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## **CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD**

This addendum report contains the Committee's proceedings on the consideration and winnowing of amendments from individual Members on the Huduma Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021). The Bill was read a First Time on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 and subsequently committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for facilitation of public participation pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution of Kenya and Standing order 127.

The Huduma Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021) was committed to the Committee on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021. The Committee report was tabled on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and thereafter the Second Reading of the Bill was concluded and the Bill is scheduled for a Committee of the whole House. Following a number of proposals to amend the Bill, the Speaker directed that the amendments be referred to the Committee for winnowing. The outcome of winnowing would inform the Speaker on how best to guide the House before the Bill is considered at the Committee of whole House.

In conducting its review, the Committee invited members of the public and Members of Parliament with proposed amendments for deliberations.

The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its sittings.

Finally, I wish to commend the Honourable Members of the Committee who dedicated their time and made useful contributions towards the preparation and production of this addendum report.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Administration & National Security and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 199 (6), it is my pleasant privilege and honour to present to this House the Report of the Committee on its consideration of the Huduma Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021).



**The Hon. Peter Mwathi, CBS, MP**

**Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & National Security**



## **PART 1**

### **1.0 PREFACE**

#### **1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE**

1. The Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security is one of the fifteen (15) Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under *Standing Order 216* and mandated to:-
  - a) To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;
  - b) To study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of their implementation;
  - c) To study and review all the legislation referred to it;
  - d) To study, access and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
  - e) To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;
  - f) To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No.204 (Committee on appointments);
  - g) To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;
  - h) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;
  - i) To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
  - j) To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.

#### **1.2 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE**

2. The Committee oversees security related departments and state agencies that include National Security, Police Services, Home Affairs, Public Administration, Public Service, Prisons and Correctional Services, Immigration, the management of Natural Disasters, and Community Service Orders.
3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following government Departments;
  - a) Executive Office of the President
  - b) State Department for Interior and Citizen Services
  - c) State Department for Correctional Services
  - d) State Department for Public Service
  - e) Public Service Commission
  - f) National Police Service Commission
  - g) Independent Policing Oversight Authority

### 1.3 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

4. The Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security was reconstituted by the House in July, 2020 and comprises of the following Members:

**Hon. Peter Mwathi, CBS, MP- Chairperson**  
Limuru Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

**Hon. Fatuma Gedi, CBS, M.P – Vice - Chairperson**  
Wajir County  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Jeremiah Lomurukai, M.P  
Loima Constituency  
**ODM**

Hon. Abdi Shurie, M.P  
Balambala Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Dr. Tecla Tum, MP  
Nandi Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Aduma Owour, M.P  
Nyakach Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. Peter Kaluma, M.P  
Homa Bay Town Constituency  
**ODM Party**

Hon. Halima Mucheke, M.P  
Nominated  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Wambugu Munene, M.P  
Kirinyaga Central Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Geoffrey King'ang'i, M.P  
Mbeere South Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, M.P  
Kitui Central Constituency  
**Wiper Party**

Hon. Oku Kaunya, M.P  
Teso North Constituency  
**ANC Party**

Hon. Nimrod Mbai, M.P  
Kitui East Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Dr. Mishra Swarup, M.P  
Kesses Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu, CBS, M.P  
Nyeri Town Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Rozaah Buyu, M.P  
Kisumu County  
**ODM Party**

Hon. Peter Masara, M.P  
Suna West Constituency  
**Independent**

Hon. Marselimo Arbelle, MP  
Laisamis Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

#### **1.4 COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT**

5. The Committee is facilitated by the following Members of the Secretariat:

Mr. Adan Gindicha

**Senior Clerk Assistant – Head of Secretariat**

Mr. Joshua Ondari  
**Second Clerk Assistant**

Ms. Brigitta Mati  
**Legal Counsel**

Ms. Delvin Onyancha  
**Researcher Officer**

Mr. James Oloo  
**Office Assistant**

Mr. Edison Odhiambo  
**Fiscal Analyst**

Mr. Joel Okong'o  
**Media Officer**

Mr. Rodgers Kilungya  
**Audio Officer**

Ms. Eva Kaare  
**Serjeant-At-Arms**

## **PART II**

### **2.0 WINNOWING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HUDUMA BILL (NATIONAL BILL NO. 57 OF 2021)**

### **2.1 REFERRAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HUDUMA BILL (NATIONAL BILL NO. 57 OF 2021 TO COMMITTEE)**

6. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 131, the Speaker directed that the amendments received for the Huduma Bill (National Bill No. 57 of 2021) be subjected to the winnowing process by the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security. Members with proposed amendments were requested to appear before the Committee at a date to be appointed by the Committee.
7. In view of the above, the Committee advertised for interested members of the Public and other stakeholders through an advertisement in the daily papers on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022. The Public hearing was held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and the following organizations appeared before the Committee with views on the proposed amendments to the Bill:
  - a) Department for Immigration;
  - b) Kenya Medical Association;
  - c) Amnesty International;
  - d) Civic Association of Kenya;
  - e) NGO Council;
  - f) Digital Tech Consultancy;
  - g) Trust Data Privacy Consortium;
  - h) Taxi Association;
  - i) Refugees Consortium of Kenya;
  - j) Nubian Rights Forum;
  - k) Namati Kenya; and
  - l) Media Law Society of Kenya
8. The Committee invited the following Members with the proposed amendments to the Bill for the meeting on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 at 10.00 am but only Hon. Abdikhaim Osman, appeared before the Committee
  1. Hon. Aden Duale, EGH, MP
  2. Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP
  3. Hon. Dr. Robert Pukose, MP
  4. Hon. Kimani Ichungwah, MP
  5. Hon. John Kiarie, MP
  6. Hon. Gladwell Cheruiyot, MP
  7. Hon. Didmus Barasa, MP
  8. Hon. Abdikhaim Osman, MP



## **2.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HUDUMA BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 57 OF 2021)**

9. The Committee held two sittings to consider amendments to the Bill and resolved as follows:-

### **2.2.1 SUBMISSION BY STAKEHOLDERS ON THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

The Committee considered the proposed amendment and resolved as follows:-

#### **Mr. Kenneth Samoei**

10. **Clause 2** - “Biometric data”: Define biometric data in a more technical sense and refer to biometrics that will be collected.

**The Committee rejected the proposal.**

*Justification: The Bill already defines what Biometric data is and Biometric data is to be defined in accordance to Data Protection Act.*

#### **Haki na Sheria , Article 19 and KICTANET UN in Kenya**

11. **Clause 2** - “Resident individual” means

- (a) a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) a foreign national who has been granted lawful residency in Kenya;
- (c) a refugee or asylum seeker permitted in Kenya; or
- (d) a stateless person living within the territory of Kenya

**The Committee rejected the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: In recognizing a stateless person there is a process and as such the Committee has provided under regulations for the provision for the management of stateless persons and enrolment of the same.*

#### **Haki na Sheria**

12. **Clause 3** - Insert the following in clause 3

- a) Any use of technology for identification of persons or any process related to access to services shall promote constitutional values including national values and principles of governance, the entitlements of citizenship and fundamental rights and freedoms. The state shall guarantee equitable access to technology in all public offices and places where identification is required for access to services.
- b) All identification technology, including algorithmic technology, under this Act shall be fully owned by the state. No private parties shall own any part of the technology or systems.
- c) The state shall prioritize identity documentation for vulnerable groups within society, including women, older members of society, persons with disabilities,

children, youth, members of minority or marginalized communities, refugee and stateless communities, and members of particular ethnic, religious or cultural communities. Provided that in prioritizing access to identity to vulnerable groups, the state shall ensure that technology used promotes their fundamental rights and freedoms and protects them from harm.

- d) No person shall be denied access to a service because of lack of, or failure of technology or related infrastructure such as internet or power.
- e) No person shall be denied access to services that are critical to the right to life, for example emergency healthcare.
- f) No child shall be denied access to services meant for children for lack of identity documentation.
- g) Technology used in processing and storage of data collected under this Act and identification of persons shall provide optimal protection of data including ensuring access is only by authorized person for the specific and legitimate purpose for which required. The different databases forming NIIMS will only be linked for the necessary and specified purposes reasonably and legitimately required to run the service.

**The Committee rejected the proposed amendment**

*Justification: The proposed amendment is captured in clause 61 of the Bill which tasks the Cabinet Secretary to ensure implementation of administrative measures to address any procedural or social barriers that may limit enrolment into NIIMS.*

**Haki na Sheria and UN in Kenya**

13. THAT, Clause 7(3) of the Bill be amended by - a. deleting paragraph (a)

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee during Public Participation noted that children are registered by feeding into the system their biometrics. It is also essential to register them so as to keep track of their education and improve education on the whole.*

**Article 19, KICTANET and UN in Kenya**

14. THAT, Clause 7(3) of the Bill be amended by—

“(e) the Stateless Persons’ Huduma Card, which shall be issued to a stateless person.”

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has catered for Stateless persons under clause 68 which provides for “registration and management of stateless persons” and “enrolment of stateless persons to NIIMS”*

*Stateless persons are not excluded from NIIMS because the Bill provides that the Cabinet Secretary shall provide the necessary regulations to deal with Stateless persons. It is contemplated that Stateless persons shall be enrolled into NIIMS*

**Article 19 and KICTANET**

15. **THAT**, clause 8 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) renumbering the existing section as subsection (1); and
- (b) by inserting the following new subsection immediately after the renumbered subsection (1) —

“(2) Despite subsection (1), a person shall not be denied access to any public service for failure to produce a Huduma Card issued under this Act.”

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main objective of the Bill which is to link provision of services and registration which is to enhance service delivery. For persons who have not registered or acquired the huduma card, the Committee has provided for timelines in clause 72. It gives persons a maximum of two years to enrol into NIIMS.*

#### **Article 19 and KICTANET**

15. Clause 8 To delete the proposed amendment

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 8 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Proof of identity. 8. The presentation of the Huduma card issued under this Act shall be sufficient proof of identity to facilitate access to any public service which may require an official identification.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main objective of the Bill which is to link provision of services and registration which is to enhance service delivery. For persons who have not registered or acquired the huduma card, the Committee has provided for timelines in clause 72. It gives persons a maximum of two years to enrol into NIIMS.*

*The Committee has provided a proper regulatory framework to cater for persons with lack of identity document, poor biometrics and the likes.*

#### **Haki na Sheria, Article 19, KICTANET and UN in Kenya**

16. **THAT**, Clause 8 of the Bill be amended by - a. Inserting the words “but not mandatory” immediately after the words “shall constitute sufficient”

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main objective of the Bill which is to link provision of services and registration which is to enhance service delivery. For persons who have not registered or acquired the huduma card, the Committee has provided for timelines in clause 72. It gives persons a maximum of two years to enroll into NIIMS.*

#### **Haki na Sheria, Article 19, KICTANET and UN in Kenya**

17. **THAT**, Clause 10(1) of the Bill be amended by - deleting paragraph (b)
18. **THAT**, Clause 10(4) of the Bill be amended by - Inserting the words “Kenyan without identity documents, people with poor biometrics and refugees” after the words “marginalised communities”
19. Inserting clause 10 (5) immediately after clause 10 (4) “The Principle Secretary shall take special measures to facilitate the removal of the names of Kenyan Citizens from the refugee database”.

#### **The Committee rejects the proposed amendment in paragraph (a) and accepts the proposed amendment in paragraph (b)**

*Justification: With regard to paragraph (a) the Committee was of the view that the amendment constricted enrolment of an individual to only particulars as provided in the First Schedule. There is need to provide other documentary proof that may be required to enable an officer enrol an individual.*

*With regard to paragraph (b) the Committee agreed with the amendment as it seeks to expand the scope of persons who shall benefit from the special administrative measures.*

#### **Haki na Sheria, Article 19, KICTANET**

20. **THAT**, Clause 13 of the Bill be amended—
  - (a) by deleting sub clause (2);
  - (b) in sub clause (3), by deleting the words “to a citizen”; and
  - (c) by deleting subclause (4).

#### **The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee during Public Participation noted that children are registered by feeding into the system their biometrics. It is also essential to register them so as to keep track of their education and improve education on the whole.*

*Further with regard to amendment to sub-clause 3 and 4, the Committee considered the payment of fees and amended to provide that such fees shall be reasonable.*

#### **Haki na Sheria, Article 19, KICTANET**

20. **THAT**, Clause 14 of the Bill be amended by - Deleting the words “possessing a Minor’s Huduma card shall surrender the card to” and substituting therefor the words “shall appear in person before”

#### **The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**



*Justification: The Committee during Public Participation noted that children are registered by feeding into the system their biometrics. It is also essential to register them so as to keep track of their education and improve education on the whole.*

*Further with regard to amendment to subclause 3 and 4, the Committee considered the payment of fees and amended to provide that such fees shall be reasonable.*

**Mr. Kenneth Samoei**

21. Section 17(1) (c) The section gives the PS power to cancel or deregister an individual for any other justifiable cause.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment**

*Justification: This provision is unlimited and open to abuse. The Committee notes that this power has been given to the new entity NIIMS Service and its actions shall be checked by the Appeals Committee.*

**Haki na Sheria, Article 19, KICTANET**

22. **THAT**, Clause 61 of the Bill be amended by - a. Inserting the words “These groups include but are not limited to Kenyans who lack identity documents, people with poor biometrics, persons with disabilities, people living in rural and remote areas, refugees and stateless persons.”

**The Committee accepts the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The amendment seeks to define the term “any group of persons” and it further expands its scope.*

**Haki na Sheria**

23. **THAT**, Clause 66 (2) insert the following

The independent body in charge of NIIMS will report annually to Parliament on the implementation of this Act. The report will include statements on identification of persons, technology procured, impact assessments, the storage, use and access to identification data, complaints by NIIMS data subjects and how they were resolved, and any issues raised by the Data Commissioner or any relevant state agency and the remedial action taken where required.

That the following clause be added;

- a) Access to data collected under the Act by parties other than identification and service providers is prohibited unless authorized under the Act shall be subject to judicial oversight as provided for under the National Intelligence Services Act.
- b) Where there is permitted access under (a) above, users whose data has been accessed shall be notified within 30 days of such access.

#### **Haki na Sheria, Article 19, KICTANET**

24. THAT, Clause 72 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new sub clauses immediately after sub clause (5)

“(6) Notwithstanding subsection 4, the National Registration Bureau, the Civil Registration Services, and the Department of Immigration shall, before the coming into effect of this Act, continue to process any applications and issue registration documents under the repealed Acts.

(7) This Act shall come into operation no earlier than three years from the date of assent.”

#### **The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has provided for a transition mechanism in its amendments to clause 72 of the Bill.*

#### **Article 19 and KICTANET**

25. Threats to the Right to Privacy - The Huduma Bill and the Huduma Namba process poses a threat to the Right to Privacy and Data Protection. The Act provides for the capture of biometric data which in essence reveals intimate information about a person. This necessitates the introduction of additional safeguards towards protection. KICTANET and Article 19 have long expressed concern over the impact of biometric technologies on freedom of expression and the right to privacy. We note that one of the amendments suggested by Hon Peter Mwathi is that the data protection impact assessment should be included as part of the Regulations. We suggest that the data protection impact assessment ought to instead be a part of the Act and the parameters set within the Act as this makes it prescriptive and a mandatory prerequisite as opposed to a regulation.

#### **The Committee rejects the proposed amendments.**

*Justification: Regulations are an extension of the Act and it provides for the nitty gritty that may encompass data protection impact assessments with regards to civil registration. The threat to privacy in this case cannot be substantiated.*

#### **Article 19 and KICTANET**

26. Transitional provisions - The Bill seeks to repeal key Acts dealing with registration of persons, immigration and registration of births and deaths without a transition period. We note with concern the requirement on the government to deal with matters of exclusion prior to enrolment into NIIMS. We therefore recommend that the Bill should provide for a period of transition of approximately 5 years to allow for inclusion of all residents and efficiency in management and administration. We note that one of the amendments suggested by Honorable Cheruiyot Gladwell Jesire is that the Act takes effect after 3 years but we still assert that this is not a sufficient transition period and the period should not be less than 5 years

#### **The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*The Committee has provided for an adequate transition mechanism in its amendments to clause 72 of the Bill.*

#### **Article 19 and KICTANET**

27. Public Participation: Given the extensive nature of NIIMS and that it will impact many areas of lives of all Kenyans, this bill and all related legislation and/or regulations require robust public participation across the country through which the government can receive and consider the views and suggestions of Kenyans and other residents of the country and incorporate them into the final version(s). At all steps in the legislative process, the government should provide full information by advertising opportunities to provide input into the Huduma Bill not only on print media and gazette notices, but also through social media, TV stations and radio to give room for more Kenyans to interact with the Bill and share their view. In-person public participation opportunities should be organized by the government in every county - in accessible locations, in vernacular languages, with sufficient notice, and with information (such as the latest copy of the bill) provided in advance to enable Kenyans to provide informed views. Following all public participation opportunities, including the current collection of memoranda, feedback should be provided to the public on what recommendations were received and how input has been taken into account in amending the bill or plans for NIIMS. The government must invest in building user trust and confidence digital ID, including through meaningful and robust engagement on the anchoring legislation, the system design, and with the governing body for NIIMS.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Committee comments: The Committee undertook Public Participation in accordance with the Constitution and the National Assembly Orders.*

#### **Article 19 and KICTANET**

28. Risks of Exclusion: The Government must ensure all Kenyans can access identification documents such as birth certificates and national identity cards prior to moving forward with Huduma Namba. The draft bill does not sufficiently address concerns of exclusion that have been repeatedly raised over the past three years. It is critical to avoid importing issues prevalent in the current system of accessing birth registration, ID cards, and passports into the system proposed in this Bill. Those at risk of exclusion from NIIMS enrollment include Kenyans without identification documents, people with biometric challenges (such as unreadable fingerprints), persons with disabilities, street families and street children, and stateless persons. The High Court, in January 2020, also imposed a requirement on the government to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework that addresses how Kenyans without identity documents and people with biometric challenges can enroll in NIIMS - issues yet to be addressed in this bill or any existing regulations. Beyond risks of exclusion at the point of enrollment, there are no safeguards in the current draft bill to ensure against denial of services either for persons not enrolled in NIIMS or for those who are enrolled but who face challenges in the authentication or verification process at the point of accessing services or conducting transactions. Without significant changes, this bill will lead to the exclusion of millions

of Kenyans and other residents in the country. We welcome the proposed amendments by Honorable Aden Duale delinking the possession of the Huduma Namba/Card to access to key services. We also welcome the proposed amendments by Honorable Owen Yaa Baya to introduce a Stateless Person's Huduma Namba.

*Committee comments: The Committee notes that clause 61 seeks to address these issues further the Committee through the amendments has included in the regulations measures to address these challenges.*

*Further the proposed amendments with regard to members negates the main objective of the Bill which is to link provision of services and registration which is to enhance service delivery. For persons who have not registered or acquired the huduma card, the Committee has provided for timelines in clause 72. It gives persons a maximum of two years to enrol into NIIMS.*

#### **Article 19 and KICTANET**

29. Policy Framework: Civil registration and identification are critical functions in a country as they provide individuals with a unique legal identity throughout their lives. Transitioning to a digital identity system such as Huduma Namba in a country where there exists a fragmented civil registration system is a complicated matter. The success of the Huduma Namba programme will be hinged on addressing the gaps and bottlenecks that have plagued Kenya's civil registration and identification systems. There is a need for a holistic approach that is informed by evidence-based research, a comprehensive national policy on civil registration and identification, a robust strategy and an implementation plan with a clear road-map for the implementation of the Huduma Namba (NIIMS). The Bill, as currently drafted, is not informed by any of these foundational elements, which could portend challenges for the process of transition from paper-based systems, the current national identification card, and the various forms of identification under the numerous registration systems and government service providers

*The Committee comments: The Committee notes that the concept of Huduma numba is not new in Kenya and as such it is already in the current law as an amendment to the Registration of Persons Act.*

#### **Article 19 and KICTANET**

30. Institutional Framework for National Identity: The NIIMS Committee proposed in section 65 is an oversight body and not sufficient to give effect to various rights that individuals have in the Constitution and in this draft bill (i.e., appeal a decision of a NIIMS Officer, update particulars, etc.). There is a need to establish a National Identification Agency or National Identification Commission to be the competent, robust, and independent institution responsible for the planning, management, administration and implementation of NIIMS and the Huduma Bill. Establishing such an agency would be in line with Sustainable Development Goal 16.6 to develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions, and to ensure legal identity for all.



*Committee comment: The Committee has provided for the establishment of the NIIMS Service and independent agency that should carry out planning, management, administration and implementation of NIIMS.*

#### **UN in Kenya**

31. THAT Clause 60B (1) be amended by adding Department of Refugee Services (DRS) immediately after registration.

*Rationale: Kenya is currently hosting over 540,000 asylum seekers and refugees. Department of Refugee Services was recently established through the Refugee Act, of 2021 to manage matters concerning asylum seekers and refugees in the country.*

THAT Clause 60B (2) be amended by adding immediately after (2) (a)

(b) assigning of huduma namba to children at birth in the NIIMS database

THAT Clause 60B (2) be further amended by adding immediately after the current (b)

(c) de-activation of huduma namba in the NIIMS database

*Rationale: International standards for assigning of a unique identifier happens at birth and is deactivated at death.*

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has provided that the Service may absorb any other relevant department.*

#### **Directorate of Immigration**

32. Clause 60B (1) be amended by deleting the word “Immigration” appearing before Integrated Population Registration System.

33. That Clause 60B (4) clause be deleted

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

34. THAT the Bill be amended in the second schedule by deleting the proposed consequential amendments to the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act, 2011.

**Justification: The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service*

*Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

35. THAT, clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in the definition of the term “NIIMS officer” by deleting paragraph (b); and
- (b) by deleting the definition of the term “passport”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

- 36. THAT, clause 40 of the Bill be deleted
- 37. THAT, clause 41 of the Bill be deleted
- 38. THAT, clause 42 of the Bill be deleted.
- 39. THAT, clause 43 of the Bill be deleted.
- 40. THAT, clause 44 of the Bill be deleted.
- 41. THAT, clause 45 of the Bill be deleted.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

- 42. THAT, Clause 68 of the Bill amended in subclause (2), by deleting the word “passport” appearing in paragraph (b);

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

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- 43. THAT, clause 70 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (i)—

- (ia) issuance of passports and other travel documents;
- (ib) registration of foreign nationals;

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

44. THAT, clause 72 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting sub clause (3); and
- (b) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “the Department of Immigration and the Integrated Population Registration Services”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

**2.2.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY MEMBERS ON THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE 2022**

**Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

45. THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting the long title and substituting therefor the following—  
AN ACT of Parliament to establish the National Integrated Identity Management System; provide for the enrolment into NIIMS, assigning of Huduma Namba and issuance of legal identity documents; facilitate the registration of births and deaths; promote efficient delivery of public services; and for connected purposes

**The Committee rejected the amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main object of the Bill which is to merge Kenya's two identity ecosystems being the foundational and functional identity models. The proposed amendment leaves a scattered legal regime with regard to registration of persons and services to be procured by the said persons.*

46. THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 1 and substituting therefor the following new clause—  
Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Identity Documents Act, 2022.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main object of the Bill which is to merge Kenya's two identity ecosystems being the foundational and functional identity models.*

*The proposed amendment does not speak to the objective of the Bill which is to merge all law that deal with civil registration which in essence is to provide efficiency in that ecosystem*

**Hon. Aden Duale, MP**

47. THAT, clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in the definition of the term “NIIMS officer” by deleting paragraph (b); and
- (b) by deleting the definition of the term “passport”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

**Hon. Mohammed Abdikahim Osman, MP**

48. THAT, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in the definition of the term “Cabinet Secretary” by deleting the word “immigration” appearing immediately after the words “registration of persons”;
- (b) in the definition of the term “NIIMS officer”, by deleting paragraph (b); and
- © by deleting the definition of the term “passport”;

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

**Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

49. THAT, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

- (d) in the definition of the term “Cabinet Secretary” by deleting the word “immigration” appearing immediately after the words “registration of persons”;
- (e) in the definition of the term “NIIMS officer”, by deleting paragraph (b); and
- (f) by deleting the definition of the term “passport”;



**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

**Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP**

50. THAT, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended by deleting the definition of term “resident individual” and substituting therefor the following new definition—  
“resident individual” means —
- (a) a citizen of Kenya;
  - (b) a foreign national who has been granted lawful residency in Kenya;
  - (c) a refugee or asylum seeker permitted in Kenya; or
  - (d) a stateless person permitted in Kenya.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has catered for Stateless persons under clause 68 which provides for “registration and management of stateless persons” and “enrollement of stateless persons to NIIMS”*

*Stateless persons are not excluded from NIIMS because the Bill provides that the Cabinet Secretary shall provide the necessary regulations to deal with Stateless persons. It is contemplated that Stateless persons shall be enrolled into NIIMS*

**Hon. Gladwell Jesire, MP**

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**Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

52. THAT, Clause 3 of the Bill be amended by—

(a) inserting a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

“(ba) promote an open digital platform which will facilitate interoperability and sharing of information between the government and private agencies;” and

(b) inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 3—

Identity documents. 3A. (1) For purposes of this Act, an identity document is a document issued by a state authority or agency in which the name, date of birth or personal identification number, a photograph or facial image and the signature or image of signature of the holder are entered, unless otherwise provided by law.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), an identity document includes—

- (a) an identity card;
- (b) a birth certificate;
- (c) a huduma card;
- (d) a Kenyan citizen’s passport;
- (e) a diplomatic passport;
- (f) a seafarer’s discharge book;
- (g) a temporary travel document;
- (h) a refugee identity card;
- (i) a driver’s license;
- (j) a health insurance card;
- (k) a social security card; and
- (l) any other document that the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main object of the Bill which is to merge Kenya’s two identity ecosystems being the foundational and functional identity models.*

*The proposed amendment does not speak to the objective of the Bill which is to merge all laws that deal with civil registration which in essence is to provide efficiency in that ecosystem. Further the proposed amendment will not create an efficient identity system and enhance public and private sector service delivery.*

**Hon. Mohammed Abdikahim Osman, MP**

53. THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended in sub clause (3), by deleting subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c).

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

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**Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP**

55. THAT, Clause 7(3) of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (d)—

“(e) the Stateless Persons’ Huduma Card, which shall be issued to a stateless person.”

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has catered for Stateless persons under clause 68 which provides for “registration and management of stateless persons” and “enrollement of stateless persons to NIIMS”*

*Stateless persons are not excluded from NIIMS because the Bill provides that the Cabinet Secretary shall provide the necessary regulations to deal with Stateless persons. It is contemplated that Stateless persons shall be enrolled into NIIMS*

**Hon. Gladwell Jesire, MP**

56. THAT, Clause 7(3) of the Bill be amended by—

(a) deleting paragraph (a);

(b) inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (d)—

“(e) the Stateless Persons’ Huduma Card, which shall be issued to a stateless person.”

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has catered for Stateless persons under clause 68 which provides for “registration and management of stateless persons” and “enrollement of stateless persons to NIIMS”*

*Stateless persons are not excluded from NIIMS because the Bill provides that the Cabinet Secretary shall provide the necessary regulations to deal with Stateless persons. It is contemplated that Stateless persons shall be enrolled into NIIMS*

*Further, the Committee during Public Participation noted that children are registered by feeding into the system their biometrics. It is also essential to register them so as to keep track of their education and improve education on the whole.*

**Hon. Aden Duale, MP**

57. THAT, clause 8 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) renumbering the existing section as subsection (1); and
- (b) by inserting the following new subsection immediately after the renumbered subsection (1) —

“(2) Despite subsection (1), a person shall not be denied access to any public service for failure to produce a Huduma Card issued under this Act.”

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main objective of the Bill which is to link provision of services and registration which is to enhance service delivery. For persons who have not registered or acquired the huduma card, the Committee has provided for timelines in clause 72. It gives persons a maximum of two years to enrol into NIIMS.*

**Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP**

58. THAT, Clause 8 of the Bill be amended by inserting the words “but not mandatory” immediately after the words “shall constitute sufficient”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The proposed amendment negates the main objective of the Bill which is to link provision of services and registration which is to enhance service delivery. For persons who have not registered or acquired the huduma card, the Committee has provided for timelines in clause 72. It gives persons a maximum of two years to enrol into NIIMS.*

**Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

59. THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following clause immediately after clause 9—  
Access to personal information. 9A. A person enrolled into the NIIMS shall have the right to—

- (a) retrieve information on who has accessed his or her personal information; and
- (b) retrieve information on how that information has been used.

**The Committee accepted the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: This will a right to an individual to have control of his or her personal data and know how the state is handling his or her data. Further, the agency is under obligation to share any of its actions on an individual's data such as sharing that data with another entity with the concerned individual.*

**Hon. Owen Yaa Baya, MP**

60. THAT, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by deleting paragraph (b).

**The Committee rejected the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee was of the view that the amendment constricted enrolment of an individual to only particulars as provided in the First Schedule. There is need to provide other documentary proof that may be required to enable an officer enrol an individual.*

**Hon. Gladwell Jesire, MP**

61. THAT, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1), by deleting paragraph (b); and
- (b) in subclause (4), by inserting the words “Kenyan without identity documents, people with poor biometrics” immediately after the words “marginalised communities”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment in paragraph (a) and accepts the proposed amendment in paragraph (b)**

*Justification: With regard to paragraph (a) the Committee was of the view that the amendment constricted enrolment of an individual to only particulars as provided in the First Schedule. There is need to provide other documentary proof that may be required to enable an officer enrol an individual.*

*With regard to paragraph (b) the Committee agreed with the amendment as it seeks to expand the scope of persons who shall benefit from the special administrative measures.*

62. THAT, Clause 13 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting sub clause (2);
- (b) in sub clause (3), by deleting the words “to a citizen”; and
- (c) by deleting subclause (4).

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee during Public Participation noted that children are registered by feeding into the system their biometrics. It is also essential to register them so as to keep track of their education and improve education on the whole.*

*Further with regard to amendment to subclause 3 and 4, the Committee considered the payment of fees and amended to provide that such fees shall be reasonable.*

63. THAT, Clause 14 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “possessing a Minors’ Huduma card shall surrender the card to” and substituting therefor the words “shall appear in person before”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee during Public Participation noted that children are registered by feeding into the system their biometrics. It is also essential to register them so as to keep track of their education and improve education on the whole.*

**Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

64. THAT, Clause 18 of the Bill be amended by deleting the word “government”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment**

*Justification: The Bill essentially contemplates the provision of public services provided by public agencies.*



**Hon. Aden Duale, MP**

65. THAT, clause 40 of the Bill be deleted

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

*Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

66. THAT, clause 41 of the Bill be deleted

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for. Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

67. THAT, clause 42 of the Bill be deleted

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for. Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

68. THAT, clause 43 of the Bill be deleted.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for. Also, the*



*Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

69. THAT, clause 44 of the Bill be deleted.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for. Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

70. THAT, clause 45 of the Bill be deleted.

The Committee rejects the proposed amendment

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*Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

**Hon. Mohammed Abdikahim Osman, MP**

71. THAT, Part V of the Bill be deleted.

The Committee rejects the proposed amendment

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for. Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

**Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

72. THAT, Part V of the Bill be deleted.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

*Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

**Hon. Gladwell Jesire, MP**

73. Clause 61 THAT, Clause 61 of the Bill be amended by inserting a new sub-clause immediately after sub-clause (2)—

“(3) The term “any group of persons” shall include but not limited to Kenyans who lack identity documents, people with poor biometrics, persons with disabilities, people living in rural and remote areas, and stateless persons.”

**The Committee accepts the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The amendment seeks to define the term “any group of persons” and it further expands its scope.*

**Hon. Aden Duale, MP**

74. THAT, clause 68 of the Bill be deleted.

**The Committee accepts the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The amendment seeks to re arrange the provision in accordance with the Standing Orders.*

**Hon. Mohammed Abdikahim Osman, MP**

75. THAT, Clause 68 of the Bill amended in subclause (2), by deleting the word “passport” appearing in paragraph (b);

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

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**Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

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*Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

**Hon. Aden Duale, MP**

77. THAT clause 69 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “by Parliament” and substituting therefor the words “by the National Assembly”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee’s amendments with regard to financing of NIIMS Service takes into consideration the amendment.*

**Hon. Aden Duale, MP, Hon. Mohammed Abdikahim Osman, MP and Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

78. THAT, clause 70 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (i)—

- (ia) issuance of passports and other travel documents;
- (ib) registration of foreign nationals;

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

*Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

**Hon. Aden Duale, MP, Hon. Mohammed Abdikahim Osman, MP and Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP**

79. THAT, clause 72 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting sub clause (3); and

(b) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “the Department of Immigration and the Integrated Population Registration Services”.

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

*Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

**Hon. Gladwell Jesire, MP**

80. Clause 72 THAT, Clause 72 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new sub clauses immediately after sub clause (5)

“(6) Notwithstanding subsection 4, the National Registration Bureau, the Civil Registration Services, and the Department of Immigration shall, before the coming into effect of this Act, continue to process any applications and issue registration documents under the repealed Acts.

(7) This Act shall come into operation no earlier than three years from the date of assent.”

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has provided for a transition mechanism in its amendments to clause 72 of the Bill*

Hon. Aden Aden Duale, MP

81. THAT, the Bill be amended in the Second Schedule by deleting the proposed consequential amendments to the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act (No 12. of 2011).

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

*Also, the Passport is a document that should be embedded within NIIMS as it is an essential identity document.*

**Hon. Aden Duale, MP, Hon. Mohammed Abdikahim Osman, MP and Hon, Peter Kaluma  
, MP**



82. THAT, the Second Schedule be amended in the proposed amendments to the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act—
- (a) in the proposed amendments to section 2 (1) paragraph (1)—
    - (i) by deleting the proposed deletion of the definition of “Immigration Officer”;
    - (ii) by deleting the proposed deletion of the definition of “Passport”;
  - (b) by deleting the proposed amendments to section 2 (2) and substituting therefor the following—
- 2 (2) Insert the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—
- “Director General” means a person appointed as a Director General under section 4(1) of the Act;
- “Immigration Officer” means the Director General and any persons appointed as Immigration officers under section 5 of the Act;
- (c) by deleting the proposed amendments to “No. 12 of 2011” and substituting therefor the following new paragraphs—
- “(2) Delete the word “Director” wherever it appears and substitute therefor the words “Director General”;
- (d) in the proposed amendments to section 4(1), by deleting the words “The Principal Secretary shall” and substituting therefor the following words “The President shall, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, appoint a Director General to”;
  - (e) by deleting the proposed amendments to section 4(2), and substituting therefor the following —
- “Delete the opening statement and substitute therefor the following—
- “(2) The Director General shall subject to such directions as may from time to time be given by the Cabinet Secretary perform the following functions—”
- Delete the word “Service” appearing in paragraphs (h) and (j) and substituting therefor the words “Cabinet Secretary”
- (f) by deleting the proposed amendments to section 5 and substituting therefor the following—
- New section Insert the following section immediately after section 5D—
- 5E. (1) The Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to immigration shall establish the Citizenship and Permits Determination Advisory Committee, Permanent Residency Advisory Committee and such other committees as it shall be deemed necessary for effective administration of the Act’.
- (2) The Cabinet Secretary shall prescribe the composition and functions of the committees established under subsection (1).
- (g) by deleting the proposed amendments to section 24;
  - (h) by deleting the proposed amendments to section 25 and substituting therefor the following—
- s.25 “Delete subsection (1)(c);”
- (i) by deleting the proposed amendments to section 26 and substituting therefor the following—
- s.26 “Delete subsection (2);”
- (j) by deleting the proposed amendments to section 27 and substituting therefor the following—
- s.27 (1) Delete subsection (3) and substitute therefor the following new subsection—
- (3) An application made under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by a Huduma card or Huduma namba;
- (2) Insert the following new subsections immediately after subsection (4)—

(4A) An Immigration officer shall utilize the information under NIIMS database to issue or replace a passport to an applicant.

(4B) In processing an application for a passport, an Immigration officer may—

(a) update, or require an applicant to provide further details required to update any particulars as provided under the First Schedule of the Huduma Act, and

(b) make such further verification as may be necessary.”;

(k) by deleting the proposed amendment to section 28;

(l) by deleting the proposed amendment to section 29;

(m) by deleting the proposed amendment to section 30;

(n) by deleting the proposed amendment to section 32;

**The Committee rejects the proposed amendment.**

*Justification: The Committee has followed the model of integration of data between the offices of immigration, national bureau registration, civil registration and integrated population registration services. This will enhance efficiency within the NIIMS system. Further the Committee has introduced an amendment to provide for the NIIMS Service Agency which is an independent service. The Service is composed of departments, one of them being Immigration and provision of its functions is also provided for.*

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SIGNED.....  ..... DATE..... 07/06/2022

**HON. PETER MWATHI, CBS, MP**  
**(CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION & NATIONAL SECURITY)**

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HUDUMA BILL  
(*NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL No. 57, 2021*)**

The Huduma Bill, (*National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021*), sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party, Hon. (Dr.) Amos Kimunya, EGH, M.P., seeks to reform the identity ecosystem. It establishes the National Integrated Identity Management System (NIMS) that will be a primary database for both fundamental and functional data, from which every other database with personal data of residents in Kenya, such as databases for voters, taxes, and social services, will be built.

The Bill, underwent Second Reading on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and was committed to the Committee of the Whole House for consideration pursuant to National Assembly Standing Order 130(1).

The Speaker of the National Assembly has since received several proposed amendments to the Bill for consideration during the Committee of the Whole House. Consequently and pursuant to Standing Order 131, the Speaker has referred the proposed amendments to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for harmonization and public participation before consideration by the Committee of the Whole House.

**Now Therefore** in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya and National Assembly Standing Order 127(3), the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security hereby invites members of the public and relevant stakeholders to a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 from 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm in the Boardroom on 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Continental House, Parliament Buildings.**

The proposed amendments are accessible at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Buildings or on [www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills).

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FOR: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022



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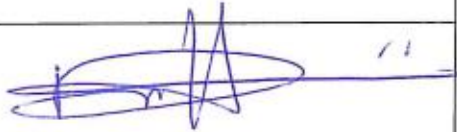



ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

DATE: Thursday, June 2, 2021

TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: Mini-Chamber, County Hall

AGENDA: Consideration of Huduma Bill, 2021

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To Submit on  
Amendments,

A Brief on the Proposed Consolidation of the NIIMS System and the Immigration Department

We curio-shop business owners and other stakeholders who rely on external tourists to buy our merchandise feel targeted, sidelined, and aggrieved with the Huduma Bill 2021.

The Huduma Bill is proposing legal changes that threaten our businesses, which shall affect our livelihood if enacted. The Bill will become a single law that shall add more functions to the Immigration Department, which traditionally issued tourist visas, passports, border management, customs, issuance of work and residence permits, and border demarcation. In addition, now, if the Bill is enacted, it will manage the national registry and oversee the National Integrated Identity Management System (NIIMS) governance. The safety of the data provided by tourists when applying for a visa is not guaranteed. It would result in many prospecting tourists avoiding visiting Kenya due to the sensitive matters of their data safety.

It is for this reason that we request the Parliamentary Committee to relook and factor in the following;

- i. **Public Participation** – We believe that we, the country's tourism sector stakeholders, should be allowed to air our views and give our recommendations to ensure that we don't go out of business. The first public participation was at the height of festivities, which was very short notice. The tourism industry is one of the top revenue earners for the country. Anything that may threaten the industry must be treated with utmost urgency and the seriousness it deserves. If enacted as it is, this Bill would render many of us jobless as we rely on external tourists more.
- ii. **Policy Framework** – It is the sole responsibility of the government to issue visas to external tourists. Traditionally, this function was left to the Immigration Department, and with the new proposed NIIMS system under the Bill, the guarantee of safety of the data provided by foreigners who visit Kenya is not there. This is why we suggest that





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Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Departmental Committee On Administration And National Security

National Assembly of Kenya

Parliament Buildings.

**RE: THE HUDUMA BILL BILL ( NO 57 OF 2021) – COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS**

Receive our much considered regards,

**Young Kenyan Patriots** is a lobby group bringing together young progressive Kenyans in earnest positive efforts towards radical transformation in Kenya's social, economic and political organization.

**Our** membership is drawn from the bulwark resource pool of young energetic Kenyans from across the entire country, through our established network of committed grass-root mobilizers.

**Bound** by patriotic duty and undeterred from owning up to our core commitment, we continue to take keen interest on the procedural progress of the aforementioned proposed law.

**Acknowledging** that the bill holds the promise of re-aligning government service delivery with the progressive aspirations of the Kenyan people.

**While** commendably appreciating the efforts of the committee towards realization of this timely bill.

**We** take apprehensive note of some proposed amendments to the bill and humbly wish to hold our position as follows:

1. That on the proposed amendment to **CLAUSE 2** of the bill, seeking to grant **stateless persons** permitted in Kenya, legal status as **resident individuals** of our country, we duly consider that:

25<sup>th</sup>/05/22





- a) **Statelessness** is a temporal procedural status bound by and limited to the lawful processes defined under the **Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Regulations 2012** as regards residence in the country.
  - b) Worryingly, we take note that the proposed amendments will oddly offer a legal buffer zone for the endemic, dangerously unlawful exploitation of the porous nature of our northern frontier boundaries by criminal elements from our unstable neighbors.
2. As regards, we take note that the proposed **CLAUSE 7 (3e)** is a further attempt to grant stateless persons permitted in Kenya, legal status as resident individuals of our country and reiterate our reserved considerations as previously stated in (1) above
  3. We pleasantly take note that **CLAUSE 7 (3a)** in practice and spirit seeks to rightfully acknowledge the constitutional guaranteed rights of minors as expressly defined under Article 53 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. (*Article 53: Every child has the right –1. (a) To a name and nationality from birth ;)*

**Granted therefore the proposed amendment/exclusion/deletion of clause 7 (3a) remains fundamentally unconstitutional.**

4. **CLAUSE 7 3(a)** (as read together with **CLAUSE 11**) remarkably alleviates almost entirely the prohibitive and persistent challenge of establishing, validating and maintaining of actual foundational data of the resident individuals in the remote frontier regions of country.

As regards therefore, it is our patriotic prayer that the committee shall duly record our vehement misgiving with these proposed amendments and consider our objections to the same as it furthers the due process of legislation of this remarkable bill.

We remain hopeful and look forward to the institutionalization and functionalization of NIIMS in the earliest possible instance.

We continue to pray for God's continued guidance in your endeavors.

Signed

Yours Truly,



(Mungwana) Mark Moses Maina  
**Chair-Young Kenyan Patriots**  
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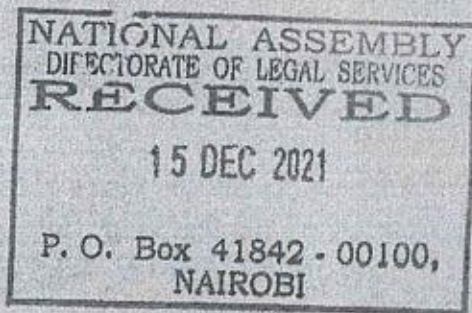
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AMENDMENTS**



**THE HUDUMA BILL, 2021****A Bill for—**

**AN ACT of Parliament to provide a primary law on civil registration and legal identification management; establish the National Integrated Identity Management System; provide for enrolment into the NIIMS, assigning of the Huduma Namba and issuance of legal identity documents; facilitate the registration of births and deaths; promote efficient delivery of public services; and for connected purposes**

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

**PART I—PRELIMINARY**

1. This Act may be cited as the Huduma Act, 2021.

Short title.

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

Interpretation.

“biometric data” includes fingerprints, hand geometry, earlobe geometry, retina and iris patterns, toe impression, voice waves, signatures, blood typing and photograph;

“birth” means the complete expulsion or extraction from a mother of a product of conception after the expiration of the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy, whether alive or dead;

“Cabinet Secretary” means the cabinet secretary responsible for matters relating to registration of persons, immigration and citizen services;

“civil registration” means the continuous, permanent, compulsory and universal recording of the occurrence and characteristic of a vital event on the population including that of birth, adoption, marriage and death;

“Committee” means the NIIMS co-ordination committee established under section 65;

“death” means the permanent disappearance of all evidence of life at any time after a live birth has taken place and without any capability of resuscitation but does not include a still birth;

No. 12 of 2011.

“designated NIIMS officer” in relation to any function under this Act, means the officer responsible for the performance of that function;



“enrolment” means the process of collecting specified particulars from a resident individual for the purpose of assigning the Huduma Namba;

“foundational data” means the basic personal data of a resident individual for attesting the individual’s identity and includes biometric data and biographical data;

“functional data” means the data of a resident individual created in response to a demand of a particular service or transaction;

“foreign national” means any person who is not a citizen of Kenya;

“new-born” means a human infant from the time of birth through the twenty eighth day of life;

“NIIMS” means the National Integrated Identity Management System established under section 4;

“NIIMS officer” means a public officer appointed to carry out duties under—

- (a) this Act;
- (b) the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act; or
- (c) any other law relating to civil registration;

“Huduma card” means a digital multipurpose identity card issued to a resident individual who has enrolled into the NIIMS;

“Huduma Namba” means the unique and permanent identification number issued to an individual under this Act;

“institutional household” includes a hotel, hostel, boarding house, orphanage or other similar establishment;

“passport” means a passport issued under this Act or by any lawful authority or government recognized by the Government of Kenya to facilitate international travel;

“personal data” means foundational and functional data collected under this Act as specified under the First Schedule;

“place of birth” includes a health facility or an administrative location where a birth occurs;



“Principal Secretary” means the principal secretary responsible for matters relating to registration of persons, immigration and citizen services; and

“resident individual” means —

- (a) a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) a foreign national who has been granted lawful residency in Kenya; or
- (c) refugee or asylum seeker permitted in Kenya.

3. The object of this Act is to—

Object of the Act.

- (a) consolidate the law on civil registration and legal identity management;
- (b) establish a digital national population database to be the primary source of foundational data for a resident individual;
- (c) provide mechanisms for registration of births, deaths and recognition of a vital events of a resident individual;
- (d) facilitate the assigning of the Huduma Namba and issuance of legal identity documents; and
- (e) promote integrity, confidentiality and security of personal data under the NIIMS database.

## **PART II—THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED IDENTITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

4. There is established the National Integrated Identity Management System (“NIIMS”), which consists of the—

Establishment of NIIMS.

- (a) the NIIMS database;
- (b) the Huduma Namba; and
- (c) the Huduma card.

5. (1) The NIIMS database is an integrated digital population register of resident individuals enrolled under this Act.

NIIMS database.

(2) The NIIMS database shall contain—

- (a) foundational data set out under the First Schedule; and



(b) functional data generated and linked by any agency responsible for a function requiring the use of the Huduma Namba.

(3) The NIIMS database shall—

(a) operate as the primary source of foundational data for every enrolled resident individual;

(b) enable use of biometric data to identify an enrolled individual;

(c) facilitate use of personal data under the NIIMS database to—

(i) assign the Huduma Namba;

(ii) issue the Huduma card;

(iii) issue a passport; and

(iv) support access and issuance of copies of legal identity documents.

6. (1) There shall be a unique and permanent personal identification number referenced to as the Huduma Namba which shall be assigned to every resident individual enrolled into the NIIMS. Huduma Namba.

(2) The Huduma Namba shall be assigned at birth or upon enrolment under this Act.

7. (1) Subject to this Act, a resident individual who enrolls into the NIIMS shall be issued with a Huduma card. Huduma card.

(2) The Huduma card shall on its face include the following particulars of an individual —

(a) full name;

(b) sex;

(c) date of birth;

(d) Huduma Namba;

(e) nationality;

(f) resident status, where applicable; and

(g) front facing photograph.

(3) The types of Huduma card to be issued shall include—



- (a) Minors' Huduma card, which shall be issued to a child who has attained the age of six years;
- (b) Adults' Huduma card, which shall be issued to a citizen who has attained the age of eighteen years;
- (c) the Foreign Nationals' Huduma card, which shall be issued to a foreign national; and
- (d) the Refugees' Huduma card, which shall be issued to a refugee.

(4) The issuance of the Huduma card shall continually consider advances in technology and relevant guidelines.

8. The presentation of the Huduma card issued under this Act shall constitute sufficient proof of identity to facilitate access any public service which may require an official identification to conduct private transactions

Proof of identity.

9. Any government agency which requires personal particulars of a resident individual in order to provide a service shall, at the first instance, rely on the NIIMS database to authenticate the foundational data of such individual.

Primacy of the NIIMS database.

### **PART III—ENROLMENT INTO NIIMS**

10. (1) An adult resident individual seeking to enrol into the NIIMS shall appear in person before a NIIMS officer and shall provide—

Enrolment of adults.

- (a) the particulars specified in the First Schedule; and
- (b) such documentary proof as may be required.

No. 24 of 2019.

(2) At the time of enrolling, a resident individual shall be informed of the rights of a data subject as set out under the Data Protection Act.

(3) A citizen residing outside Kenya may enrol into the NIIMS at the Kenyan Embassy in the country of residence or at any other centre designated for that purpose.

(4) The Principal Secretary shall make special administrative arrangements to facilitate the enrolment of persons with disabilities, marginalised communities, persons incapacitated by illness, elderly citizens, and individuals in institutional households.



11. A child shall be enrolled into the NIIMS—

Enrolment of minors.

- (a) in the case of a new-born, immediately after birth; or
- (b) in the case of any other child upon appearing before a NIIMS designated officer accompanied by a parent or a guardian and providing the particulars set out in the First Schedule.

12. (1) The Principal Secretary shall, upon examining the information provided by the applicant—

Assigning a Huduma Namba.

- (a) assign the Huduma Namba to the individual within thirty days of the application; and
- (b) notify the individual of a successful enrolment.

(2) Where an application for enrolment is declined, the Principal Secretary shall communicate the decision in writing to the applicant and provide—

- (a) the reasons for such decision; and
- (b) information on the right of review or appeal available to the applicant.

13. (1) The Huduma Card shall be issued to an individual who has been assigned the Huduma Namba.

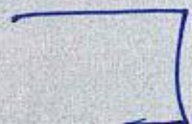
Issuance of Huduma Card.

(2) Despite subsection (1), a child shall only be eligible to be issued with a Huduma card upon—

- (a) attaining the age of six years; and
- (b) providing the required biometric data and updating other particulars.

(3) The initial issue of the Huduma Card to a citizen shall be free of charge.

(4) The issuance of a huduma card to a foreign national or a refugee shall be subject to the payment of such fees as may be prescribed.



Refugee



14. Within ninety days of attaining the age of eighteen years, an individual possessing a Minors' Huduma card shall surrender the card to a NIIMS officer who shall—

Transitioning a minors' Huduma card.

- (a) verify and update the individual's particulars under the First Schedule; and
- (b) issue the individual with relevant Adults' Huduma card.

15. (1) An individual whose Huduma card is lost, worn out, tampered with or otherwise rendered unserviceable may apply for its replacement subject to payment of the prescribed fee.

Replacement of the Huduma card.

(2) A person who finds, or comes into possession of a Huduma Card not belonging to them shall, without charging any fee, return it to the owner, the nearest NIIMS officer, or the nearest police station.

16. (1) An enrolled individual shall notify a NIIMS officer of any change of any of the particulars set out in the First Schedule.

Update of particulars.

(2) Upon the receipt of a notification under subsection (1), the NIIMS officer shall verify the information provided and update the NIIMS database without delay.

(3) The parent or guardian of a child shall update the particulars taken at the registration of the child's birth under the NIIMS upon the child attaining the age of six years.

17. (1) The Principal Secretary shall cancel the enrolment of any individual into the NIIMS—

Cancellation of enrolment.

- (a) if such enrolment is found to have been obtained by fraud, bribery or deceit;
- (b) where there was concealment of material facts; or
- (c) for any other justifiable cause.

No. 4 of 2015.

(2) In taking any of the action under subsection (1), the Principal Secretary shall have regard to the provisions of the Fair Administrative Action Act, 2015.

(3) The Huduma Namba of an individual whose enrolment has been cancelled shall be deleted and the respective Huduma card revoked.



(4) A person aggrieved by a decision under this section may—

- (a) appeal to the High Court; or
- (b) explore any internal review mechanisms as may be provided.

18. Every government agency that relies on foundational data of resident individuals to deliver a public service may be linked to the NIIMS database in a manner that enables that agency to—

Linking functional data into the NIIMS.

- (a) authenticate personal data in their possession with the NIIMS database; and
- (b) transmit, access or retrieve foundational data necessary for proper discharge of the agency's functions.

#### PART IV – BIRTHS AND DEATHS

##### A—Registration of births and enrolment of New-born

19. (1) Every birth occurring in the country shall be registered in the prescribed manner through the NIIMS within ninety days of its occurrence.

Universal registration of births.

(2) The registration of a birth is compulsory and shall be free of any charge where done within the stipulated period.

20. (1) A person giving a notification of a birth shall submit the particulars of the birth to a NIIMS officer and attest as to the correctness of the particulars.

Particulars of birth

(2) The particulars referred to under subsection (1) include—

- (a) in regard to the new-born, the sex, date and place of birth, type of delivery, any disability and weight at birth;
- (b) in regard to the mother, the name, age, usual place of residence, nationality, Huduma Namba and previous births, if any; and
- (c) in regard to the father, the name, age, usual place of residence, nationality and Huduma Namba.



- (c) the sex and approximate age of the child;
- (d) the name and address of the person who has custody of the , given to the child by the person who has custody of the foundling.

(2) Upon being notified of the particulars under subsection (1), the NIIMS officer shall upon confirming the information provided register the child.

26. (1) Upon the enrolment of a new-born or any other child, a certificate of birth shall be generated and issued from the NIIMS database. Certificate of birth.

(2) A certificate of birth shall include the following particulars of the child—

- (a) name;
- (b) place of birth;
- (c) date of birth;
- (d) sex;
- (e) nationality;
- (f) Huduma Namba; and
- (g) name and Huduma Namba of the parents or guardians.

27. (1) The particulars of the child taken at birth shall be updated on a continuous basis to recognise the child's developmental milestones and other specified vital events. Update of particulars of a child.

(2) A parent or guardian shall notify the NIIMS officer of any change or error in a particular recorded about the child in the NIIMS database.

(3) The notification under subsection (2) shall be given within thirty days after the change in a circumstance or when a parent or a guardian becomes aware of any error in any particular of the child

28. Where an adoption order is granted in relation to a child after the completion of the adoption process, the NIIMS officer shall — Adoption Certificate.

- (a) update particulars of the child under the NIIMS in accordance with the adoption order; and



(b) ensure the adoption certificate is available under the NIIMS database in a manner that makes it accessible.

29. Where a child who has been enrolled under the NIIMS attain the age of six years, a parent or a guardian shall present the child before a NIIMS officer to provide specified biometric data of the child for updating the NIIMS database, after which the child shall be issued with a Minor's Huduma Card.

Biometrics of a child

*B— Registration of Deaths and Disenrollment*

30. (1) Every death occurring within the country shall be registered through the NIIMS in the prescribed manner within thirty days of its occurrence.

Universal registration of deaths

(2) Registration of the occurrence of a death is compulsory and free of charge where it is done within the period specified under subsection (1).

A death shall not be registered after the expiry of thirty days except on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

31. (1) A person giving notice of death shall be required to certify in writing to the NIIMS officer as to the correctness and authenticity of the notice or any evidence produced in support of the notification.

Notification of a death

(2) Persons qualified to give information concerning a death include—

- (a) any person present at the death;
- (b) an occupant of the house where the death occurred, who has knowledge of such occurrence;
- (c) a person responsible for the disposal of the body;
- (d) any relative of the deceased with knowledge of any of the particulars required to be registered concerning the death; or
- (e) any person finding or taking charge of the body.

(3) Where a death occurs in a health facility or institutional household, the duty to give notice of the death shall lie on the officer in charge of such establishment.

(4) A person giving notice of the death of a citizen of Kenya that occurs outside Kenya shall provide



documentary proof thereof issued by an appropriate authority in the country in which the death occurred.

**32.** To facilitate universal registration of deaths occurring in Kenya, the Principal Secretary may designate and facilitate the persons referred to in Section 24 (2) to serve as agents for making notification of the occurrence of a death to a designated NIIMS officer.

Agents for notifying occurrence of death.

**33.** A NIIMS officer designated to register deaths shall, upon receipt of the notification, register such death by entering the prescribed particulars thereof into the NIIMS database.

Registering a death.

**34.** A report of death under section 31 shall specify the cause of death—

Particular as to cause of death.

- (a) as ascertained and provided by a registered medical practitioner who attended to the deceased person;
- (b) from a finding of a post-mortem examination of the body of the deceased person by a qualified medical practitioner; or
- (c) as ascertained after an inquest or either investigation under the relevant law.

**35. (1)** A presumed death shall only be registered under the NIIMS—

Presumed deaths. Cap 80.

- (a) where the death is presumed by an order of court under section 118A of the Evidence Act, or
- (b) where a certificate of presumed death is issued by a Service Commander in accordance with section 298(3) of the Kenya Defence Forces Act.

No. 25 of 2012.

(2) A registration of a presumed death shall serve as a proof of death generally and in every matter that requires proof of death.

**36.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the late registration of death may be carried out after expiry of twelve months from the date of its occurrence upon the applicant satisfying such conditions as may be prescribed.

Late registration of death.

**37.** Immediately upon the registration of a death or presumed death, a NIIMS designated officer shall—

Huduma Namba of a deceased person.



- (a) retire the Huduma Namba of the deceased person;
- (b) revoke the deceased person's Huduma card; and
- (c) revoke any passport or any other legal identity document issued to the deceased.

38.(1) A certificate of death or a certificate of presumed death of a deceased person whose death or presumed death has been registered shall be generated under the NIIMS database.

Certificate of death or presumed death

(2) A certificate of death shall include particulars of a deceased person relating to their name, sex, age, date and place of death, Huduma Namba, nationality, and cause of death where known.

(3) A certificate of presumed death shall include particulars under subsection (2) with necessary modifications.

39. A person who buries, cremates, otherwise disposes, or oversees any disposal of a body of a deceased person whose death has not been notified to a designated NIIMS officer or to any agent appointed for such purposes, commits an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

Failure to register death

#### PART V — ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS

40.(1) Every citizen is entitled on application to be issued with a passport.

Entitlement to a passport

(2) A design of a passport shall contain features provided under any international treaty to which Kenya is a party and such other details as may be prescribed.

(3) A passport issued shall, on the face of it, serve as evidence of the citizenship or domicile of the holder, as the case may be, and of the holder's entitlement to state protection.

(4) A passport or travel document issued under this Act shall remain the property of the Government of Kenya.

(5) Despite subsection (4), a passport validly issued shall remain in the possession of its holder until such time as there is lawful cause for its withdrawal, suspension or confiscation.



41. (1) An application for a passport shall be made to a designated NIIMS officer in a prescribed manner.

Issuance and replacement of a passport

(2) An application under subsection shall be accompanied by—

- (a) the Huduma Namba;
- (b) the written consent of the parent or guardian where an applicant is a minor; and
- (c) the prescribed fee.

(3) A designated NIIMS officer shall utilise the information under the NIIMS database to issue or replace a Passport to the applicant.

(4) In processing an application for a Passport, the designated NIIMS officer may—

- (a) update, or require an applicant to provide further details required to update any particulars under the First Schedule; and
- (b) make such further verification as may necessary.

42. (1) The types of passports that may be issued shall include—

Types of passports

- (a) an ordinary passport, issued on application to any citizen of Kenya;
- (b) a diplomatic passport, issued to such persons as may be prescribed;
- (c) an East African passport, issued to a citizen of Kenya who intends to travel within the partner states in the East African Community;
- (d) a temporary passport, issued to any citizen of Kenya who for special circumstances cannot travel on an ordinary passport;
- (e) an emergency passport, issued to a citizen of Kenya who is stranded outside Kenya or is being deported;
- (f) a certificate of identity and nationality, issued to a foreign national who cannot obtain a passport from the country of citizenship for the purpose of travelling outside Kenya;

No. 13 of 2006.



- (g) a temporary permit, issued to a citizen of Kenya who intends to travel within the East African Community partner States or to such States as may the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe; and
- (h) any travel document provided for under the Refugee Act or any humanitarian convention.

43. (1) An ordinary or diplomatic passport shall be valid for use in all countries in the world, except for any country specified in the passport and for a period not exceeding ten years from the date of issue or in the case of children, for a period not exceeding five years.

Validity of  
passports.

(2) An East African passport shall be valid for use in all partner States in the East African Community or for in such other country as specified therein for a period not exceeding ten years from the date of issue or in the case of children, for a period not exceeding five years.

(3) A temporary passport shall be valid for use in all countries in the world, except for any country specified in therein, for a period not exceeding one year from the date of issue.

(4) An emergency passport shall be valid for travel to Kenya and other countries of transit for a single journey for a stated period.

(5) A certificate of identity and nationality shall be valid for travel to all countries specified thereon and shall be valid for a period not exceeding two years from the date of issue.

(6) A temporary permit shall be valid for travel in all partner States in the East African Community or in such other countries as may be specified by the Cabinet Secretary for a period not exceeding one year from the date of issue.

(7) A travel document issued to a refugee or for other humanitarian purposes shall be valid for travel to all countries except the country of the holder's nationality and shall be valid for a period of five years.



**44.** (1) Where a passport is lost or stolen, the holder shall report the loss to a designated NIIMS officer and the nearest police station, or, if outside the country, to the nearest Kenya mission.

Lost, mutilated or damaged passport.

(2) Any person whose passport or travel document is lost, mutilated or damaged may apply for replacement in accordance with section 41.

**45.** (1) A designated NIIMS officer may reject an application for a passport where the applicant—

Rejection of a passport application.

- (a) has not updated the specified particulars under the NIIMS database;
- (b) does not qualify for the type of passport applied; or
- (c) knowingly gives false or misleading material information.

(2) Where an application for a Passport or other travel document has been rejected, the NIIMS officer shall within fourteen days notify the applicant accordingly giving the reasons for the rejection in writing and providing information on the right of review or appeal available to the applicant.

#### **PART VI—DATA PROTECTION SAFEGUARDS**

**46.** The provisions of the Data Protection Act shall apply to the processing of personal data under this Act.

Application of No. 24 of 2019.

**47.** (1) Every enrolled individual has a right to obtain a copy of particulars of their personal data under the NIIMS database.

Access to information.

(2) The Principal Secretary shall provide technologically efficient means to promote effective access to personal data under the NIIMS database to an enrolled individual.

**48.** (1) Personal data collected under this Act shall be used solely to facilitate the objects of this Act.

Restriction on data sharing.

(2) The Huduma Namba and any biometric data collected under this Act shall not be published, displayed or publicly posted.



(3) Foundational data of an individual may with the approval of the Principal Secretary be shared with a private entity only for the purpose of verification.

(4) The Principal Secretary may approve the sharing of data under subsection (3) where satisfied that the requesting entity is seeking verification for the purpose of offering services with a lawful basis or in the legitimate interest of an individual and complies with the Data Protection Act, 2019.

No. 24 of 2019.

**49.** The Principal Secretary shall implement reasonable and appropriate organisational, technical and physical security measures to ensure that data under the NIIMS database is protected against—

Technical security measures.

- (a) unauthorised access, use or disclosure, and
- (b) accidental or intentional loss, destruction or damage.

**50.** (1) Every enrolled individual has a right to verify their personal data under the NIIMS database and to request for rectification of any error thereon.

Right of rectification.

(2) A designated NIIMS officer shall rectify an entry of a foundational data in the NIIMS database on the basis of appropriate verification.

(3) Where erroneous functional data is linked to the NIIMS database, the designated NIIMS officer shall cause the agency to which the data relates to rectify their records and submit the rectified data without delay.

**51.** A designated NIIMS officer or any person who processes any information under this Act shall treat any information that comes to their knowledge as confidential.

Duty of confidentiality.

**52.** Any data server or a data centre employed for processing of data or any other operation under this Act shall be located in Kenya.

Location of data servers.

**53.** (1) The Principal Secretary may designate a suitably qualified public officer to serve as a data protection officer for the NIIMS.

Designation of data protection officer.

(2) A person is qualified to be designated as a data protection officer where they possess relevant experience and technical skills in matters relating to data protection.



(3) A data protection officer appointed under this section shall advise on and facilitate compliance with the Data Protection Act and perform any other task assigned by the Principal Secretary.

#### PART VII—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

54. (1) The NIIMS shall be a protected computer system within the meaning of section 20 (2) of the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act, 2018.

Offences under  
No. 5 of 2018.

(2) The provisions of section 20 of the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act, 2018 shall apply to offences committed under the provisions of this Act.

55. A person commits an offence where the person—

Enrolment  
offences.

- (a) knowingly gives false information or makes a false declaration for an entry into the NIIMS database;
- (b) forges a document to facilitate enrolling into the NIIMS;
- (c) impersonates or attempts to impersonate another person, by providing any false demographic or biometric information or
- (d) illegally influences or attempts to influence the decision of a NIIMS officer.

56. (1) A person commits an offence in respect of a huduma card where the person—

Offences relating  
Huduma card.

- (a) unlawfully alters or modifies any information available on the Huduma card;
- (b) unlawfully makes, produces, prints, designs, or distributes a Huduma card; or
- (c) permits unauthorised use of their Huduma card by another person.

(2) A person convicted of an offence under subsection (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding three million shillings or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years.

57. A person, who without lawful authority, intentionally discloses, transmits or disseminates any foundational data collected under this Act to any unauthorised person commits an offence and is liable on

Unauthorised  
disclosure.



conviction to a fine not exceeding five million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years.

**58.** (1) Any person who, without authorisation —

Interference with the NIIMS database.

- (a) accesses or secures access to the NIIMS database;
- (b) damages or causes data in the NIIMS database to be damaged;
- (c) disrupts or causes disruption of the access to the NIIMS database; or
- (d) denies or causes a denial of access to any person who is authorised to access the NIIMS database;

No. 5 of 2018.

commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year.

(2) Any person convicted of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to a penalty imposed under section 20 of the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act.

**59.** Any person who —

Penalties for failure to give information, etc.

- (a) being required to give information required for a registration of a birth or death, wilfully refuses to provide such information;
- (b) refuses or fails without reasonable excuse to give, deliver or send any information which the person is required by this Act to give, deliver or send;
- (c) being a parent and save as provided under this Act, fails to give information concerning the birth of a child; or
- (d) being a person upon whom a duty to give information concerning a death is imposed, fails to give that information and that information is not given,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand shillings.

#### **PART VIII—ADMINISTRATION**

**60.** The Principal Secretary shall be responsible for the efficient administration of this Act, subject to the directions of the Cabinet Secretary.

Responsibility of the Principal Secretary.



- 61.** (1) The Cabinet Secretary shall develop and ensure implementation of administrative measures to address any procedural or social barriers that may limit the enrolment of any individual under this Act. Measures to ensure inclusion.
- (2) An administrative measure developed under subsection (1) shall specifically facilitate the enrolment of any group of persons at risk of exclusion for any reason.
- 62.** The Public Service Commission shall appoint such number of NIIMS officers as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act. Appointment of the NIIMS officers.
- 63.** Any power or function of the Principal Secretary under this Act may be exercised— Delegation by the Principal Secretary
- (a) in person by the Principal Secretary; or
- (b) by an officer specifically designated with general or special instructions in that regard.
- 64.** The Principal Secretary shall establish administrative mechanisms to facilitate expeditious handling of complaints by any person aggrieved by any decision made in the implementation of this Act. Complaints resolution mechanisms.
- 65.** (1) There is established the NIIMS Coordination Committee. The NIIMS coordination Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall comprise of —
- (a) the Principal Secretary, who shall be the chairperson;
- (b) the Principal Secretary responsible for information, communication and technology;
- (c) the Principal Secretary for the National Treasury;
- (d) the Principal Secretary responsible for basic education;
- (e) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to health;
- (f) the Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission;
- (g) the Inspector-General of Police;
- (h) the Commissioner-General of the Kenya Revenue Authority; and



(i) the Director-General of National Intelligence Service.

66. (1) The functions of the Committee shall be to—

Functions of the Committee.

(a) ensure effective co-ordination and implementation of the NIIMS;

(b) establish a framework for ensuring the compatibility of technology infrastructure among different government agencies to comply with requirements of the NIIMS;

(c) formulate a framework for coordinating agencies accessing the NIIMS database; and

(d) perform any other function incidental to the above functions or as may be assigned.

(2) The Committee shall submit a report to the Cabinet at the end of every quarter in respect of its activities and operations.

67. (1) The Committee may, from time to time, establish such sub-committees and inter-agency units, as it may consider necessary for the better carrying out of its functions under this Act.

Sub-Committees of the Committee.

(2) The Committee may co-opt into the sub-committees established under subsection (1) any person whose participation is necessary for the proper discharge of the functions of the Committee.

#### PART IX—MISCELLANEOUS

68. (1) The Cabinet Secretary may make regulations generally for giving effect to this Act or prescribing anything required or necessary to be prescribed by or under this Act.

Regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, regulations made under this section may provide for —

(a) the procedure for registration of births and deaths;

(b) issuance of Huduma card, Passport, or any other legal identity document;

(c) data security of the NIIMS; any other particular that may be recorded under the NIIMS database; and

(d) imposition of fees.



**69.** The implementation of this Act shall be funded by funds appropriated by Parliament in the annual estimates.

Funding.

**70.** Upon the commencement of this Act, any agency responsible for a matter set out shall validate foundational data of individuals under their custody with the NIIMS database—

Verification of selected databases.

- (a) registration of adoptions;
- (b) registration of marriages;
- (c) public pension;
- (d) registration of tax payers;
- (e) licensing of drivers;
- (f) national health insurance;
- (g) national social security;
- (h) refugees and asylum seekers;
- (i) public labour records; and
- (j) any other database the Cabinet Secretary may specify.

**71.** The following Acts are repealed—

- (a) the Births and Deaths Registration Act;
- (b) the Registration of Persons Act; and
- (c) the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service Act, 2011.

Repeals.  
Cap. 149.  
Cap. 107.  
No. 31 of 2011.

**72.** (1) Despite section 71, any act or thing done under any of the repealed Acts shall be deemed to have been validly done under this Act and more specifically in relation to—

Savings and transitional provisions

- (a) the issuance of any legal identity document; and
- (b) the mass enrolment of resident individuals into the NIIMS conducted pursuant to section under 9A of the Registration of Persons Act, shall be deemed to have been done this Act.

(2) An identity card issued under the Registration of Persons Act (now repealed) shall continue to be valid up to such time as the Cabinet Secretary may by notice in the *Gazette* specify.



(3) A Passport or any travel document issued under the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act prior to the commencement of this Act is deemed to have been validly issued under this Act.

(4) A public officer who immediately before the commencement of this Act, was a member of staff of the entities known as the National Registration Bureau, the Civil Registration Services, the Department of Immigration and the Integrated Population Registration Services, shall upon such commitment be deployed to carry out the functions of their respective office within the NIIMS.

(5) The Principal Secretary shall take charge of the assets, liabilities, and any contracts belonging to or under possession of the agencies referred to under subsection (4) and may deploy such assets for the performance of the relevant activities under this Act.

73. The laws specified in the first column of the Second Schedule are amended as respectively specified in the second and third columns.

Consequential amendments.



**FIRST SCHEDULE**

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**NIIMS DATABASE ENTRIES**

The following particulars of a resident individual shall be recorded in the NIIMS database—

**1. Foundational data**

- (a) full name;
- (b) date of birth;
- (c) place of birth;
- (d) gender;
- (e) photograph of prescribed size;
- (f) required biometric data; and
- (g) nationality.

**2. Contacts details**

- (a) Primary phone number;
- (b) email address; and
- (c) address of usual place of residence

**3. Personal reference numbers**

- (a) Huduma Namba;
- (b) birth entry number;
- (c) Kenyan passport number, if any;
- (d) tax payer PIN details;
- (e) Number of a driving licence issued, if any;
- (f) National Hospital Insurance Fund number, if any;
- (g) National Social Security Fund number, if any;
- (h) National Education Management Information System number, where applicable;
- (i) Number of any immigration document issued to an individual;
- (j) Number of any identity detail issued by any authority outside Kenya;



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**RE: Memoranda on Committee Stage Proposed Amendments to the Huduma Bill 2021.**

I am a patriotic Kenyan with passionate interest to the wellbeing and posterity of my motherland Kenya with a background in Political science and International Relations. I have keen interest and closely been following the ongoing debate on the Huduma Bill 2021 (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021) at the committee stage. As such following the call for public participation on the proposed amendments I wish to make my submission as follows:

**Clause 2:**

The proposed amendment on

**(a) The deletion of the term '*immigration*' in defining the '*Cabinet Secretary*'**

I respectfully oppose this amendment. The Bill seeks to bring efficiency in service delivery to Kenyan citizens by ensuring that their civil right of registration and citizenship is guaranteed. It therefore brings various current actors in civil registration together including but not limited to foreign persons registration, asylum, seekers and refugees. This category of persons all fall under the Immigration department hence the need to capacitate the CS in charge of immigration as captured in the Bill.

**(b) The deletion of the term '*NIIMS Officer*'**

The officer as envisioned brings to life the operationalization of the act under various roles and mandates including that of issuing passports. One function envisioned under this bill is issuance of passports. The officer tasked to undertake any responsibility, role and task will be adequately trained, equipped and experienced in executing the mandate assigned. This will be adequately captured in the policy manual to be developed on ascent of the Bill to an ACT. I therefore respectfully oppose this amendment.

**(c) Deleting the term '*Passport*'**

I oppose this amendment, the passport while is largely an international travel document, its primary role is actually identification and prove of citizenship. In our country actually it's more often than not used as an equal alternate to the National ID. The data used to generate issuance





of passport is the primary data as will be captured under the Huduma NIIMS. By bringing issuance of passport under the Huduma NIIMS we not only ensure integrity of the data but also enhance efficiency in its issuance. The spirit of this Bill is to cure multiplicity and bottlenecks that hinder registration of person in Kenya, it seeks to ensure the basic right of citizenship is guaranteed irrespective of where one is born or bred. Today Kenyans along the border lines have to go through a rigorous vetting process that sometimes may be deemed to be discriminatory. A child born of Kenyan parents will be automatically registered under the Huduma NIIMS and should he/she need a passport conveniently get one without being subjected to another tedious process.

#### Clause 5

The amendment proposed on sub clause (3) by deleting subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c)

This amendment negates the primary role of the bill which is to have an integrated registration process and data base. The spirit of the bill is to enhance integrity on data of person from birth to death and all civil events in between. While it's true that a passport isn't a primary identification document it is equally a prove of citizenship carried with great honor and pride. Its issuance is largely and solely depended on the primary data which is now adopted under Huduma NIIMS. I therefore opine that indeed one core function as envisaged in the Bill is issuance of Passports to our citizens.

I therefore oppose the proposed amendment.

I thank the committee for taking time to listen to my submission. I urge you to expedite on this process so that this Bill can be passed and assented to as a remedy to the issues around registration of persons in our country.

God Bless you! God Bless Kenya!

Yours Sincerely



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COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS TO THE HUDUMA BILL, 2021

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Representation to the DCANS, National Assembly of Kenya

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**RE: COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS TO THE HUDUMA BILL, 2021**

We draw your attention to the above subject matter with respect to various representations by some members of Parliament which we feel if adopted will entirely alter and water down the original intent and purpose of the Huduma Bill, 2021 (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021).

It is general knowledge that this is a world-class legislation which seeks to address in most parts Kenya's elusive social and economic question as it enhances efficiencies in service delivery to bring about a desired degree of public satisfaction among Kenyans. This Act equally introduces order in management of legal identity of all persons in order to enhance border security, by establishing accurate data on persons and demographics of all residents and no-residents. It follows therefore that the Act is alive to the global benchmarks of best practices in governance of immigration and citizens services.

**Responses to Proposed Amendments to Part V of the Bill**

Proposed amendment of Part V of this Act by deletion in our view is an affront to the principles of constitutional implementation, the very purpose of this Act in terms of Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5(3)(c)(iii), 71(b)&(c) and the sovereignty of the people under Article 1 of the Constitution. Part V of Huduma Act, 2021 recognizes the constitutional entitlement of every citizen to a passport under Article 12 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and does not in any way breach Article 24 of the Constitution on limitations of rights and fundamental freedoms. Nor does it negate the principles of the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Regulations, 2012.

Deletion of Part V of the Act will have far reaching consequences on the objects of the Act besides upholding the status quo in the State Department of Immigration and Citizens Services. The justification for the deletion of Part V of this Act has not been provided for and this points to an attempt to prejudice the public by usurping the people's power by agents of sabotage to the people's quest for efficiency and effectiveness of the State Department of Immigration and Citizens Services.

Article 1 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 clearly defines the sovereignty of the people and how it is exercised. The letter and spirit of Article 1 of the Constitution is exercised in line with the best interests of the people of Kenya. To the extent that a State Agency becomes a means to perpetuate poverty and suffering of the people, that institution shall not be immune to the demands of the people of Kenya to have it reviewed, and enhanced in order to restore public confidence in it. This is the spirit behind consolidation of the law on civil registration and legal identity management.

Deletion of Part V of this Act will severely puncture the operationalization of the Act and perpetuate the status quo in the State Department of Immigration and Citizens Services. It creates the perception that Immigration Department is an autonomous State Agency that is independent of the State and thus deserves the monopoly of management of immigration and citizens services, which is totally untrue. Common practices worldwide establish immigration departments under





State Security docket and not separate entity as Kenya's Immigration Department is purportedly operating.

Bearing in mind the interpretation of terms in Clause 2, we draw your attention to Clause 3 which categorically states and defines the overall objectives of this Act;

3. The object of this Act is to—

- (a) Consolidate the law on civil registration and legal identity management;
- (b) Establish a digital national population database to be the primary source of foundational data for a resident individual;
- (c) Provide mechanisms for registration of births, deaths and recognition of vital events of a resident individual;
- (d) Facilitate the assigning of the Huduma Namba and issuance of legal identity documents; and
- (e) Promote integrity, confidentiality and security of personal data under the NIIMS database

Part V of this Act contains Clauses 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 which provides for legislation on issuance and replacement of a passport in terms of Article 12 of the Constitution of Kenya, the types of passports, validity of passports, replacement of lost, mutilated or damaged passport and conditions for rejection of application for a passport respectively. These clauses fully obey the principles of the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Regulations, 2012 and meet the threshold for limitations of rights and fundamental freedoms [Article 24 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010].

Having examined and determined the extent of the consistency of Part V of this Act with the basic principles of the Constitution of Kenya, we are opposed to the proposed deletion of Clauses 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 and recommend a mediatory process to facilitate dialogue between the concerned stakeholders to iron out amicably and satisfactorily, and in the best interest of the citizens of Kenya, resolve on the implementation of this Act.

#### **Responses to Proposed Amendment by Insertion of a New Part**

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We draw your attention to the above subject matter with respect to various representations by some members of Parliament which we feel if adopted will entirely alter and water down the original intent and purpose of the Huduma Bill, 2021 (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2021).

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OUR REF: YAA/ 2/ HB

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**The Clerk of The National Assembly**  
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Dear Sir,

**RE: YOUTH ADVOCACY AFRICA SUBMISSIONS ON THE HUDUMA BILL**

Youth Advocacy Africa (YAA) is a registered non-governmental organization that works to advance the interests of Kenyan youth. We aim to further the objective by inviting young Kenyans to participate in issues related to governance, education and health.

Article 1 of the Constitution postulates that the people are the sovereign. It is sacrosanct to note further that Article 2 places the Constitution supreme over all laws, authority and actions that flow therewith. It is imperative then, to note that Article 12 accords all the citizens the constitutional protection of all their rights especially under Chapter Four, the Bill of Rights.

To this end, YAA appreciates that a government is formed for the people and by the people. In effect, that very government ought work for the people regardless of their political affiliation, status or any other factor considered to otherwise be discriminatory by dint of Article 27 of the Constitution. The government must then employ all mechanisms within its range to ensure it achieves the objectives set out in law and policy as well as the desires, aspirations and dreams of



its people, in this case our constituents who are the youth. This would further realize the affirmative action at Article 27 (6).

In realizing these, we appreciate the progressive realization of certain rights but which we must zealously safeguard. That, in essence, turns to the question of working with the government, tendering proposals for legislative review, policy formulation, institutional turnaround and other reforms that would inform a transformed nation for the realization of Vision 2030 and the SDG goals.

In this regard, YAA takes cognizance of the technological advancements that aim to ensure efficiency, reduce bureaucracy, promote economic and social growth as well as stimulate the country's capacity to export and deliver human resources. This, albeit with its unique challenges, would be a game changer not only in the region but also place Kenya on the global map and the competitive market.

Thus, the digital migration, digital management systems are inevitable if any steps into the envisioned future is anything to go by. We appreciate that innovation and particularly so in the digital market, technological advancement and governance is an essential part that informs the country's trajectory for its peoples economic, social and political welfare as well as meeting the globalization standards in this regard.

The digital identification system, as we have submitted before, allows for efficacy in government service delivery as it streamlines and ensures systemic integrity and accountability. The same would ensure seamless transactions for persons engaging in e-commerce, digital agreements, free movement and agriculture. It would also, more importantly promote our security and disaster preparedness where registration and identification of persons would be managed at a central registry or rather be synchronized at that point. The cases of fraudulent dealings would lessen given the centrality of information making it possible to identify and track, prevent or curb fraudsters. Further, such a system ousts the longstanding question of exclusion, allowing for citizens otherwise confused with aliens to register at the point of birth and having their details automatic

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We further believe that the elected representatives and the open avenue to propose amendments to Parliament would ensure that in the event a gap is identified, it would be rectified. Moreover, the Commission on Administrative Justice, the Judiciary and Law Reform Commissions are instrumental in safeguarding any excesses that may be detected.





In light of the growing concern over the current cost of living, it is our proposal that this Bill be fast tracked and avenues to lower the wage bill and ensure comprehensive and effective service delivery be developed. Further, that under the Access to Government Opportunities (AGPO), the youth and women be accorded the chances to pioneer and pilot systems that would comprehensively ensure implement this proposed Bill and technical provisions incidental thereto.

It must be noted as well, that we call for utmost fidelity, transparency, accountability and efficiency in managing the digital systems.

With the foregoing, the following are our responses to the proposed amendments to the Huduma Bill by Honourable Aden Duale and Honourable Cheruiyot, Gladwell Jesire.

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We reiterate our commitment to ensuring sustainable development for posterity and an environment within which the Kenyan Youth can thrive and pride themselves in their country.

We submit.

Yours faithfully,



ANTONY MUCHUI MANYARA

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Pursuant to this mandate and in accordance with Standing Order 227 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee is in receipt of Public Petition No. 017 of 2022 regarding insecurity in Marsabit County. The Petition was presented by the Hon. Arbell Malimo, MP, Member for Laisamis Constituency on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to forward to you the **full text of the Petition** and request that the Cabinet Secretary submits comprehensive written responses on the specific issues raised in the Petition to the Committee by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**.

Our Liaison Officers on this matter are **Mr. Adan Gindicha** who may be contacted on **Tel. No. 0720450112** or email [gindicha2006@yahoo.com](mailto:gindicha2006@yahoo.com) and **Mr. Joshua Ondari** on **Tel No. 0726058443** or email address: [joshondari@gmail.com](mailto:joshondari@gmail.com).

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the government should develop a system that allows for minimal data integration. We urge that we keep the national register as a national register of Kenyans and foreigners in Kenya for more than 90 days. This will be the least disruptive to the tourism industry, adversely affected by COVID 19.

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Yours Truly,

 LUCAS GITAU NGŪTHI  
Tourism Industry Business Community.

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HEARING**

**VENUE: MINI CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR COUNTY HALL  
PARLIAMENT BUILDING**

**DATE: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Hon. Chair, honorable members and esteemed Kenyans here present, good morning. I am humbled and honored to appear before you today to discharge my civic duty as a citizen of Kenya, Immigration practitioner and a law student.

Today, I will not belabor the point as to how important this bill is to our country. My statement and submissions to you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2022, which I believe this committee has records of, refers. The facts, the reasoning and the position remains the same.

I have read and internalized the final report of the Committee on public participation and the committee's position on the same. Sadly, the committee in its wisdom, seems to casually set aside most of those recommendations to take the position that we still believe does not serve the best interest of this country in as far as Immigration Management is concerned. This is probably the reason why the Speaker in his wisdom referred this matter back for public participation.







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3. Throughout the 33 years of Huduma conception, the emphasize has been on: a standalone database, ICT infrastructure, legal framework, system upgrade to link all related departments and a standalone agency to manage the Database. My humble view is we need an agency specifically to oversee NIIMS and report to the PS. Placing this at the hands of the PS may have the unintended consequence of chaos in the event we have a selfish Person holding the office of the PS. Abolishing 4 departments and merging into PS in my view may not accord well with principles of devolution and public service.

In conclusion, I humbly urge this committee as the bonafide representatives of the people of Kenya to consider a *win-win* situation instead of *us-vs-them* approach. I believe by considering the views submitted by various people and agencies that have appeared before you, you can arrive at position that best serves the people of Kenya.

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**HEARING**

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**DATE: 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

Hon. Chair, honorable members and esteemed Kenyans here present, good morning. I am humbled and honored to appear before you today to discharge my civic duty as a citizen of Kenya, Immigration practitioner and a law student.

The matter before us is one of significant national and public importance and I believe the committee has so far made significant grounds and learning on most of the issues arising out of this bill. I believe the committee is in receipt of my/our memoranda on the same so I will not delve into the finer details. I had the honor of interacting with you in another forum and shared briefly what I would urge the committee to consider when it retires to do the final report.

In brief:

1. The idea of NIIMS/IPRS/Huduma has been with us for about **33 years** from today. It all began in **1989** when the Minister in charge of National Population registration and the AG in a joint memorandum to the cabinet recommended for a PIN to be incorporate into the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation ID Cards: So indeed time is ripe for Huduma Namba/NIIMS and from the very onset I support the idea.
2. Having read the bill and done some research on the matter, I agree it is useful to have a comprehensive legal regime







that anchors NIIMS into law and remove overlaps in at least 2 Acts of Parliament now in place: Section 4 of Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service Act and Section 9A of the Registration of Persons Act (amendments of 2018)

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**MEMORANDUM ON THE HUDUMA BILL, 2021**

**PRESENTED TO**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (FIFTH SESSION)**

**SUBMITTED TO**

**CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
PO BOX 41842-00100, NAIROBI**

**IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION  
AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE HUDUMA BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 57 OF 2021)**

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



**SUBMITTED BY: GEORGE MATI MUCEE (BA, LLB, MA)  
CEO-FOUNDER GMM CONSULTING**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1. My name is **George Mati Mucee**, a Kenyan Citizen of **ID No. 20231922**. I am an Immigration, Communication Consultant and a Law student with 17 years' experience in the Immigration Practice. I worked for the Government of Kenya as an Immigration officer for 9 years, served (on secondment) at the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) as an Immigration Advisor to Liberia Immigration and in the private sector as the Practice Leader at Fragomen Kenya Limited then left employment in July 2021 to start my own consulting firm-GMM Consulting.

1.2. Upon reading this Bill, I opine that it is necessary to provide a comprehensive legal framework for collection, storage, management, access, protection of the primary population register or what is referred to as foundational data. It is also useful to create synergy with agencies offering functional data and also in harmonizing the overlapping legal regimes on the same.

1.3. While this is very important and in line with the government agenda of 'single source of truth' in terms of the population data/register, there are gaps that the Bill creates by amending substantive laws already in place and if these are not addressed by Parliament, there will be a significant negative impact on service delivery to the public.

1.4. The Bill has wide ranging issues but my focus in this memorandum will be on its administration, consequential amendments, definitions, registration of foundlings and repeals with a bias on Immigration because that is my area of expertise.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021, in the special issue of the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 222 (National Assembly Bill No 57), the Leader of Majority in the NA, the Hon. Amos Kimunya published the Huduma Bill,



2021 for introduction in the National Assembly. The same was then read first time in the House on 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2021 during the Special Sitting and then committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for Consideration. The Clerk of the NA on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 issued a notice on public participation calling for memoranda on the Bill.

## **2.2. History of Huduma Bill/Namba:**

Honorable members, Huduma issue is not new at all, as I was researching on this bill, I came across a draft paper entitled: IPRS Draft Policy Framework (see annex 5) from which I read about the journey of what has now morphed into Huduma.

**In 1989** the minister in charge of population registration and the Attorney General , in a joint memorandum to the cabinet, made recommendation for introduction of a PIN to be incorporated into the second generation.

**In 2000**, the Office of the President (OP) constituted a working committee to develop a concept paper on Integrated Population Registration System (IPRS) for Cabinet approval.

**In 2001** the concept paper was completed and approved by the Cabinet and OP was tasked to take it forward but never did.

**In 2002**, OP initiated the development of ICT Policy framework and strategic implementation plan (2002-2005) and it prioritized creation of an ICT infrastructure linking all departments within OP.

**In 2003**, the Head of Public Service appointed a taskforce on IPRS with a mandate to develop a policy framework, define enabling legal framework and a strategic implementation plan.

**In 2005** a Ministry of Immigration and Registration of Persons with created amalgamating all departments involved with Immigration and population registration and;




In September **19th 2005**, the head of Public Service appointed an inter-ministerial taskforce on IPRS in line with the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) recommendation on fast tracking of the integration of registration systems.

The Taskforce then presented its recommendations to NESC **on 14th February 2006** key of which was a IPRS and the paper was adopted and NESC recommended the Ministries of Immigration and Finance to take it up. Consequently, what is today IPRS came to be after studies in Malaysia and Israel....it appears to then morph into **Huduma in 2019**.

Important to note is that at no time throughout this process were recommendations to merge departments: key thing was a database, ICT system and infrastructure upgrade for all departments and legal framework creating a standalone department to handle all this.

### **3. PROBLEMATIC ISSUES**

#### **3.1. Under clause 2:**



**3.1.1. "NIIMS officer"** includes a public officer appointed to carry out duties under— (b) Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act. Since I am proposing amendments to clause 71(c) at paragraph 4.5 below, Immigration Officers should not be included as NIIMS officers but rather as designated officers.

**3.1.2. "passport"** means a passport issued under this Act or by any lawful authority or government recognized by the Government of Kenya to facilitate international travel. I am proposing that Part V (clauses 40 to 45) be deleted from Huduma Bill so that the issuance of passports remains under the current Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act 2011 (KCIA) at paragraph 3.4 below.



- 3.1.2.1. For reasons in 3.1.2 above, the definition of passport should be...  
"Passport" means a passport issued under the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act 2011 or by any lawful authority or government recognized by Government of Kenya to facilitate international travel.
- 3.1.2.2. "Resident individual" means- (b) a foreign national who has been granted lawful residency in Kenya. I propose that this should read:  
"Resident Individual" means- (b) a foreign national who has been granted lawful Residency in Kenya under the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act 2011. This is the substantive law on matters Immigration and Foreign Nationals Management including granting of residency and citizenship.

### **3.2. Clause 13 (3):**

- 3.2.1. This reads: The initial issue of the Huduma Card to a citizen shall be free of charge. I propose inclusion of refugees because they are vulnerable and protected persons here so that it reads: "*The initial issue of the Huduma Card to a citizen or **refugee** shall be free of charge*" Consequently, amend section 13 (4) to remove the words "or a refugee"

### **3.3. Clause 25**

- 3.3.1. On foundlings, this needs to be in line with COK 2010 and Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act section 9. As currently drafted, clause 25 presumes that foundlings are automatically recognized as Kenyans and thus can easily be entered into the NIIMS database.
- 3.3.2. It is not for the NIIMS officer to determine that such a child is a Kenyan Citizen. That duty is given to the Children's Department and





the courts under Section 9 of the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act 2011.

3.3.3. I propose that clause 25 be amended by inserting sub clause (3) and (4) immediately after clause 2 to read: *"No child can be registered by a NIIMS officer whose origin and identity is in question without an order from the Children's Court in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act 2011"*

3.3.4. These amendments will make the Huduma Bill align with the Constitution and the existing laws on matter of foundlings.

### **3.4. PART V: CLAUSES 40 TO 45: ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS:**

3.4.1. This is a copy and paste of Part V: Sections 24 to 32 of the Current Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act 2011.

3.4.2. The inclusion of Passports in this Bill by deleting part V of the substantive KCIA made in 2011 to exclusively deal with matters citizenship and Immigration Act is in my view unnecessary and causes confusion that might affect the way Kenya handles matters immigration in the region and globally.

3.4.3. The Kenyan Citizenship and Immigration Act is in place because Article 18 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 demanded so. Issues to do with Citizenship and Immigration are so important that the drafters of the Constitution expressly provided for them under Chapter Three of COK 2010 as well as in Schedule 4 (3). Unless there is an extremely compelling reason, this should not be interfered with by this Bill that I consider more of a procedural law than substantive.

3.4.4. Since passports are functional documents that are not mandatory, there is no reason to remove that function where it lies today.

3.4.5.If the import of this proposed amends/repeal is to ensure that data of foreign nationals residing in Kenya is captured, then that is already happening because all foreigners residing in Kenya must register and be given a Foreigner Certificate commonly known as "Alien Card" and this card is issued by the National Registration Bureau and the same is well captured under Section 13 of the Huduma Bill.

#### **4.0 Part VIII: ADMINISTRATION**

- 4.1. Making the Principal Secretary (PS) responsible for day-to-day administration of NIIMS is stretching it too far and goes against the spirit of the Constitution where power has been decentralized in the spirit of devolution and placed on various state agencies rather than in one individual.
- 4.2. Currently, there are at least four (4) State Agencies namely; Directorate of Immigration and Citizenship headed by a Director General, Department of National Registration Bureau (NRB) headed by a Director, Department of Civil Registration headed by a Director and Department of Integrated Population Registration System headed by a Director. Suffice to say, all these departments report to the PS-Interior because they are under the Ministry of Interior.  
However, the PS is NOT involved in the day to day running of these departments because they have substantive heads and civil servants to do their work. These departments are distinct but interdependent in their service to the public.
- 4.3. In my considered view, there is need to have a specific Agency. Maybe **NIIMS Authority or Directorate** with a Director General who heads the agency then reports to the PS as is the case with other state agencies. This Directorate can merge the three departments now responsible for foundational (primary) population data namely; Births





& Deaths, National ID and IPRS and place them under a Director General responsible for NIIMS Directorate. To ensure continuity of service to the public, most of the current staff establishment should be retained to continue with their work under their current terms of employment or improved terms.

- 4.3.1. If my recommendation to create the NIIMS Directorate is accepted, then all sections that make reference to the PS on the day to day running on NIIMS need to be deleted and be replaced with the DG-NIIMS. *(See proposed structure of NIIMS Directorate at Annex 1 at page 11)*
- 4.4. For the reasons I have already provided, there is no need to include Immigration and Citizenship Directorate under NIIMS because world over, countries will always have Immigration and Customs as distinct units and Kenya would do well to retain the current Immigration Service. Therefore, the NIIMS Directorate should co-exist with the Directorate of Immigration and Citizenship but continue to work together as necessary and both to report to the PS and both DGs be incorporated in the Coordination Committee under Clause 65 of the Huduma Bill.
- 4.5. At Clause 71 (c) The Huduma Bill seeks to repeal the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service Act of 2011 (KCFNMSA). In my view, that part should be deleted so that the Service Act remains intact.
- 4.6. However, since Section 4 of the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management has provisions on Integrated Population Register and related matters that will now be exclusively under NIIMS, I propose that Huduma Bill under consequential amendments clause, delete or amend the following provisions of the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service Act;





- 4.6.1. The preamble to read: *An Act of Parliament to establish the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service to administer the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act of 2011 and for connected purposes.*
- 4.6.2. *Under Section 2(1) delete "national population register" means a register developed under this Act for the purpose of capturing registration information on all Kenyans and Foreign Nationals resident in Kenya"*
- 4.6.3. *Amend Section 4(1) to read as: The Service shall, under the general supervision of the Cabinet Secretary, be responsible for the implementation of policies, laws and any other matter relating to citizenship and immigration.*
- 4.6.4. *Delete Section 4 (2) a*
- 4.6.5. *Amend Section 4 (2) b to read: Administer the Kenya Citizenship and Act of 20122 and any other applicable written law.*
- 4.6.6. *Amend Section 4(2) c to read: advise the Government on Citizenship, Immigration and related matters.*
- 4.6.7. *Amend the First Schedule to read:*  
**ACTS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE SERVICE:**  
*The Citizenship and Immigration Act, 2011.*

## **5.0 DATA PROTECTION AND PENALTIES**

- 5.1. Cyber security experts have argued that the safest data is the one not outside one's brain. The second safest is the one that is not online but stored in an encrypted medium in a secured safe or vault.
- 5.2. Granted many government agencies have tons of peoples' data in their possession generated in the process of serving the public but this data is mostly in manual form or isolated silo-like databases thus making it hard for someone to access it all at once.



- 5.3. NIIMS is seeking to bring all this data in one system that by click of a button one can access sensitive data belonging to millions of people. Although there is an attempt to make reference to data protection law under this Bill, there is no demonstrable clear ways of assuring the public that indeed this will be done and that their data will be secure.
- 5.4. Who will access this data and what level of security clearance will they have? Is there a guarantee for instance that someone with access to the system will not sell peoples' data to saboteurs, terrorists or mercenaries? If this happens, how assured are we that speedy investigations and prosecutions will be undertaken?
- 5.5. In order to tighten the punishment for data violators who may include economic saboteurs, terrorists, assassins, mutineers or any miscreant with intention to breach the NIIMS database massively to use it against the public on a wide scale magnitude for e.g. espionage, economic sabotage, ethnic cleansing among other political crimes and crimes against humanity, I propose that we amend clause 54 to include crimes under Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act No. 3 of 2003 as revised in 2016, Prevention of Terrorism Act No 30 of 2012 and any other relevant laws that would help to deter such massive breach of NIIMS database.



## 6.0. CONCLUSION

It is my honest belief that the National Assembly, through this Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security will review the proposals submitted by various stakeholders and strike a balance between what is proposed in the Huduma Bill, what really is necessary and how best to approach both in the best interests of the Kenyan public.

Since it is imperative that the country deserves a clean, well thought out and safe National Integrated Identification Management System well anchored in law, the National Assembly should consider the proposals that will in good faith help improve the Huduma Bill before it is passed into law for posterity.

That in my view will be a win-win and proper utilization of the meager public resources at our disposal.

I urge this Parliament to consider my recommendations alongside those of other Kenyans submitted.

Sincerely,

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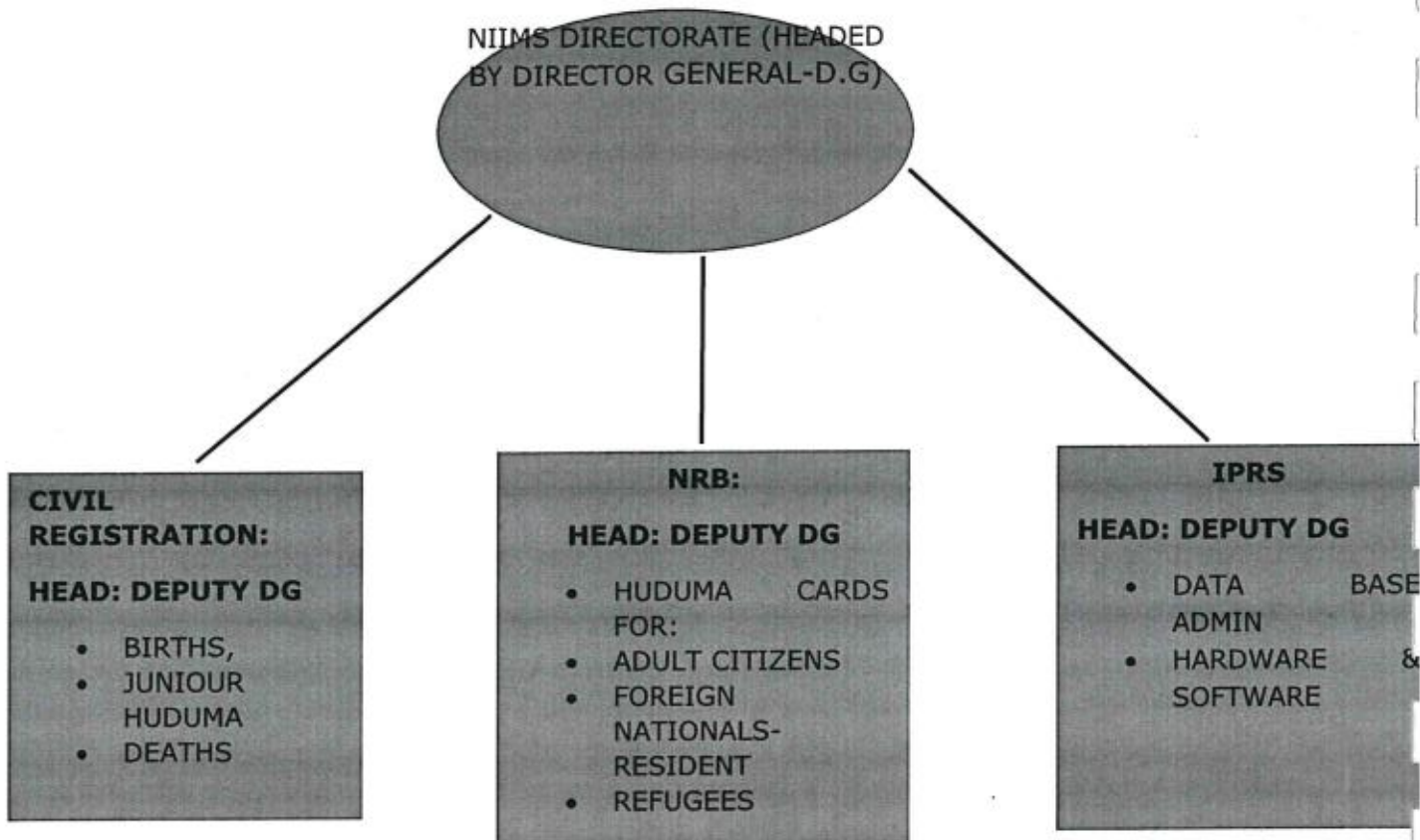
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## ANNEX 1: PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF NIIMS DIRECTORATE



### KEY:

1. DG: DIRECTOR GENERAL
2. DEPUTY DG: DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
3. NRB: NATIONAL REGISTRATION BUREAU
4. IPRS: INTERGRATED POPULATION REGISTRATION SYSTEM

