution of Kenya 2010, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC, 1990), National and County Government legislations and other legal and regulatory provisions at the two levels of Government.

Hon. Speaker,

Upon committal of the said Policy, the Committee considered its content with the guidance of the Office of the Clerk. The Committee held a total of five meetings to consider the proposed Policy where the committee agreed with the content in the document with amendments.



Hon. Speaker,

The foundation of this Policy's issues and interventions are based on various studies in the contextual analysis that have established challenges relating to children in Nairobi County. Based on the findings of the studies, the Sector through its daily functions developed interventions to address these challenges through the policy.

Lack of a legal framework to execute and support critical child protection programs and activities has hampered effective achievement of safeguards and protection measures.

The County supports this endeavor, the Sector has proposed allocation of sufficient resources and goodwill including support from various child Protection State and non-state actors.

The Committee following the consideration of the aforementioned Policy came up with the recommendations as captured in Chapter 6 of this report.

Acknowledgement

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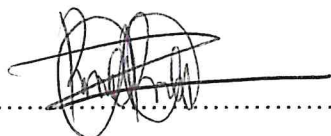
I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to the Members of the Committee to enable them consider the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, 2024 including granting an extension of time to consider the document. We are hopeful that more support will be accorded to the Committee as they consider the Policy.

I am also grateful to the Members of the Committee whose support and commitment enabled the Committee to draft the report of the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. Special thanks goes to the Secretariat for their continued support.

On behalf of the Committee and pursuant to Standing Order 150 (2) (b), I now have the honour and pleasure to present this Report on the consideration of the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, 2024.

Thank You.

SIGNED



HON. PERPETUA MPONJIWA, MCA

(CHAIRPERSON)

DATE..... 30/09/2024



3.0. CONSIDERATION OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY, 2024.

The Nairobi County Government through the Sub Sector of Social Services is mandated by the Children Act 2022 and other child protection frameworks to provide leadership and coordinative services for the effective implementation of children's rights and interventions within the County.

The Constitution bestows the responsibility of Childcare facilities amongst other devolved functions to the Counties. It's in this context therefore that Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding policy will provide legal frameworks to guide planning, resourcing and coordination of various departments, partners, resources and stakeholders in the County.

The policy is informed by and linked to international legal instruments on child protection namely: United Nations Conventions on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC). The policy is also guided by Kenyan legislations that include The Constitution of Kenya; the Children Act, 2022; the Sexual Offences Act, 2006; the Labour Laws Act, 2007; the National Children Policy (2010); the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Act, 2014; Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act, 2014 and the National Plan of Action for Children in Kenya (2015-2022), Marriage act 2014. The County government legislations such as Nairobi County child care facilities act 2017, Nairobi County Early Childhood and development Policy 2019, Nairobi County Persons with Disability policy 2016.

3.1. Objective of the Policy

The principle objective of the Policy is to provide a standard for establishing social and child protection structures for resourcing in response to safeguarding and protection of children, establish and strengthen integrated coordination mechanisms for the promotion of child protection and safeguarding in the County as well as harmonize National and County legal frameworks for registration, inspection and supervision of children Care hubs /children rescue institutions within Nairobi County.

The Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, provides for Policy Principles with the single most aim of promoting child's best interest and policy guideline.

3.2. Part I: Preliminary

Part I of the Policy sets out the preliminary matters with respect to the Policy. Background states that the child protection sector has received minimal attention. According to Kenya Institute for Public Policy, Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) Policy brief on Nairobi County NO.46/2019-20, the County recorded a high number of cases of child neglect and abandonment rising from 162 cases in 2014 to 8,705 cases in 2018. Furthermore, Nairobi County has a total of 15,337 number of street persons out of which, majority are children and youth aged between 0-17 years. (2018 National Census of Street Families Report). Children below 15 years constitute 34% of the population while youth aged 15-24 years constitute 18% of the population (KPHC 2019).

3.3. Part II: Situation Analysis

Part II of the Policy contains the legal provisions which includes; Legislative, Policy and Institutional Framework, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (1999), The Constitution of Kenya, The Children Act, 2022, Sexual Offences among other legal provisions that the Policy is anchored on.

3.4. Part III: Policy Priority Areas

Part III of the Policy contains provisions for Policy Statement which states that the Nairobi City County commits itself to protect children and promote their survival and thrive. The County shall create a safe and enabling environment through maintaining strong protection and safeguarding systems. Moreover, the Nairobi City County is also committed to sharing best practices and information regarding safeguarding concerns with relevant parties regarding any suspected instances of child abuse.

In matters concerning education, the County will formulate strategies to ensure that: vulnerable children of school-going age are enrolled, retained and progress in school; recruit more children officers and social workers; protect children from all forms of abuse; implement national parenting guidelines; support social protection; support positive parenting forums; support County school feeding program and integration of inclusive

learning for children living with disabilities in all education sectors and allocate land for school playgrounds.

Further, the Policy addresses child neglect, physical abuse, child labour, children and the law, sexual abuse, identity and registration, female genital mutilation, street children, orphans and vulnerable children, child trafficking, kidnapping and abduction, drugs and substance abuse, minority, marginalized and children affected by disasters, Negative impact of Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Media, Wars and Conflicts, Negative influence and harm by Caregivers, Children under Kinship Care, Alternative Care and Charitable Children Institutions (CCIs).

The Policy provides for interventions which include; to promote positive parenting practices, prevention of children from accessing and abusing drugs and alcohol, Engagement of community structures (including churches, schools, community policing), Promoting awareness of child abuse and empowerment of children to report cases of abuse among others.

Moreover, the Policy provides for development rights to allow children to have the means and the opportunity to develop to their full potential. It recognizes the dignity of a child, especially those with special needs. These development rights include education, leisure, play, culture, artistic activities, access to age- appropriate information, social security, freedom of thought, conscience, religion and parental care.

3.5. Part IV: Implementation Framework

Part IV of the Policy outlines that implementation requires a multi-sectoral approach that will be decentralized at County, Sub-county and Ward levels to ensure its realization. The Policy implementation mechanism will be operationalized through an action plan detailing policy priorities, key actions, indicators, timelines, responsibility and estimated annual budget.

Policy proposes that Nairobi City County Government shall allocate a total of Kshs 987 Million of its budget to the programs and activities within the Sub Sector of Social Services, Children Services Division to be implemented in the County. (Sub County, Ward and village level). Also it is expected that the Policy shall be reviewed in consultation with key stakeholders after every 5 years or when emerging issues arise.

Further, the Policy establishes structures and institutions that will support the implementation matrix which include: -

1. The Nairobi County Chief Officer in charge of Social Services Sub Sector (Children and Rehabilitation Services) or the sub sector where children services are domiciled in, shall be the coordinating body/office;
2. The County Department of Family and Children's Services under the Social Services sub sector will implement the policy;
3. The Nairobi County Children Advisory Committee to provide advisory support to the CECM and Chief Officer in charge of Social Services Sub Sector (Children and Rehabilitation Services) on matters pertaining to children; and
4. Creation of a Sub-Sector implementation committee.

3.6. Part V: Monitoring and Evaluation

Part V of the Policy indicates that this task will be monitored and evaluated by the Sector in consultation with the M&E Department and other relevant stakeholders.

Policy Recommendations:

1. Establish a resource coordination and mobilization framework.
2. Nairobi City County Government to provide adequate resources for child protection and safeguarding programs.
3. Embrace public private partnership in policy formulation and implementation.
4. Establish methods of harnessing and using these funds in the most effective, efficient and accountable manner. This shall be done through joint planning, resource pooling, creation of a special children account and monitoring and evaluation.
5. Recruit, deploy, train and retain staff to facilitate implementation of this policy.
6. Make periodic resource analysis to identify gaps and sources of funding and develop strategies for effective resource mobilization.
7. Include targets identified in this policy in all Nairobi City County Government plans.

4.0. CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM FROM STAKEHOLDERS.

The Committee scrutinized the following submissions by the stakeholders:

i) Tumaini kwa Watoto

Based on the organization's successful reintegration model, they recommend an intentional budget allocation for Not-for Profit Organizations (NPOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). These entities are often at the frontline of

street outreach, family tracing, rescue, and the long-term rehabilitation required to reunite children with their families effectively;

- Online Safety: To address modern threats, the policy must mandate specific, ongoing training for caregivers, social workers, teachers, and community leaders. The training to focus on protocols for reporting such as digital crimes.
- On implementation and infrastructure: Where reporting is concerned, they proposed the establishment of a dedicated, toll-free county reporting line for child abuse cases to ensure immediate access to help for localized access child protection desks in every sub county offices and the establishment of satellite protection offices directly within community centres to bring services closer to vulnerable families.

ii) National Council for Children's Services

- The policy to be aligned with Policy Handbook, Chapter 4 on Policy Structure;
- The policy does not have a clear costed implementation framework for the policy;
- 979million as the policy should be based on the costed implementation matrix and consider making it as a percentage of the annual budget.

S/NO	Section	Comment/Input	Suggestion	Justification
1	Definition of terms	Child Protection Unit	Refer to the definition as per Section 2 of the Children's Act Cap 141 of 2022	The definition in the Act is conclusive
2		Intersex child	Refer to the definition as per Section 2 of the Children Act Cap 141 of 2022	The definition in the Act is conclusive
3	Rationale	Editing	United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNHRC); African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Child (ACRWC)	Correct Citation
4	Acknowledgment	Change the Ministry of Labour	Change to read, "Ministry in Charge of Children's matters"	As referred to in the Children Act Cap 141

		and Social Protection		
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iii) Pendekezo Letu Recomendations

a) Street-Connected Children

- Establish 24-hour County supported Drop-in Centers offering immediate safety and basic services;
- Mandatory safeguarding risk assessments during reintegration processes;
- Inclusion of a Post-Reintegration Support clause to strengthen family economic empowerment;
- Prohibition of arbitrary 'mop-up operations and use of trained social workers in rescue operations; and
- Transitional housing and vocational pathways for youth aged 18-24 exiting care systems

b) Children in Contact and Conflict with the Law

- Have clear definitions and differentiated safeguards;
- Diversion-first approaches instead of detention in minor or 'vagrancy' cases;
- Trauma-informed handling protocols for police and County officers; and
- Explicit safeguarding standards for remand homes and holding facilities

c) Civil Registration Barriers

- Replication of the Starehe Social Worker ID support model across all sub-counties;
- Expansion of Huduma service delivery points;
- Waived or expedited registration for children in alternative care or street situations;
- Strengthen outreach and awareness campaigns; and
- Recognition of the street as a unique living environment requiring specialized outreach

d) Digital and ICT-Related Risks

- A dedicated section on Digital Child Protection
- Child-friendly reporting mechanisms for online abuse
- Standard Operating Procedures for handling online sexual exploitation and technology-facilitated gender-based violence
- Coordination with National enforcement and regulatory bodies



e) Disaster-affected and marginalized children

- To incorporate tailored safeguarding protocols for disaster contexts and structured collaboration with the Ministry of Education to address educational disruption.

f) Systems strengthening and accountability

- Develop detailed implementation guidelines
- Clear designation of a lead coordinating authority
- Defined inter-agency referral pathways across sub-counties
- Inclusion of measurable Key Performance Indicators
- Annual reporting to the County Assembly
- Independent oversight mechanisms

5.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATION

Having considered the provisions of the Sessional Paper No.1 of 2024 on Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, the submissions received from the County Executive, and the views presented by Members of the public and stakeholders during the public participation process, Committee observed that: -

1. THAT, the proposed Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy will provide legal frameworks to guide planning, resourcing and coordination of various departments, partners, resources and stakeholders in the County;
2. THAT, the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy borrows from different legislations both locally and internationally namely: United Nations Conventions on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC). The Policy is also guided by Kenyan legislations that include - The Constitution of Kenya; the Children Act, 2022; the Sexual Offences Act, 2006; the Labor Laws Act, 2007; the National Children Policy (2010); the Counter-Trafficking in Persons Act, 2014; Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act, 2014 and the National Plan of Action for Children in Kenya (2015-2022), Marriage act 2014. The County government legislations such as Nairobi County Child Care Facilities Act 2017, Nairobi County Early Childhood and development Policy 2019, and Nairobi County Persons with Disability policy 2016;
3. THAT, the Policy will address child neglect, physical abuse, child labor, children and the law, sexual abuse, identity and registration, female genital mutilation, street

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4. THAT, the Policy addresses development rights which allow children to have the means and the opportunity to develop to their full potential. It recognizes the dignity of a child, especially those with special needs. These include: - education, leisure, play, culture, artistic activities, access to age- appropriate information, social security, freedom of thought, conscience, religion, and parental care;
5. THAT, the Policy recognizes enhancement of capacity building and sensitization on child protection and emerging issues such as airing views, expression, thought, conscience, religion and association amongst others;
6. THAT, in matters concerning education, the County will formulate strategies in the Policy to ensure: -
 - i. that vulnerable children of school-going age are enrolled, retained and progress in school;
 - ii. recruit more children officers and social workers;
 - iii. protect children from all forms of abuse;
 - iv. implement national parenting guidelines;
 - v. support social protection;
 - vi. support positive parenting forums;
 - vii. support County school feeding program; and
 - viii. integration of inclusive learning for children living with disabilities in all education sectors and allocate land for school playgrounds.
7. THAT, the Policy recommends establishment and strengthening of County integrated and multidisciplinary Child Protection and Safeguarding structures at the County, Sub Counties and wards levels under the Sub-Sector of Social Services;
8. THAT, the Policy proposes that Nairobi City County Government shall allocate a total of Kshs 987 Million of its budget to the programs and activities within the Sub Sector of Social Services, Children Services Division to be implemented in the County;

9. THAT, this Policy shall be reviewed after every five years to address emerging issues in child protection and safeguarding services at the County, National and International levels. The reviews shall incorporate evolving issues/trends and take note of the changes in the political, economic, social, technological and legal environments;
10. THAT, the Policy will be monitored and evaluated by the Sector in consultation with the Monitoring & Evaluation Department and other relevant stakeholders;
11. THAT a Toll-free County reporting line for child abuse cases be established for immediate access to the child protection desks in every Sub County office and the establishment of satellite protection offices directly within community centers to bring services closer to vulnerable families;
12. THAT the Policy to be aligned with Policy Handbook, Chapter 4 on Policy Structure and refer to Section 2 of the Children's Act Cap 141 of 2022 and define the Child Protection Unit and Intersex child; and
13. THAT the Policy to address online safety by conducting training for caregivers, social workers, teachers, and community leaders.

6.0 COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS

The Committee considered the contents in the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, reviewed and approved it with amendments that: -

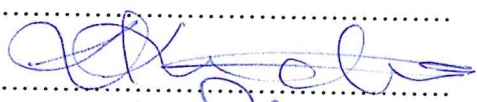
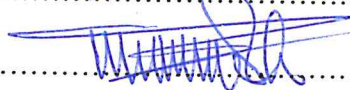
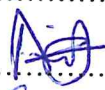
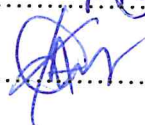
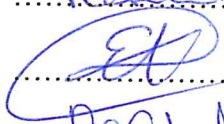
1. The Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy be approved with amendments of the following: -
 - o A Toll-free County reporting line for child abuse cases be established for immediate access to the child protection desks in every Sub County office and the establishment of satellite protection offices directly within community centers to bring services closer to vulnerable families;
 - o The policy to be aligned with Policy Handbook, Chapter 4 on Policy Structure and refer to Section 2 of the Children's Act Cap 141 of 2022 and define the Child Protection Unit and Intersex child;
 - o The policy to address online safety by conducting training for caregivers, social workers, teachers, and community leaders.

2. THAT, upon approval of the Policy by the County Assembly, the County Executive Member for Talent, Skills, Development & Care Sector should ensure effective implementation as well as establish a resource coordination and mobilization framework; and
 3. THAT, the County Executive Member for Talent, Skills, Development & Care Sector should establish clear institutional mechanisms for coordinating Child Protection and Safeguarding initiatives across the County.
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ADOPTION LIST FOR THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY REPORT

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MINUTES OF THE 29TH SITTING OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH JUNE, 2026 AT 11.30 AM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 11, CITY HALL BUILDINGS.

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ABSENT MEMBERS

1. Hon. Agnes Wambui Njeri, MCA
2. Hon. Carrington Gichunji Heho, MCA
3. Hon. Maurice Ochieng Onyango, MCA
4. Hon. Eutychus Mukiri Muriuki, MCA
5. Hon. Waithera Chege, MCA
6. Hon. Robert Mbatia, MCA
7. Hon. Diana Katile Mwangangi, MCA
8. Hon. Tricer Jeptoo Ayabei, MCA

SECRETARIAT

1. Ms. Mercy Riunga – Senior Clerk Assistant
2. Ms. Caroline Mutegi – Hansard Reporter

MIN.092/SC-CEV/JUNE/2026: PRELIMINARY

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at fifty minutes past eleven O'clock and said the opening prayers. She then welcomed the Members to the meeting and read the agenda which

was adopted for discussion as proposed by Hon. Naomi Bosire, MCA and seconded by Hon. Fredrick Njogu, MCA as follows: -

1. Preliminaries (prayers & adoption of the Agenda)
2. Adoption of the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, 2024 report
3. Any Other Business
4. Adjournment.

MIN.093/SC-CEV/JUNE/2026: ADOPTION OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY, 2024 REPORT

Members went through the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, 2024 report and it was adopted unanimously. Hon. Fredrick Njogu, MCA proposed and Hon. Evans Nyangicha, MCA seconded that the report be adopted.

MIN.094/SC-CEV/JUNE/2026: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business and the time being ten minutes past twelve o'clock, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting. The date of the next meeting would be communicated by way of notice.

CONFIRMED AS TRUE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

SIGNATURE 

(Chairperson)

DATE..... 20/9/2026

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY

S/NO	Section	Comments/Input	Suggestion	Justification
1.	Definition of terms	Child Protection Unit	Refer to the definition as per Section 2 of the Children Act Cap 141 of 2022	The definition in the Act is conclusive
2.		Intersex child	Refer to the definition as per Section 2 of the Children Act Cap 141 of 2022	The definition in the Act is conclusive
3.	Rationale	Editing	United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC); African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC)	Correct citation
4.	Acknowledgement	Change the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection	Change to read, "Ministry in charge of children matters"	As referred to in the Children Act cap 141
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Notes:

1. The policy to be aligned with Policy Handbook, Chapter 4 on Public Policy Structure Pg. 33. (<https://www.parliamentaryaffairs.go.ke/downloads>).
2. The policy does not have a clear costed implementation framework for the policy recommendations therein.

Break down the implementation framework to high level costed interventions with clear indicators and lead agencies/actors/supporting agencies to guide implementation and Monitoring & Evaluation.
3. 987 million as per the policy should be based on the costed implementation matrix and consider making it as a percentage of the annual budget.
4. Make reference to the Persons with Disability Act 2025



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PENDEKEZO LETU SUBMISSIONS ON THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY 2024

Introduction

1. Pendekezo Letu, an organization working with street-connected and marginalized children in Nairobi, welcomes the Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy 2024 as a progressive step toward strengthening child protection systems in the County.
2. While the policy provides a comprehensive safeguarding framework, Pendekezo Letu notes that street-connected children, children in contact with the law, disaster-affected children and other marginalized groups face unique systemic vulnerabilities that require more explicit recognition and targeted interventions within the policy framework.

Commendable Provisions

3. Pendekezo Letu acknowledges several strong components of the policy, including:
 - a. Recognition of children's right to informed and meaningful participation.
 - b. A proactive and collective definition of safeguarding.
 - c. Explicit recognition of physical, medical and educational neglect.
 - d. Acknowledgment of Street-Connected Children and Youth and their vulnerabilities.
 - e. Recognition of alternative care arrangements and psychosocial support.
 - f. Proposed allocation of KES 978 million within the social services sub-sector.
4. These foundations provide a strong basis for a responsive and inclusive safeguarding framework.

Key Gaps and Priority Recommendations

Street-Connected Children

5. Although recognized in the policy, operational safeguards remain limited. Many SCCY lack birth certificates or identification documents, leading to age determination challenges and denial of diversion or legal protections.
6. Children are particularly vulnerable during night hours, civil unrest and reintegration transitions.
7. Pendekezo Letu recommends:
 - a. Establishment of 24-hour County-supported Drop-in Centers offering immediate safety and basic services.
 - b. Mandatory safeguarding risk assessments during reintegration processes.
 - c. Inclusion of a Post-Reintegration Support clause to strengthen family economic empowerment.



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- d. Prohibition of arbitrary “mop-up” operations and use of trained social workers in rescue operations.
- e. Transitional housing and vocational pathways for youth aged 18–24 exiting care systems.

Children in Contact and Conflict with the Law

- 8. The policy does not clearly distinguish between children in need of care and protection, children in contact with the law and children in conflict with the law.
- 9. Our recommendations include:
 - a. Clear definitions and differentiated safeguards.
 - b. Diversion-first approaches instead of detention in minor or “vagrancy” cases.
 - c. Trauma-informed handling protocols for police and county officers.
 - d. Explicit safeguarding standards for remand homes and holding facilities.

Civil Registration Barriers

- 10. Many street-connected children lack supporting documentation for birth registration and ID access.
- 11. Successful support models in Starehe sub-county have not been replicated countywide.
- 12. Pendekezo Letu recommends:
 - a. Replication of the Starehe social worker ID support model across all sub-counties.
 - b. Expansion of Huduma service delivery points.
 - c. Waived or expedited registration for children in alternative care or street situations.
 - d. Strengthened outreach and awareness campaigns.
 - e. Recognition of the street as a unique living environment requiring specialized outreach.

Digital and ICT-Related Risks

- 13. The policy does not sufficiently address online safeguarding risks.
- 14. Recommendations include:
 - a. A dedicated section on Digital Child Protection.
 - b. Child-friendly reporting mechanisms for online abuse.
 - c. SOPs for handling online sexual exploitation and technology-facilitated gender-based violence.
 - d. Coordination with national enforcement and regulatory bodies.

Alternative and Kinship Care

- 15. Greater emphasis is needed on structured kinship care support, improved data collection and formalized court commitments to strengthen accountability and funding traceability.



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Disaster-Affected and Marginalized Children

16. The policy should incorporate tailored safeguarding protocols for disaster contexts and structured collaboration with the Ministry of Education to address educational disruption.

Systems Strengthening and Accountability

17. While the policy proposes integrated safeguarding structures, operational clarity remains limited.
18. Critical components such as prevention frameworks, early identification systems, reporting mechanisms, rapid response SOPs, reintegration monitoring and case tracking systems require strengthening.
19. Pendekezo Letu recommends:
 - a. Development of detailed implementation guidelines.
 - b. Clear designation of a lead coordinating authority.
 - c. Defined inter-agency referral pathways across sub-counties.
 - d. Inclusion of measurable Key Performance Indicators.
 - e. Annual reporting to the County Assembly.
 - f. Independent oversight mechanisms.
20. Although KES 978 million is proposed for the social services sub-sector, child protection funding should be ring-fenced within the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework to ensure dedicated allocation for training, monitoring and community-based programming.

Conclusion

21. The Nairobi City County Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy 2024 represents a significant milestone in advancing child protection systems. However, its transformative impact will depend on explicit inclusion of street-connected and justice-involved children, strengthened operational safeguards, ring-fenced funding, measurable accountability mechanisms and sustainable reintegration support systems.
22. Pendekezo Letu remains committed to partnering with Nairobi City County Government to ensure that this policy becomes an active protective shield for Nairobi's most vulnerable children.



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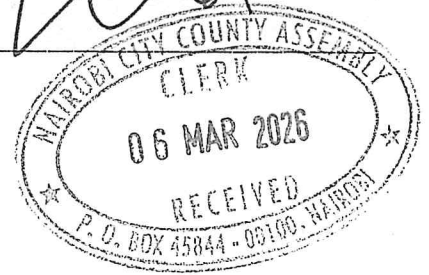
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TO: The Clerk, Nairobi City County Assembly

FROM: Tumaini Kwa Watoto (Children of Hope)

DATE: 5th March 2026



RE: SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA ON SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 1 OF 2024 (CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY)

Introduction

Tumaini Kwa Watoto (TKW) warmly welcomes the development of the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. As an organization with three decades of experience in child reintegration within Kenya, we view this sessional paper as a vital milestone in securing the safety and dignity of the children of Nairobi.

Our Recommendations

- **On Street Children and Reintegration:** Based on our successful reintegration model, we recommend an intentional budget allocation for Not-For Profit Organizations (NPOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). These entities are often at the frontline of street outreach, family tracing, rescue, and the long-term rehabilitation required to reunite children with their families effectively.
- **On Online Safety:** To address modern threats, the policy must mandate specific, ongoing training for **caregivers, social workers, teachers, and community leaders**. This training should focus on the technical and psychological aspects of identifying online grooming, exploitation, and the proper protocols for reporting such digital crimes.
- **On Implementation and Infrastructure:** Where reporting is concerned, we propose the establishment of a dedicated, **toll-free county reporting line** for child abuse cases to ensure immediate access to help. For **Localized Access Child Protection Desks** in every **Sub county offices** and the establishment of satellite protection offices directly within community centers to bring services closer to vulnerable families.

Conclusion

We urge the Committee to incorporate these recommendations to ensure that the policy moves beyond temporary relief to permanent, family-based restoration. We remain committed to partnering with the County to create a Nairobi where no child is left to the hardship of street life.

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'Setting lonely children into families. Restoring families to God's order'

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....Every Child needs a family....

5th March 2026

Who We Are: Tumaini Kwa Watoto (Children of Hope)

Founded in 1996, Tumaini Kwa Watoto-Children of Hope (TKW) is a Christian organization registered in Kenya as a company limited by guarantee with charitable objectives (C.141922) and a registered Charity in UK (Charity Number 1055715) dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and reintegrating children living on the streets of Nairobi and other counties in Kenya back into their family environments. Our vision is to see every child in Africa restored into a transformed family, impacting their community and beyond.

Driven by the belief that "God places the lonely in families" (Psalm 68:6a), we utilize a proven 4Rs Reintegration Model: Relate, Rescue, Reunite, and Restore. Since our inception, we have successfully rescued and reunited over 8,213 children with their families, transitioning them from the hardships of street life into education and community. Our holistic approach includes education empowerment, family economic support, and community training, home stability projects to ensure lasting restoration and prevent children from returning to the streets.