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**THE KILIFI COUNTY MICROFINANCE (MBEGU FUND)
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

A Bill for

**AN ACT of the County Assembly of Kilifi to amend the Kilifi
County Microfinance (Mbegu) Fund Act, 2016.**

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Kilifi, as follows—

Short title and commencement

1. This Act shall be cited as the Kilifi County Microfinance (Mbegu Fund) (Amendment) Act, 2023.

Amendment of the Long Title

2. The Kilifi County Microfinance (Mbegu Fund) Act, 2016, in this Act referred to as “the principal Act” is amended—

- (a) in the short title by deleting the word “Mbegu” appearing immediately after the word “Microfinance” and substituting it with the word “Wezesha”; and
- (b) by further deleting the word “Mbegu” in all its appearances within the Principal Act and substituting it with the word “Wezesha”.

Amendment of Section 2 of No. 12 of 2016

No. 2 of 2018

3. Section 2 of principal Act is amended by inserting the following definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

- (a) “Committee” means the County Ward Microfinance Fund Committees established under Section 10 A;

Amendment of section 8 of No. 12 of 2016

4. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended in sub-section (2) by—

- (b) inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (g)—

“(h) receive and address complaints that may arise from the implementation of this Act; and

- (i) receive gifts, donations, grants or other monies.

Amendment of section 10A of No. 12 of 2016**No. 2 of 2018**

5. Section 10 A of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by deleting section 10A and substituting it with the following new section—

“County Ward Microfinance Fund Committees.

10A. (1) There is established a Microfinance Fund Committee in every Ward.

(1) The County Ward Microfinance Fund Committees shall consist of—

- (a) the Ward Administrator or a representative duly nominated in writing;
- (b) a Trade Officer or a representative duly nominated in writing;
- (c) one person representing Department of Social Services;
- (d) one person representing Cooperatives or duly nominated in writing; and
- (e) the Committee shall co-opt another person as proposed by the Committee.”

Amendment of section 12 of No. 12 of 2016**No. 2 of 2018**

6. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by deleting the words “Sub-County” appearing immediately before the word “Microfinance” and substituting it with the words “County Ward” in subsection (1);
- (b) by deleting the word “Sub-County” in paragraph (b) appearing after the words “within the” and before the word “using” and substituting it with the word “Ward”; and
- (c) by deleting the word ‘sub-County’ in Subsection (2).

Amendment of section 19 of No. 12 of 2016

7. The principal Act is amended in section 19(2)—

- (a) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (a);

- (b) “(b)each disbursement from the fund shall be approved and recorded in the minutes of the Board; and
- (c) the Board in consultation with the Executive Committee Member shall set out general requirements for the release of funds, to ensure efficient management of resources.”

Amendment of section 15A of No. 12 of 2016

No. 2 of 2018

8. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 15A and substituting with the following new section—

“(15A) (1) The Chief Officer responsible for matters relating to Trade shall deploy staff for the purpose of implementing the objects of this Act.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) above, the Staff shall be seconded from the County Public Service with recommendation from the Fund

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**Statement of object and reasons for the Bill**

The principle object of this Bill is to amend the Kilifi County Microfinance (Mbegu) Fund Act, 2016, by amending the provisions on establishment of Sub-County Committees.

Further the purpose of the Bill is to provide for the establishment, administration and functions of the Kilifi County Microfinance Ward Committees.

In addition, the Bill introduces new powers to the Fund Board.

Dated the 11th April, 2023.

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