

**PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA
IN THE MATTER OF FORGOTTEN VICTIMS AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
CURRENTLY LIVING IN NYERI COUNTY**

We the undersigned call on the Kenyan Government to recognize the undersigned as:

1. Current residents of Nyeri County;
2. Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from various parts of Kenya including Molo, Eldoret, Nakuru, and Burnt Forest; and
3. IDPs displaced by the 2007 - 2008 Kenya Post Election Violence (PEV).

WE DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

THAT during the 2007 - 2008 PEV, the country was rocked by an orgy of violence, which led to massive displacements, destruction of property, sexual and gender based violence -- including rape, and loss of lives.

THAT over 600,000 Kenyan citizens were displaced. Over 350,000 of those displaced sought refuge in 118 IDP camps, while others either sought refuge from friends or relatives – renting cheap houses with an unstable income, or fled the country, becoming refugees in neighboring Uganda.

THAT since 2008, there has been no progress to integrate the central IDP's who continue to face challenges including, but not limited to, the lack of basic rights—as provided for by the Kenyan constitution-- to shelter, health and sanitation, food, identity cards, and education.

THAT the IDPs in Nyeri County continue to encounter employment discrimination. This has negatively affected their right to self-determination.

THAT there exists no form of moral or psychosocial support for IDPs in Nyeri County.

THAT the Central IDP's have been denied their right to compensation, by the failure to recognize them as genuine IDPs displaced by the 2007-2008 PEV. Despite the Ksh 410,000 paid to IDPs in Eldoret and squatters from Embobut forest in September 2013, IDPs in Nyeri County are yet to receive any form of compensation – namely the Ksh 25,000 start-up funds promised.

THAT no action has been taken to compensate and resettle the IDPs in Nyeri County despite letters that have been formally submitted to the following:

1. Hon. E. Murugi – Former Minister, and current Member of the National Assembly for Nyeri town.
2. Resettlement Programme Officers at the former Ministry of Special Programmes;
3. Former Provincial Administration Officers in Nyeri.

THAT the issue concerning this petition has not been submitted and is not pending before any Kenyan court of law or constitutional body of law.

WE THEREFORE PRAY THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT TO:

1. **Pay us, the IDPs from Nyeri County, the compensation due to us as IDPs displaced by the 2007 – 2008 PEV. These funds should be provided equitably and with transparency, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable groups – women, children, and persons with disabilities;**
2. **Acknowledge, Protect, and Compensate IDPs in Nyeri County in keeping with the Prevention, Protection And Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons and Affected Communities Act (Act No. 56 of 2012); and**
3. **Recognize the Nyeri County IDP leadership structure as the representatives of IDPs in Nyeri County. These leaders should be co-opted into a sub-committee acting as a working group on the resettlement, reintegration, and compensation of the Nyeri County IDPs**

