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TALKING POINTS BY SICILY K. KARIUKI, (MRS) CBS, CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, YOUTH AND GENDER AFFAIRS DURING THE COMMISSIONING OF THE NYS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES IN GATUNDU SOUTH CONSTITUENCY ON 12TH MAY 2016

County Commissioner

Hon. Moses Kuria, MP, Gatundu South Constituency

Gatundu South Youth Cohorts and Community

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

- I express delight to come and commission the Youth Empowerment Programme activities in Gatundu South Constituency today.
- We have learnt many lessons from the previous programme. We are here to commission the Programme as part of the first phase of the Youth Empowerment Programme in 72 Constituencies following the National Re-launch by His Excellency The President of the YEP in Kitutu Chache Constituency in Kisii County.
- Our focus will be to complete all pending work suspended during the pilot phase.

- The Ministry will give priority to high impact interventions only and in particular those that feed into the government’s national priorities on infrastructure, water and environment.
- I am pleased to say that we have **147** operational SACCOs from the pilot phase and we expect to increase this number to **236** by the end of May.
- These SACCOs have made significant savings of **Ksh 980** Million of which we have released **Ksh 408** Million to bank accounts under the NYS YEP. The balance of **Ksh 572** Million is securely kept in a special account in KCB.
- Gatundu South has **12 SACCOs** in total with a total membership of **3,881** who have saved a total of **Ksh 30,531,827** million.

The breakdown is as follows:-

S/No.	Name of SACCO	Village	No. of Members	Amount to be transferred
1	Mundoro Cohorts	Kabuteti/ Gathiru/ Ndundu	251	1,974,617.00
2	Mutati	Nembu/ Mutati/ kigaa/ Kogongo	397	3,123,199.00
3	Hagiki Cohorts	Handege/ Gatundu town/ Kirangari/ Githunguchu	404	3,178,268.00
4	Kiganjo Cohorts	Kiganjo/Gatitu	256	2,013,952.00
5	Munyuini Youth	Munyuini/ Roi/ Gacharage	254	1,998,218.00
6	Kiamwangi Youth	Kiamwangi/ Karembu	379	2,981,593.00
7	Kakimu Youth	Kahughuini/ Kimunyu/ Mutomo	376	2,957,992.00
8	Gigaki Cohorts	Gitare/ Gachika/ Kiamworia	296	2,328,632.00
9	Gikaki Youth	Gitwe/ Rwambura/ Karinga/ Kibiru	398	3,131,066.00
10	Ituwagi Huduma	Ituru/ Wamwangi/ Githuya	297	2,336,499.00
11	Ndarugu empowerment	Karatu/ Kirangi/ Ruburi/ Mucugu	323	2,541,041.00
12	Ritho Trust	Ritho	250	1,966,750.00
	Total		3,881	30,531,827.00

- The Government's intention is to maximise the full potential of this programme by ensuring its sustainability thereby **giving birth to a youth economy.**
- This starts with youth regimentation into savings groups of 15 cohorts each.
- The NYS programme will continue to be run alongside the local leadership and community youth.
- All payments to the community youth, including their mandatory daily savings, have also been placed on an automated platform with a **Huduma Card** through which they will access their funds.
- All community cohorts will have an opportunity to benefit from the **training programme** which in itself will impart life and entrepreneurship skills.
- It is the leadership resolved to ensure that the National Youth Service Programme and indeed the YEP is run in an effective and sustainable manner.
- In this regard, we are confident that the measures we have taken regarding governance, management and financial systems amongst others will count towards the transformative empowerment and the revival of patriotism amongst our youth.
- It is now my honour to officially commission the Youth Empowerment Programme activities.

Thank you.