



**FORM OF PETITION**

**I/WE, the undersigned**

(Here, identify in general terms, who the petitioner or petitioners are, for example, citizens of Kenya, residents of province or region, workers of industry, etc.)

Black Coffee Network and a consortium of Civil Societies Organisations in Nakuru County

**DRAW the attention of the County Assembly to the following**

(Here, briefly state the reasons underlying the request for the intervention of the County Assembly by outlining the grievances or problems by summarizing the facts which the petitioner or petitioners wish the County Assembly to consider)

Operationalising Rhonda Youth Friendly Center

**THAT**

(Here confirm that efforts have been made to have the matter addressed by the relevant body, and it failed to give satisfactory response.)

That we have conducted several consultative meetings with community members, service providers and duty bearers and submitted a memorandum to the Clerk of Nakuru County Assembly.

**THAT**

(Confirm that the issues in respect of which the petition is made are pending before any court of law, or constitutional or legal body.)

That the issues herein are not pending before any court of law or constitutional or legal body.

**HEREFORE your humble petitioner(s) pray that the County Assembly**

(Here, set out the prayer by stating in summary what action the petitioners wish the County Assembly to take or refrain from.)

That, the County Health Committee ensure that the Rhonda



**TO THE:  
NAKURU COUNTY ASSEMBLY**



**A PUBLIC PETITION IN THE MATTER OF OPERATIONALISING RHONDA YOUTH FRIENDLY CENTRE**

We, a Consortium of Civil Societies Organizations based in Nakuru County that deal with issues of health and other emerging issues in the community committed to good governance, transparency, and social accountability, hereby bring to your attention the following issues:

1. **THAT** the Rhonda Youth- Friendly Centre project, located at Rhonda Health Facility, in Kaptembwa ward, Nakuru Town West Sub-county; was allocated a total of Ksh 10 million for construction and equipment; in FY 2017/2018, Ksh 5 Million for construction, in FY 2019/2020, Ksh 3 Million for completion and equipment and in FY 2020/2021 Ksh 2 Million for completion. The project status is complete and equipped as per the Health Sector Report of FY 2022/2023.
2. **THAT** the project has not served its intended purpose of offering youth friendly services to the youth population of Rhonda and Kaptembwa ward respectively. The Youth Friendly Centre continues to be complete but unoperational.
3. **THAT** this Youth Friendly Centre should serve the informal settlement which is densely populated with young people. It being unoperational maximizes the exposure to health risk factors to the marginalized and vulnerable population of Young people. It has

hindered access to Sexual and Reproductive Health services, psychosocial services, and access to information for young people, which has led to increase in rates of drug use and abuse, HIV/AIDS infection rates, teen pregnancy, high rates of GBV, and high crime rate, in Rhonda and Kaptembwa wards.

4. **THAT** this goes against the objectives of the Primary Health Care Act of 2023 by hindering the provision of highest attainable standards of health care as enshrined in Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya. It also does not underpin the Nakuru County Department of Health Sector mission of providing quality integrated health services for all and strategic goal of minimizing exposure to health risk factors, and addressing discrimination of marginalized area and vulnerable groups.
5. According to the KNBS data of 2019 Census on population, approximately 68,922 youths are from Nakuru Town West sub county, which means this number of youths are at risk of not accessing youth friendly services due to Rhonda Youth Friendly Centre not being operational.
6. **THAT** we have conducted several consultative meetings with community members, service providers, and duty bearers regarding the operationalization of the project, that led to development of a memorandum addressing the aforementioned issues, presented to the Clerk of the Nakuru county assembly who guided us to submit it as a petition in order to align with Standing Orders. Continuous engagement has also been conducted between the facility management, the office of the area MCA, and young people of Rhonda ward and Kaptembwa ward.
7. **THAT** the issues addressed by this petition are not pending before any court of law, or constitutional or legal body in any manner howsoever.

**THEREFORE, OUR PRAYERS IN THIS SUBJECT MATTER ARE;**

1. The Health committee should ensure that the department of health fulfills its constitutional mandate by operationalizing the Rhonda Youth Friendly centre to increase youth friendly services so as to address emerging issues of increasing new HIV infections among the youths and the increased in mental health issues, GBV, self-harm, suicide and drug abuse.

2. The County Assembly Health committee should ensure that the facility management committee develops mechanisms to enable the participation of young people in the leadership structure of the facility.
3. Develop a clear volunteer system and framework for young people from Rhonda and Kaptembwa to volunteer at the facility and incorporate the following opportunities;
  - ❖ Internship opportunities for young people at Rhonda-youth-friendly center.
  - ❖ Information on the mitigation of the triple threat.
  - ❖ Strengthen referral mechanism for young people on the following, mental health service and the legal service system.
  - ❖ Team building and recreational activities at Rhonda-youth-friendly center.
  - ❖ Education at the facility level on the following topics, digital literacy, financial literacy, life skills, and sexual reproductive health and rights.

Yours,

COPY TO:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, HEALTH

NAKURU COUNTY