



BUSIA MISSION REPORT – PUBLIC LAND CLINIC FOR WESTERN CIRCUIT 30-31 MAY 2018

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1. Executive Summary

On 30-31st May 2018, the Shule Yangu Secretariat team joined the other members of the National Working Group on School Titling Programme on a Mission to Busia County. The objective of the Mission was to conduct a Public Land Clinic in Busia County in order to fill the data gaps that arose from audit of public school land conducted between 23rd and 27th April in the region.

The Land Clinic was a follow up to the rapid audit of land belonging to public schools carried out in the Western Circuit (BBlock1) between 23rd and 27th April 2018. The Working Group sought to go to the field to assess documentation, collate data from the audit and address any resultant

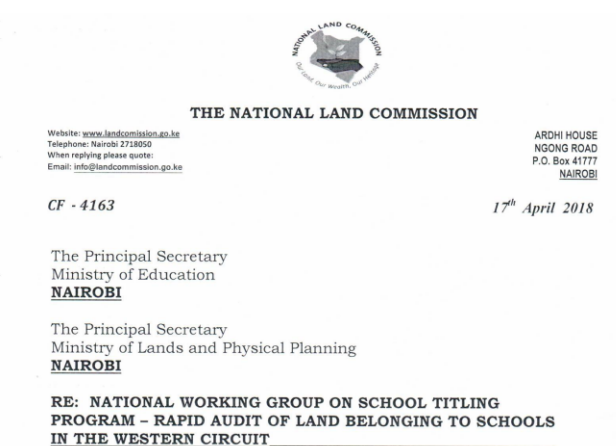


Figure 1: Official NLC Letter Kicking of Public Audit of Schools in the Western Circuit

challenges in-order to escalate the processing of titles western circuit covers the counties of Bungoma, Busia, Siaya, Kisumu, Kakamega and Vihiga. This was the second step in the road map to process and deliver to schools 2,500 title deeds in a titling ceremony to be presided over by the CS Ministry of Lands and Planning in July 2018.

Shule Yangu has been a key partner in convening the working group and we used the exercise to facilitate a head - teachers' sensitization training on the titling process, documentation and reporting mechanisms for schools at risk. This is in line with our mission to own, title and protect all public schools.

Coming on the background of the launch of the Inter-Ministerial Legal Working Group on the Titling of Public Schools, the Shule Yangu team also used the opportunity to publicize the team and appraise the stakeholders of its existence. We also provided the logistic support in form of refreshments, seats, public address system and overflow tents for the two clinics at Kisumu and Busia Counties respectively.

2. Activity Report

Day One – 30th May

Meeting 1: Briefing Meeting with Deputy County Education Director, Busia County

This meeting was held at the Director's office, Ms. Pamella Akello and was aimed at briefing her of the Mission and the audit process. During the meeting the three teams briefed the Deputy Director on our mission and our work in the protection of public schools. The NLC team shared insights from their mission in Kisumu.

In their brief, the NLC / MoE teams noted that in Busia County, out of 803 schools, only 72 had titles. A further 103 have had their titles processed but had issues. Dr. Mulambe noted that the Ministry of Education was offering support to the process while NLC, being the agency responsible for land matters was leading the process.



Meeting 2: Courtesy Call, County Secretary Busia County

The team made a courtesy call on the County Secretary for Busia County, Mr. Nicodemus Mulaku. He commended the team for the initiative, noting that the County had encountered many challenges, not just on the school land but also other public lands. He called upon the NLC to work with County Governments to safeguard public land for critical

institutions, including health facilities. The meeting was also attended by Mr. John Mwami, CEC, Education, Busia and Mr. Rugut, the TSC Director.

Meeting 3: Meeting with Senior Teacher (for Principal) St. Annes Kisoko.

This was a courtesy call and was also meant to appraise the team on the logistics put in place to host the 400 Head Teachers expected to the school the following day. Mr. Ojiambo, the Senior teacher welcomed the team to the school and gave reassurance that all measures had been put in place to ensure the Land Clinic was successful. The team then visited the facilities and were satisfied that the preparations were adequate.

Day 2 – 31st May 2018: Land Clinic for Head Teachers from Busia, Kakamega and Bungoma Counties

This was the highlight of the Mission. Coming as a follow up to the audit, the Head Teachers were appraised of the titling process. The importance of having titles was emphasized and the Head-teachers asked to co-operate and liaise with the teams represented in the mission



to ensure that the titling process for their schools commenced. Noting that the schools were not at the same level in the titling process and there were different challenges, the schools were categorized into various thematic areas.

The thematic areas identified were: Succession Cases, Sponsored Schools, Litigation / Contestation Cases, Transfers.

The Clinic was attended by over 360 teachers drawn from the three Counties and senior officials from the Ministry of Education.



3. Next Action

Following the Clinic, the NLC team will audit the information and applications for titles received and make recommendations to the head-teachers' on the next course of action. A National Working Group Meeting will also be held to assess the outcome of the audit process and prepare a report for the CS, Lands. The schools without issues will be cleared for Titling during the Western Circuit Titling Exercise scheduled for July 2018 and which is aimed at titling over 2,500 schools. This is part of the 10,000 titles targeted for this year.