REF: ABANDONED MOBILE TRADERS AT THE WEBUYE INTERCHANGE.

KENYA- TRANSPORT SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT (PI24109) AND ITS ADDITIONAL FINANCING (PI46630).

TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WORLD BANK.
TO INSPECTION PANEL.
TO COUNTRY DIRECTOR.

Whereas, the third and final eligibility report on the Kenya Transport Sector Support Project and its Additional Financing, the Inspection Panel did not recommend an investigation.
The Panel did note the willingness of Management and the Borrower to address concerns raised by the community. Concerning livelihood impact, including the identification of mobile traders and small business owners who were not appropriately compensated for the temporary impact they suffered during construction.
That, the relocation of the 52 mobile traders from the Webuye interchange area, would follow after the Bungoma County Government acquires a parcel of land close to the Webuye interchange where a market would be built and stalls and kiosks assigned to mobile traders to ply their trade.
That, Management stated that the Bungoma County Government had identified a suitable plot, which it has fully paid for, and had finalized the land title deed on March 4, 2020.
That, work on the design of the market was delayed and was expected to commence on July 1, 2020.
That, it was to take approximately one month.
That, the allocation of stalls would be completed within four months of the construction being finished.
That, in August 2021, Emonyo Yefwe International and the Dinah business community Petitioned The Governor Bungoma county on the supposed roadside facility as being needed now more than ever as one of the measures in response to controlling the corona virus pandemic.
That, up to date, there has never been a response from the governor.
That, Police have denied us the right to demonstrate by refusing to give a permit.
That, these failures constituted human rights violations and further undermines, the Project's objective to increase efficiency of road transport along the Northern Corridor.

Therefore, as mobile traders:
We demand for the market construction to begin immediately.
We demand that KeNHA stops threatening traders with eviction until the market construction is completed and traders relocated.
We demand the World Bank to convene a meeting between mobile traders and the Governor Bungoma county.
We request for a clear timeline for the construction to start and if the said Kshs.50 million for the proposed market is intact and we be involved in the design and planning.

We demand that the county government acts transparently, by showing the land it acquired within Dinah area.

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Dear sir,

Regarding the market construction for mobile traders at Dinah flyover, after completion of the Webuye Kitale road.

*Emonyo Yefwe International* and the *Dinah business community* is of the opinion that the supposed roadside facility is needed now more than ever as one of the measures in response to controlling the corona virus pandemic.

*Whereas*, the project management informed the affected community to an understanding, that a market shall be built at a cost of Kshs.50 million.

*That*, the market construction was to transition and relocation of the mobile traders at the Webuye interchange area, as Bungoma County Government had identified a suitable plot close to the Webuye Interchange for the development of appropriate market stalls (closed + open shops).

*Therefore*, it is our considered opinion that, one year has elapsed, and the facility is not in place.

*However*, since the completion for allocation of stalls to beneficiaries, was to be done within four months after closure of the project we felt it necessary to draw your attention on the matter.

*That*, The Bungoma County Government informed the project management to have fully paid for the land and processing of the land title deed finalized on March 4, 2020, next to the Interchange.

*That*, design of the market had been expected to commence on March 16, 2020 and would take approximately one month to complete.

*That*, KeNHA was to provide funds and work with the County Government to design, construct and provide an entrance to the market.

*That*, Allocation of stalls to be made within four months of completing construction of the market.

*That*, Emonyo Yefwe International as Requesters for World Bank Inspection Panel to investigate the project felt that the RAP audit did not identify all the affected mobile traders and small business
owners and was too narrowly focused to cover the livelihood impact on mobile traders and a few business owners.

That, these failures constituted human rights violations and did not help achieve the Project’s objective to increase efficiency of road transport along the Northern Corridor.

That, the delay to construct the market goes against the spirit of the pledge to ‘leave no one behind’, relates closely to three important dimensions of the 2030 Agenda: poverty, inclusiveness and inequality. That, the facility was to build the resilience of the poor and vulnerable; access to employment; and expanding infrastructure with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all. Thus, we the undersigned wishes to make our request, praying for positive considerations, hoping that the response is received at the earliest.
THE GOVERNOR, 04/10/2021

BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PO BOX 1886-50200

BUNGOMA.

REF: MARKET CONSTRUCTION FOR MOBILE TRADERS AT DINAH-FLYOVER.

YOUR EXCELLENCY sir,

This is a reminder to draw your attention to the letter dated 31/08/2021, which was delivered to your office on 13/09/2021.

The reminder is seeking your wise guidance and action on addressing the concerns in the petition, to allay the fears and anxiety of the mobile traders at the said venue.

The letter is here attached for easy of reference.

Yours faithfully.

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Dear sir,

The business community at Dinah intends to hold a peaceful demonstration as regards, delayed market construction for mobile traders at Dinah Interchange, after completion of the Webuye Kitale road.

The decision to demonstrate comes after spirited efforts to engage the concerned authorities failed to bore any fruits.

Emonyo Yefwe International and the Dinah business community is of the opinion that the supposed roadside facility is needed now more than ever as one of the measures in response to controlling the corona virus pandemic.

Therefore, we are appealing for your office to give us a permit as well as provide us with adequate security on the material day.

The details of the concerns and efforts taken in view of addressing the issues peacefully are hereby attached.

We intend to hold the demonstration on 23/11/2021.

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District County Commissioner
OCPP Matulo
REFERENCE:

Reference is made to your letter dated 22/11/2021 on the above subject matter.

After perusal of the letter and wide consultation for the purpose of conducting of holding peaceful demonstration, I object your request based on the following points:

1. Covid-19 pandemic is still enforced and people should discouraged on any public gathering.
2. Security threat against terrorism whereby they kill people en-mass and may take advantage of such gathering.
3. Traffic flow – Dina is situated in a very busy Webuye - Malaba road and if allowed it will cause a major traffic obstruction.
4. If permit granted the peaceful demonstration may turned violent and cause of destruction of properties and loss of life.

Therefore, I advise that you channel your grievances to the appropriate offices. e.g County Government and your local leaders within your areas. Demonstration is not a solution.

The request is highly regretted.

(Joseph Chesire)
SUB-COUNTY POLICE COMMANDER
WEBUYE WEST
KENYA POLICE SERVICE

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WEBUYE

RE: REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO HOLD PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION

Your unreferenced letter dated 7th December, 2021 on the above subject matter refers.

After perusal of your letter, you are kindly advised that permits are issued through the OCS.

You are therefore advised to make your request through the OCS Matisi.

DR. MUSYOKI MUTUNGI, PhD, MBS
COUNTY POLICE COMMANDER
BUNGOMA