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THE POVERTY ERADICATION AUTHORITY BILL, 2020

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to establish the Poverty Eradication Authority; to provide for an institutional framework which ensures the participation of all Kenyans in poverty reduction and economic growth; to provide for the coordination of the national economic empowerment and poverty eradication agenda; and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Poverty Eradication Authority Act, 2020. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

"Authority" means the Poverty Eradication Authority established under section 4;

"Board" means the Poverty Eradication Board established under section 6;

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to devolution and planning;

"Fund" means the Poverty Eradication Fund established under section 27;

"inclusive growth" means the pace and pattern where growth is sufficient to lift large numbers out of poverty and inequality and benefit the most marginalized groups;

"poverty" means the inadequacy of income and deprivation of basic needs and rights.

3. The principal of the Act to—

(a) provide a framework that ensures inclusive economic growth and good governance in Kenya; and

(b) establish mechanisms to support a sustained long-term reduction of poverty in Kenya.

Object and purpose
of the Act.

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

4. (1) There is established an authority to be known as the Poverty Eradication Authority. Establishment of the Authority.

(2) The Authority is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of moveable and immovable property;
- (c) borrowing or lending money;
- (d) entering into contracts; and
- (e) doing or performing all other duties or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act, which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

5. The functions of the Authority shall be to—

Functions of the Authority.

- (a) Manage the Poverty Eradication Fund;
- (b) coordinate in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental actors in undertaking poverty eradication programmes throughout Kenya;
- (c) formulate a national poverty eradication plan, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, which shall be reviewed every five years;
- (d) advise the national and county governments on poverty alleviation programmes and strategies;
- (e) foster and advocate for inclusive growth that involves the participation of those below the poverty line;
- (f) approve and track progress in poverty reduction in the short, medium and long term programmes;
- (g) coordinate national, county and international media campaigns, advocacy and publicity against poverty;
- (h) promote research on poverty reduction while fostering innovative and entrepreneurial initiatives on poverty reduction;