



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION)

PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 12 of 2023)

**REGARDING DESILTATION OF MATINGA DAM IN KITUI WEST
CONSTITUENCY**

Approved for
presentation
SWS
14/3/23

I, the **UNDERSIGNED**, on behalf of the residents of Kitui West Constituency;
DRAW the attention of the House to the following:

1. **THAT**, Article 69 of the Constitution provides that the State shall ensure sustainable exploitation, utilization, management and conservation of the environment and natural resources, and ensure the equitable sharing of the accruing benefits;
2. **THAT**, water is a key natural resource which is essential for the wellbeing of every individual;
3. **THAT**, Kitui West Constituency is arid and semi-arid area and as a result experiences dry spells and lack of water and pastures throughout the year;
4. **THAT**, the Kitui West residents main economic activity is livestock farming and therefore it is crucial to have adequate water for livestock use;
5. **THAT**, in the recent past the residents of Kitui West and in particular *Kauwi, Mutonguni, Matinyani, Kithumula/Kwa Muthonga Wards* in Kitui West Constituency have been facing difficulties in regard to provision of water for their livestock and household;
6. **CONCERNED THAT**, for more than 42 years, Kitui West residents have suffered due to lack of basic necessities such as water for both domestic use and for livestock due to silted Matinga Dam;

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7. **THAT**, the residents have persistently sought assistance from the government and non-governmental organization for desiltation of Matinga Dam to provide water to the residents with no avail;
8. **THAT**, efforts to resolve this matter with the relevant government levels and agencies have been futile; and
9. **THAT**, the matter presented in this petition is not pending before any tribunal, court of law or Independent body.

THEREFORE, your humble Petitioners pray that the National Assembly through the Public Petitions Committee makes an inquiry into all matters raised in this Petition with a view to:

- (i) Ensure that, the desiltation of Matinga Dam in Kitui West Constituency is carried out by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation to provide water to the residents around the dam and its environs; and,
- (ii) Make any other necessary recommendation the Committee deems fit to address the issues raised in this Petition.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY:



THE HON. EDITH VETHI NYENZE, MP
MEMBER FOR KITUI WEST CONSTITUENCY

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