

INTER-COUNTY PCVE EXCHANGE FORUM
JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Waterbuck Hotel; Nakuru.

26th November 2020

Preamble

WE, the national, county governments and civil society stakeholders drawn from 11 counties i.e. Nairobi, Nakuru, Isiolo, Kwale, Mandera, Kisumu, Uasin Gishu, Lamu, Mombasa, Kakamega and Kilifi met at Waterbuck Hotel; Nakuru County, from 24th to 26th November 2020 to reaffirm our collective commitment to double efforts in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) in the country.

AFFIRM that ideologically inspired violent extremism, polarization and hate continues to be a real peace and security risk in our communities, counties and the country at large.

COGNISANT of the fact that there exists in our communities social, economic, political and religious vulnerabilities that may be hyped and exploited by some of these extremist's groups to polarize and recruit vulnerable individuals within our communities.

AWARE that these extremist groups constantly continue to undermine our national values and ethos as enshrined in our Constitution.

APPLAUD the national government; through the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) for coming up with national and county policy frameworks such as National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism and County Action Plans to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremis (CAPs) to address this problem.

APPRECIATE our respective county governments, individually and collectively through the Council of Governors (COG), for providing political leadership and goodwill at the counties to develop, adopt and progressively implement the CAPs directly or through sectoral policy and budgetary support.

NOTE that despite these tremendous efforts and political goodwill at the national and county levels, there still exists some significant gaps that need to be addressed to fully and effectively implement the CAPs.

ACKNOWLEDGE that radicalization and violent extremism; blamed on ideologically inspired violent extremism as propagated by al Shabaab; the most dangerous al Qaeda affiliate in the world is still a peace and security challenge that may stall our socio-economic and political development as a country.

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BASED on the foregoing and as key stakeholders, we make the following commitments and recommendations to the national, county governments and other stakeholders to fully operationalize the CAPs

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

- a) NCTC shall develop and disseminate Terms of Reference (ToRs) for County Engagement Forums (CEFs) and CEFs Secretariats' to all the 47 County Commissioners and Governors.
- b) The ToRs should clearly state the roles and responsibilities for the National Government (County Commissioners), County Governments (Governors) and other stakeholders in the concerted implementation of the CAPs.
- c) NCTC, through the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government; should issue a CIRCULAR (Administrative Action) to all the 47 County Commissioners to direct them to designate officers within their officers to assist in the day to day running of the CEF Secretariats. For uniformity across the country, officers of a similar designation/rank should be appointed to head the CEF secretariats.
- d) That NCTC, in consultation with the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government; should ensure that CAP implementation forms part of the National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO) performance contract.
- e) That NCTC together with the Council of Governors (COG) and civil society convenes Governors Roundtable meetings on PCVE along the regional economic blocks.
- a) That the Members of Parliament (MPs) and Senators are lobbied by Executive, NCTC and CSOs to amend the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NGCDF) to support the implementation of CAPs.
- b) Mobilize and bring on board national government agencies such as Uwezo, Youth Enterprise Development, Women Enterprise, National Government Affirmative Action Social Development Funds to support efforts geared towards addressing structural vulnerabilities among the youth and other individuals within the communities.

County Governments and Assemblies

- a) Council of Governors to ensure that all counties integrate County Action Plans (CAPs) into the County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs), Annual Development Plans (ADPs) and other sectoral and fiscal plans.
- b) The Council of Governors to ensure that the roles of Governors in the CAPs are clearly spelt out and is in sync with that of the County Commissioner as Co-Chairs.
- c) That County Governments sets up Directorates or Departments on Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism and ensure that they are resourced. Where similar Directorates or Departments exists, the County Governments should direct them to mainstream PCVE in its structures/programs/plans.
- d) Governors to second officers to the CEF and CEF Secretariats with clearly defined roles and responsibilities as advised by the NCTC.

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- e) Governors to present Annual Status of CAPs implementation Report to the County Assemblies as well as set up priorities for the following year.
- f) That County Assemblies should legislate the necessary legal frameworks to support the implementation of CAPs.
- g) County Assemblies, through the relevant Committees, to oversight the County Executive in the implementation of CAPs

Other Stakeholders

The national and county governments should mobilize other stakeholders such as civil society, faith-based groups, schools, private sector and organized groups/networks/associations to rally all members of society towards the implementation of the CAPs as follows:

- a) Mobilize resources; including good practices and models nationally, regionally and globally, to effectively implement the CAPs equitably across the 47 counties.
- b) Advocate and lobby the national and county governments to effectively resource and implement the CAPs; including investments in sectors that address the structural and proximate drivers of radicalization, polarization and violent extremism.
- c) Provide technical support to NCTC in the development and dissemination of CEFs/Secretariats ToRs and M&E frameworks.
- d) Work closely with national and county governments to publicize, raise awareness and rally communities to support the implementation of the CAPs.

Signatures

The participants in the Inter-County PCVE Exchange Forum that took place in Nakuru and came up with this communique do hereby append their signatures. A list of participants is also attached.

NAME	Organization	County
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Mwangi Nyaga	Assistant County Commissioner	Nakuru County
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Agnes Mwambila	Human Rights Agenda	Kwale County
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Lugman Ahmed	Isiolo Peace Link (IPL)	Isiolo County
Annabel Gitonga	Assistant County Commissioner	Isiolo County
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Paul Thairu, HSC	County Executive Committee Member	Lamu County
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Joseph Syanda	Kenya Community Support Centre	Kilifi County
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