

MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

The ministry of Co-operative Development is concerned with bringing people together for social economic benefits.

1. VISSION

To be a leading agent for a globally competitive co-operative sector.

2. MISSION

To provide a commercially oriented co-operative sector through an enabling policy and legal framework for sustainable social-economic development in Kenya.

With the above vision and mission, the District Co-operative Office – Kangema serves the public in the following:-

REGISTRATION (PROMOTION) OF NEW SOCIETIES

The District Co-operative office will guide people coming together to form a society. The co-operative office ensures the following: _

- ∨ The people concerned are engaged in the same type of activity.
- ∨ The activity is legal in the eyes of the law.
- ∨ They are all above the age of majority.
- ∨ The membership should not fall below 10.
- ∨ There is no maximum membership.

SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE

This is done by the office when we attend the society's general meeting in (A.G.M. and S.G.M.). We advise on the events, operations and way forward according to law.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee of a society is the governing body of the society. Our office attends their meetings to show them direction where need be.

MEMBERS INFORMATION DAYS (M.I.D.s)

The general members are informed about their societies in Members Information Days. These are held regularly where members are informed on the operations of their societies. Different stake holders join the members to educate them on different activities and they are:-

- i. Ministry of Co-operative Development & Marketing
- ii. Ministry of Agriculture,
- iii. Ministry of Veterinary and Livestock,
- iv. Millers
- v. Marketers
- vi. Machine operator's e.t.c.

The co-operative office will educate the members on their rights and duties as members among other issues.

INSPECTIONS

To avoid mismanagement, the District Co-operative Office does impromptu inspections in the societies. This will enable detection of errors and corruption by committee and staff before it is too late.

DISPUTES

In the day today operations of societies, we have disputes between:-

- i. One society and another.
- ii. Members with committee members.
- iii. Committee members with staff.
- iv. Members and staff.

The District Co-operative Office tries to settle the disputes for the good running of the societies. The disputes that cannot be handled by our office are referred to the Co-operative Tribunal and High Court.

ELECTIONS

These are done when due. The District Co-operative Office supervises the electing so that the activity is done fairly with enforcement of the law.

LIQUIDATION

Liquidation is the process of de-registering a registered society. The District Co-operative Office recommends to the Commissioner for Co-operative Development on the cancellation of the societies that are not within the co-operative requirements i.e. example if a society membership falls below 10 the registered activities are no more.

WORKSHOPS

The District Co-operative Office organizes workshops every now and then. Managers, staff and committee are educated on the roles they play in the society. They are educated on what to do when and how.

PRE-CO-OPERATIVE DAYS

These are held to educate potential members (public) so as to let them know what a co-operative is and how to form one.

REVIVAL OF SOCIETIES

Some societies operate for some time and then stop their operations due to various reasons. The District Co-operative Office assists people to revive the dormant societies. The office gives advice to the members as well as educating them.