

HON. BETSY KINYA WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE MANIFESTO AND AREAS OF CONCERTRATION YEAR 2017-2022.

1. THE SELF EMPLOYED AND SELF WORKIN G WOMAN.

Our women will be empowered financially to help the all work towards earning income which can sustain their immediate needs and requirements. This can be achieved through the following ways.

- Grouping women in terms of manageable numbers and funding them via Uwezo Funds and Affirmative Action Social Development Fund.
- Training our women on various skills such as sewing, basketry, knitting, water sterilization and packaging.
- Creation of job opportunities for campus and college leaving girls as well as advocating for post for leaderships for women.
- Involving and engaging banks to finance various groups with loans with low and minimum interests.

2. WOMEN AND AGRICULTURE / THE FARMING WOMAN.

Our women will be empowered to venture in agriculture to help them cultivate foods for subsistence use in small scale farming methods. This will be achieved through the following ways.

- Grouping women in manageable numbers and funding them to start agricultural projects such as planting vegetables in greenhouses.
- Training women on modern methods of faming such tissue culture banana system and practicing such skills in farming.
- Grouping women to start funded projects for rearing animals like pigs, chicken, goats, rabbits, sheep among others.
- Renting of large areas of plots to plant crops in groups. These plots can be used to plant domestic crops and even commercial ones.

3. EMPOWERING YOUTHS ON EMPLOYMENT AND JOB OPORTUNITIES.

To ensure our youths are getting employed after universities , colleges and training institutions the following ways will be put in place to see many get jobs.

- All the youths within the county will be asked for their details on qualifications, names, contacts and experience where applicable. All this will be done in a common database according to various fields of specialization.
- The information will be sent to all county governments, central government, banks, industries, factories, supermarkets and nongovernmental organizations.

- Also the youths who are leavings polytechnics can be funded in groups to start small business within their communities. Businesses such as motorcycle spare parts, small garages.

4. THE GILR CHILD EDUCATION.

Most of our girls lack education due to factors such as poverty, early marriages, early pregnancies, cultural practices like FGM and child labor. To overcome this the following ways will employed

- Involving education stakeholders, community policing and the chief's office to ensure they are followed and back to school
- Ensuring issuance of bursaries with most needy cases prioritized to avoid biasness and corruption.
- Under Betsy Kinya's foundation young girls who are under child labor, cultural practices, early marriages and other school-hindering activities will be reclaimed back to school.

5. EMPOWERING WINDOWS AND THE MERU ELDERLY.

Within Meru community many of windows after the death of their husbands, relatives take advantage of the situation taking what their husbands left behind. Therefore, the right inheritance goes to the wrong hands. To curb this, I shall do the following.

- Creating awareness in various forums like women fellowships, women self-help groups and chamas on the right ownership of property when windowed.
- Using a lawyer under my foundation to make follow-up for those whose property has been taken already.
- Empowering the windows financially, materially and socially to run small skilled businesses within their locality.

The elderly both men and women will also be taken care of by ensuring that they are able to access their monthly money with ease through involving my office and any other relevant office. Through my foundation, I shall ensure all the basic needs of the elderly are well catered for. In addition, recreation services and items will be provided for them to use during their leisure time.

6. REDEEMING OUR YOUNG GILRS AND ACCEPTING THEM BACK IN THE SOCIETY.

Many of our girls within and across the county lack the social acceptance status due to drug and substance abuse, poverty, prostitution, lack of moral support, lack of guidance and counseling and premature employment. This young generation needs to be accepted back by the society through the following ways.

- Establishing of rehabilitation centers to help the drug and substance addicts who can later go to school and chart their course of life.
- Use of education stakeholders, community policing and chief's offices to get those who are under premature employment back to school.
- Employing guidance and counseling in various forums such as entertainment gatherings, talent searching forums, churches, and schools as well as creating awareness.

7. THE LESS FORTUNATE AND STREET CHILDREN.

Out of the ever growing numbers of beggars and street children in our markets and towns, I will do the following to see them access all the necessary help.

- I will ensure the begging community is united under one roof to break the cartels that subject them to begging.
- Those with abilities to learn skills like sewing, knitting, basketry, tailoring among many others courses get access to trainers and eventually funding them to start small scale business.
- Rehabilitating the street children who are lost in drug and substance abuse and later sending them back to school.

8. BOY CHILD EMERGENCY/ THE FORGOTEN BOY CHILD.

The boy child support is dwindling since the onset of the girl child campaign. To ensure the boy is not forgotten and to make him be at par with the girl child my office will offer the following support.

- Following up the street children who are mostly boys and taking them back to their relevant quarters.
- Creating awareness on the importance of child equality and the importance of the boy child.
- Involving necessary bodies and people in the society to take boys back to school away from premature employment.
- Those without homes can be accommodated in children's homes which can also be built purposely for the bigger boys.

9. FURTHER DEVOLVING MY LEADERSHIP.

Since the entry of devolution Kenya has seen the fruits of devolved power and Meru County in particular. Out of this system many have benefited and therefore if devolution of power and leadership is further devolved more goodies would reach the grassroots. In relation to this my tenure will devolve leadership and power in the following manner.

- Having an office for the Women Representative within Meru County and not operating from the capital city like many of elected leaders do.
- Having one office within each constituency next to the Constituency Development Funds offices for the Women Representative.
- Establishing committees within all the forty five wards in Meru County to work with them being the chairperson in each. The committees will have all people represented to help plan on the right projects to put in place as per the needs of the people on the ground.
- Further increasing offices within wards to ensure direct contact with many people and their representatives within the locality.

NB: TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE EIGHT MAIN GOALS WE ALL NEED WORK AS A TEAM AS I SPEARHEAD OUR SO RICH MERU COUNTY IN RESOURCES BY APPLYING NECESSARY IDEAS.THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOD BLESS MERU COUNTY, GOD BLESS THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.

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