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FOREWORD

Education in Kenya focuses on attainment of broad goals that aim at political, economic, social as well as individual development. Education plays an important role in the promotion of nationalism, patriotism and unity and it is important in the development of citizens with the competencies required for supporting a growing economy. Education promotes social consciousness, attitude and values that foster healthy social interactions at individual, national and international levels. This can only happen when learners attain sound moral and religious values which help them to grow up into responsible citizens.

The Kenya Early Learning and Basic Education Curriculum Framework 2017 underscores the need to produce an engaged, empowered, and ethical citizen through nurturing every learner's potential. It is important to note that for some of the competencies to be acquired such as collaboration and communication, citizenship and self-efficacy, effective mentorship is a requisite service.

The Ministry of Education appreciates the initiatives by individuals, corporate bodies, organizations and government agencies in supporting learners to find a bearing in their personal and career development. The initiatives are often given different names depending on the individual or institutions offering the service. For instance, some of the initiatives come in the form of motivational talks, alumni associations mentoring, sponsorships, life skills promotion, school guidance and counselling among others.

There is concern in the way mentorship services are coordinated. Various actors in the field of mentorship have different curricula depending on their areas of focus. In addition, some of the content and the service providers are not vetted. In view of this, there is need to enhance vetting and approval of the mentors and the content for purposes of protecting the learners from any form of negative influence or abuse.

It is in this regard that the Ministry has developed this Mentorship Policy for Early Learning and Basic Education to provide direction and a coordination framework for effective and efficient delivery of mentorship services to all learners.

I wish to call upon all the Early Learning and Basic Education institutions to ensure that mentorship programmes are in line with the provisions of this policy.

Amb. (Dr.) Amina C. Mohamed, EGH, CAV Cabinet Secretary Ministry Of Education

PREFACE

Mentorship worldwide is embraced as a key component of an individual's holistic development. It is practiced at different levels which include family, community, school and work place. Mentorship is critical in nurturing positive values, attitude and skills to help individuals make informed choices.

The implementation of Mentorship Policy will enhance the acquisition of relevant positive values and life skills by learners. This will go a long way in promoting the realization of the national goals of Education. It will also lead to positive discipline and enable individuals to grow into welladjusted citizens. Mentorship programmes will connect learners with mentors who they can look up to as role models in their education, career and life in general. This policy document outlines the ministry's commitment to the realization of effective mentorship programmes in learning institutions.

This policy document is organized into five chapters and two annexes. Chapter one discusses the background, rationale, general provisions on vision, mission, objectives and scope of the policy. Chapter two contains areas of mentorship including communication, capacity development, protection and safety while chapter three outlines institutional strengthen- ing, structure of mentorship programmes, collaboration, linkages and partnership, recognition, as well as minimum requirements. Chapter four provides for research, monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning and finally chapter five provides for minimum standards and review of the policy.

The annexes include the guidelines for implementation of this policy and the list of technical working group members.

The policy stipulates the modalities and mandates of all stakeholders involved in mentorship programmes in all institutions of Early Learning and Basic Education

I wish to call upon all the Early Learning and Basic Education institutions to ensure that mentorship programmes are in line with the provisions of this policy

Dr. Belio R. Kipsang, CBS Principal Secretary State Department For Early Learning and Basic Education

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DEFINITION OF OPERATIONAL TERMS

Mentorship:	The development of a personal relationship in which a more experienced, knowledgeable and caring person (mentor) provides support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and constructive role modeling over time, in order to promote continuous personal development of a less experienced person (mentee) and realization of their full potential.
Life skills:	Psychosocial abilities that enable individuals to effectively deal with day to day challenges.
Peer Educator:	A trained person who informally teaches, influences and molds persons with whom they share similar social backgrounds or life experiences.
Alumni Associations:	A network of graduates or former students who attended the same school or college.
Child:	A person under the age of 18.
Child Abuse:	All forms of physical, emotional or sexual ill-treatment resulting to actual or potential risk to a child's health and development.
Child Protection:	Philosophies, policies, standards, guidelines and procedures to protect children from both intentional and unintentional harm. It entails reducing risks to children's holistic well-being, making children's rights a reality, restoring hope and a dignified living where abuse has occurred and creating an enabling environment that supports children's holistic development.
Special Needs :	Implies any form of vulnerability which can be social, physical or biological which limits someone's capacity to function and participate in the society. In the context of education, when someone is considered having 'special needs', he or she is someone coming from certain vulnerable situations (social, physical, biological or political. Hence, children with special needs include refugee children, street children, children with disabilities as well as gifted and talented.
Disability:	Long-term physical, mental, psychosocial, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder full and effective participation in

	everyday activities on an equal basis with others. Examples include visual and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, physical and intellectual disabilities.
Mentee:	A person who is guided and supported by a more experienced person who is interested in his or her career or welfare
Mentor:	A knowledgeable and experienced guide, a trusted ally, advocate and caring role model who teaches or gives advice or guidance to someone less experienced
Community Service Learning:	It is a form of experiential approach to education that enables learners to apply their knowledge and skills in a different setting. It entails a balanced emphasis on both students' learning and addressing real needs in the community
Child Friendly Schools:	This is characterized as an inclusive, healthy and protective school environment for all children, effective, and involved with families and communities.
	It is a learning environment that is physically safe, emotionally secure and psychologically enabling.

ACRONYMS

APBET	Alternative Provision of Basic Education and Training
СВО	Community Based Organization
CDE	County Director of Education
CEMASTEA	Centre for Mathematics, Science & Technology Education in Africa
CESA	Continental Education Strategy for Africa
CSL	Community Service Learning
DQAS	Directorate of Quality assurance and Standards
ECDE	Early Childhood Development Education
FBO	Faith Based Organization
G&C	Guidance & Counselling
HoD	Head of Department
IEC	Information, Education & Communication
KCA	Kenya Children Assembly
KEMI	Kenya Educational Management Institute
KEPSHA	Kenya secondary schools heads association
KESSHA	Kenya Primary Schools Head Teachers Association
KICD	Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development
KISE	Kenya Institute of Special Education
KNEC	Kenya National Examination Council
KPSA	Kenya Private Schools' Association
MCDAs	Ministries, Commissions, Departments and Agencies
MCU	Mentorship Coordination Unit
MOE	Ministry of Education
MSP	Mentorship Service Providers

NESP	National Education Sector Plan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
РоҮА	Principal of the Year Award
SCDE	Sub County Director of Education
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SNE	Special Needs Education
TPD	Teacher Professional development
ТоҮА	Teacher of the Year Award
TTC	Teacher Training College
TSC	Teachers Service Commission
UN	United Nations

1 CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Mentorship is the development of a personal relationship in which a more experienced, knowledgeable and caring person provides support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and constructive role modeling over time, in order to promote continuous personal development of the mentee and realization of their full potential. It is a learning and development partnership between a person with vast experience and one who wants to learn and grow. Mentorship is a one-on-one learning relationship between a mentee and an expert in a specific topic or discipline. Mentorship is different from teaching. It is a relationship in which the mentee plays an active role in his/ her own learning and development whereas the mentor provides guidance, support and serves as a facilitator of that development. The mentor in this relationship takes on a number of roles such as a teacher, a role model and an advisor.

Research supports that school-based mentoring services have positive outcomes for children and youth which include increased completion rates, improved attitude towards learning, social skills, behavior and resilience. The programmes also strengthen peer, school and family relationships. In addition, they reduce the risk of involvement in drugs and substance abuse and increase a sense of belonging in the school and the community at large. Mentorship is a critical aspect that boosts individuals' intrinsic motivation, aspiration and inspiration in matters of life. Those constantly mentored are highly motivated to engage in their endeavors since they are exposed to opportunities for growth and development. It makes them appreciate life skills such as self-awareness, self-esteem and the need to achieve self-efficacy.

Majority of learners in Kenya are faced with numerous personal challenges that require them to make life-defining decisions early in their lives. Increasingly, young people have to handle issues dealing with career choices, sexuality, peer pressure, drug and substance abuse, harmful traditional practices and negative media influence among others. At the same time, they are expected to make sense of broader political and social changes. Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 also stipulates the national values and principles that need to be inculcated into all Kenyans. The Early Learning and Basic Education Curriculum Framework (2017) adopts a value based education approach to nurture values in leaners.

In view of the above, providing young people with support and guidance to assist them manage these issues effectively forms a critical part of education. The Ministry recognizes the role that the parents, immediate family and the wider community play in this regard. Moreover, the education sector is required to provide guidance and support through the provision of mentorship programmes. Over the years, the ministry in collaboration with other stakeholders has endeavored to develop the relevant skills, knowledge and attitude in learners through guidance and counselling, life skills education and mentorship among other initiatives.

The foundation of mentorship can be traced from several theories. However, this policy is anchored on the Social Learning Theory (Bandura, 1977) and Social Interaction Theory (Vygotsky, 1978). The Social Learning Theory maintains that human beings tend to emulate behavior they see in others whom they respect and admire. The Social Interaction Theory holds that learners require support when encountering new and complex thoughts and actions. The two theories are preferred because of their ability to explain how behavior change occurs through observation, interaction and emulation.

1.2 Situational Analysis

The National Education Sector Plan (NESP, 2013-2018) points out that in spite of pockets of good practice in some schools and institutions, guidance, counselling and mentoring services currently do not exist in sufficient depth, neither are they provided in a comprehensive or coherent manner. Specifically, they do not address in a holistic way career and entrepreneurship guidance, personal development and educational mentoring. Teachers do not have adequate skills necessary to provide this support, and there is lack of clarity on how parents, teachers and others can work together to provide life skills support and training, and advice on entry into the world of work.

The Ministry of Education also offers guidance and counselling services to children with learning difficulties, emotional and behavioral disorders. The Special Needs Education Policy (2018) has provision for the inclusion of learners with special needs and disabilities in learning institutions. However, few actors have the capacity to adequately provide psychosocial support and mentorship to these learners in all institutions of Early Learning and Basic Education.

According to NESP, failure to implement Life Skills Education in most schools, has impacted negatively on the acquisition of knowledge and skills to cope with life challenges such as HIV and AIDS, human sexuality and changing world of work as well as operating in a globalized world. This situation has created a vacuum that has seen a number of non-state actors and individuals enter into partnership with MOE to promote life skills and various mentorship programmes. Some of these service providers who include motivational speakers offer these services at a fee, thus burdening the parents.

Evidence from research and practice in mentorship depicts that lack of structured mentorship and inspirational activities or mechanisms in schools play a critical role in hindering learners' attendance and learning outcomes. Because of the mentorship void in schools, girls and boys end up lacking the intrinsic motivation and inspiration needed to attend, stay in school and learn. They lack the self-confidence to express themselves and interact with others. Schools do not have sufficient mentors to model the learners in a structured way. Yet, even in schools where mentorship occurs, it is neither institutionalized nor structured. Thus, placement of mentors and structured mechanisms for mentors and mentees meeting are a missing link to having motivated and inspired learners who develop the right skills and values while in school.

The net result is having youth who drop out of school at will since they do not recognize the value of education and are therefore not motivated; youth leaving school with limited life skills and values. This ends up compromising on the demographic dividends among these population (ICL midline survey 2015)

1.3 Rationale

Learners in Early Learning and Basic Education institutions have varied mentorship needs. This is evidenced by the issues observed among some learners which include negative peer pressure, substance abuse, risky sexual behavior, psychological disturbance, poor nutrition & health, poor goal-setting, bullying, radicalization and violent extremism among others.

The Value Based Education Report of 2015 pointed out that a culture of values and ethics is largely absent in Kenyan Primary schools. It also noted multiple disconnects between theory and practice. The report recommended that all the dimensions of Value Based Education

must be addressed through partnerships with children, parents, teachers, education administrators, Civil Society Organizations, Faith Based Organizations and policy makers.

Kenya, like many other countries in the world today, is facing threats to peaceful co-existence among communities. Emerging forms of violence pose a threat to the country's social economic development. In the face of such threats, young people need relevant and timely learning opportunities to develop the desired knowledge, skills and attitudes that can help build their resilience for peaceful co-existence. Mentorship plays a critical role in transforming individuals through nurturing values such as respect, integrity, empathy, responsibility, patriotism and peace.

Evidence from research and practice indicate that mentorship contributes to acquisition of the positive values and life skills by learners. The implementation of the policy will go a long way in promoting discipline and enabling learners to grow into productive citizens. The programme will link learners with mentors who they can emulate in their education, career and life in general. The mentees will acquire and internalize values such as hard work, integrity, tolerance, patriotism and equality among others.

Evidence derived from some successful mentorship programs indicate that there is increased motivation to stay in school through positive portrayal of education, increased uptake of leadership roles by female learners involved in mentorship. For instance, more girls are reported to have improved in academic performance to an extent of taking up science subjects as a result of mentorship. Teachers reported improved learner participation in classroom with learners demonstrating high levels of self-esteem, increased awareness of diverse career paths and improved learners-teacher interaction leading to better teaching and learning.

The Task Force on the Realignment of Education and Training with the Kenya Constitution, 2010 noted that despite the importance of inspiring, mentoring and nurturing of national values in the education sector, gaps still exist. In particular, there is no policy or guidelines on mentorship save for what takes place under guidance and counseling, which is not comprehensive. The Task Force recommended:

- a) Proper positioning of mentoring and inspiring at all levels with a clear policy and legislation.
- b) Partnership and collaboration with the relevant stakeholders including parents and local communities be encouraged.
- c) National values are mainstreamed in the curriculum.

The Ministry through this Mentorship Policy will mainstream mentorship programmes across all Basic Education institutions of Early Learning and Basic Education. The mentorship programmes will support the realization of the targets set out in the NESP (2013-2018).

1.4 Scope

This Mentorship Policy applies to all Early Learning and Basic Education institutions. It shall also apply to all mentorship service providers.

1.5 Vision and Mission

Vision: A well mentored and empowered patriotic citizenry for sustainable development

Mission: To nurture learners' potential through comprehensive mentorship by harnessing social competencies and talents in the society.

Overall Goal: Provide a framework for the provision of mentorship services in Basic Education institutions

1.6 Guiding Principles

National values

This Mentorship Policy will be guided by the National Values and principles of governance as stipulated in Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Confidentiality

All information regarding the mentorship process will be treated with confidentiality. Mentors shall have the responsibility to maintain and respect confidentiality. However, it may be broken to the extent that maintaining it may pose grave danger, to either parties or where it is deemed that breaking it may prevent commission of a crime.

Non-Discrimination

All the learners in the Early Learning and Basic Education institutions shall access mentorship services without discrimination.

Inclusiveness and Participation

Adequate opportunities for participation shall be provided for all learners as per their developing capacities. All stakeholders including learners will be involved in the conceptualization, design and management of their mentorship programmes.

Voluntary Participation

The mentorship programme will be anchored on the principle of volunteerism. The actors in mentorship programmes shall be encouraged to offer their services voluntarily for the good of the society.

The mentees shall have the autonomy to participate or not participate in mentorship programmes.

Collaboration

The Ministry of Education will coordinate and seek to establish partnerships and collaboration with actors offering mentorship services. This will create synergies and minimize duplication of the mentorship services in Basic Education institutions.

Sustainability

The Ministry will promote institutional ownership of mentorship programmes through multi-sectoral collaboration to ensure sustainability.

Protection

In all matters relating to mentorship, the interests of the mentee shall be safeguarded.

2 CHAPTER 2: LEGAL AND POLICY CONTEXT

The Mentorship Policy is anchored on Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 which prescribes the national values and principles that need to be inculcated into all Kenyans. The Kenya Vision 2030, which is Kenya's blueprint for social, economic and political development, aims at making Kenya "a newly industrializing, middle income country providing high quality life for all its citizens by the year 2030". The education system should therefore endeavor to develop youths who are properly mentored in order to achieve this vision. The national goals of education 3 and 4 stipulate that education should promote individual development, self-fulfillment and sound moral and religious values respectively. Learners should be accorded opportunities to develop their full potential while enhancing the acquisition of sound moral values that help them to grow into self-disciplined, self-reliant and integrated citizens.

The Early Learning and Basic Education Act 2013 provides that a parent/guardian shall have the right to participate in the character development of his/her child. Parents and guardians should therefore be the first mentors of the child. The National Education Sector Plan (2013- 2018) provides for molding, mentoring and nurturing of national values. It further champions a value based education system and the need to transmit life skills, principles and values for personal, social and economic development.

The vision for Early Learning and Basic Education Curriculum Framework 2017 is to enable every Kenyan to become an engaged, empowered and ethical citizen. Its mission is to nurture every learner's potential to acquire core competencies. Mentorship can enhance the acquisition of these competencies.

Africa Agenda 2063 and Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA) 2016-2025 emphasizes life skills and value based education as an important component of quality education. The Education Agenda 2030 pledges to; "ensure inclusive and equitable quality and relevant education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all." The goal is about enabling everyone to study, learn and fulfill their full potential. Through Sustainable Development Goal Four (SDG 4), the international community has adopted a life cycle approach to education and skills.

3 CHAPTER **3**: POLICY PROVISIONS

3.1 Mentorship Services

Learners in all Basic Education institutions require mentorship. Mentorship is valuable in that it facilitates acquisition of life skills, values and attitude to cope with day to day challenges as well as prepare them for the world of work.

Policy Statement:

Provide comprehensive age appropriate mentorship services that adequately address the diverse needs of all learners in institutions of Basic Education.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

3.1.1 Integrate mentorship in the curriculum and other Ministry programmes.

3.1.2 Establish and/or enhance mentorship services in all basic institutions.

3.2 Vetting of Mentorship Service Providers

Vetting of persons and organizations offering mentorship services is a critical element in safeguarding the wellbeing of mentees. The responsibility of vetting rests with Ministry of Education Head Quarters.

Policy Statement

Establish mechanisms to identify, vet and approve persons and organizations offering mentorship services in all Basic Education institutions.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.2.1 Develop a procedure and tools for vetting and approving persons and organizations offering mentorship services.
- 3.2.2 Approve vetted persons and organizations to offer mentorship services.
- 3.2.3 Maintain a data base of those approved to offer mentorship services.
- 3.2.4 Ensure compliance to the code of ethics for individuals and organizations offering mentorship services.
- 3.2.5 Ensure quarterly reporting on performance of mentorship service providers to the Ministry of Education

3.3 Vetting of mentorship Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials

There is influx of mentorship IEC materials in learning institutions. Some of these materials do not meet the threshold for relevance and quality as per the evaluation, vetting and approval criteria provided by KICD Act 2013. To this end, the Ministry will ensure that KICD vets all materials used for mentorship in learning institutions.

Policy Statement

Ensure all mentorship IEC materials in use in all Basic Education institutions are approved

as per the provision of the KICD Act 2013.

Strategies

To implement this policy, the Ministry shall;

- 3.3.1 Ensure all IEC materials for mentorship are evaluated, vetted and approved as per the procedures.
- 3.3.2 Identify and maintain an inventory of the approved IEC materials.
- 3.3.3 Review of IEC materials on mentorship after every 5 years and/or as per need.

3.4 Capacity Development

Mentorship programmes call for comprehensive capacity building of actors to help them develop skills, values and attitude needed to effectively guide the learners to achieve their full potential. These actors will include education officials, Boards of Management, teachers, Alumni Associations, parents/guardians, learners and the community at large.

This will also include individuals and organizations offering mentorship services to learners in all basic learning institutions.

Policy Statement

Enhance the capacity of actors implementing mentorship services in all basic learning institutions.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.4.1 Design and operationalize innovative and cost effective capacity development programs for actors offering mentorship services.
- 3.4.2 Bench mark for best practices on mentorship through cross learning.

3.5 Special needs and disability

While the role of mentorship in promoting and delivering quality education services cannot be overemphasized, it is noted that the concept is yet to be mainstreamed in the education sector to include learners with special needs and disabilities. General observation indicates that few mentorship programmes exist that either target or meet the specific needs of learners with special needs and disabilities. While most of the needs are similar to those of their peers without disabilities, specific modifications are required for mentorship programmes to be considered inclusive.

Inclusive mentorship programmes aim at helping learners with disabilities, their families and life assistants to deal with the negative psychosocial effects of disabilities such as discrimination, negative self-image, low self-esteem, stigma, marginalization, abuse and concealment.

In this policy, learners with special needs would include orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs), Children living in the streets, children from refugee families, internally displaced, children living with or affected by HIV, children in informal settlements among others. Also included in this group are children with disability and those who are gifted andtalented.

Policy statement

Enhance mentorship programmes and initiatives that promote holistic development of learners and trainees with disabilities.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.5.1 Mainstream special needs and disability in all mentorship programmes.
- 3.5.2 Adapt and implement relevant, accessible and disability responsive mentorship programmes.
- 3.5.3 Sensitize actors on the mentorship needs of learners with special needs and disabilities.
- 3.5.4 Enhance the involvement of appropriate role models and actors to mentor learners with special needs and disabilities.
- 3.5.5 Adapt and implement mentorship programmes that prepare learners with special needs and disabilities for transition from school to the world of work.

3.6 Mainstreaming Mentorship in Teacher Education and Development

Learners spend most of their formative years in school, guided by teachers. This presents opportunities for schools to facilitate mentorship and help learners to cope with schooling and other social challenges. This policy recognizes the fact that teachers need to have capacity and support to effectively offer mentorship services to learners.

Policy Statement

Mainstream mentorship in pre and in-service teacher training.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.6.1 Integrate mentorship into teacher training curriculum.
- 3.6.2 Infuse mentorship into the Teacher Professional Development Programs (TPD).
- 3.6.3 Integrate mentorship into in-service and sensitization programmes for schools.

3.7 Communication

Effective communication is key to the implementation of this Mentorship Policy as it enhances awareness, ownership, collaboration, and engagement among the actors. Traditionally, IEC materials have tended to be a one-way communication. There is therefore need to embrace interactive communication provided by technology and other platforms, such as social media.

Policy statement

Establish and strengthen mechanisms for effective communication and information management on Mentorship Policy and mentorship services for Basic Education institutions.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

3.7.1 Disseminate the Mentorship Policy.

3.7.2 Sensitize stakeholders on the mentorship services.

3.8 Collaborations, Partnerships and Linkages

Implementation and sustainability of effective mentorship services require enhanced partnership and linkages with various stakeholders. This policy recognizes the key role played by partners through collaborative effort. This collaboration will include all levels of Basic Education institutions, line ministries and departments, County governments, civil societies, Faith Based Organizations (FBOs), alumni associations, private sector and development partners in order to harness resources and create synergy in the implementation of mentorship programmes.

Policy statement

Establish, strengthen and maintain partnerships, collaborations and linkages with relevant stakeholders on mentorship at all levels of Early Learning and Basic Education.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.8.1 Develop a framework for collaboration, linkages and partnerships on mentorship.
- 3.8.2 Coordinate and support mentorship programmes at the county and national levels.
- 3.8.3 Adopt a multi-sectoral approach to establish linkages with MCDAs in mentorship.
- 3.8.4 Adopt a multi-sectoral approach to establish linkages, collaborations and partnerships with MCDAs and non-state actors in mentorship
- 3.8.5 Leverage on existing mentorship programmes implemented by various stakeholders and partners.

3.9 Information, Communication Technology (ICT) in Mentorship

Information, Communication Technology (ICT) plays a key role in the lives of many people as it enables access to information from a wide variety of sources. It has further offered opportunities for empowerment and education through development of skills and increased income. Misuse of ICT has had equally far reaching negative effects and presented new challenges such as information explosion, misleading information, moral degradation, antisocial behavior, and cyber-crime while making the users passive consumers of information. There is therefore need to mentor learners on safe use of ICT. ICT can also be used as a tool for mentorship.

Policy Statement

Equip the learners with knowledge and skills to positively use ICT as a mentorship tool.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.9.1 Empower learners to make informed choices on use of media.
- 3.9.2 Collaborate with relevant institutions and line ministries to influence content and programmes aired in the media.

3.10 Protection and Safety in Mentorship

The Constitution of Kenya 2010 and other legal and policy documents provide for protection of individuals from all forms of abuse, discrimination and exploitation. It is important therefore that provision of mentorship services and programmes take cognizance of the safety and protection of mentees.

Policy statement

Ensure protection and safety of the mentees in basic learning institutions.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

3.10.1 Enforce code of conduct for actors involved in mentorship services.

3.10.2 Strengthen reporting and response mechanisms for child abuse cases during mentorship.

3.11 Community Service Learning

Involving learners in community service is a form of experiential education that enables them to apply their knowledge and skills in real-life settings. It entails a balanced emphasis on both learning as well as addressing the needs of the community. Mentorship is critical in ensuring effective community service learning.

Policy Statement

Establish avenues for mentoring learners through community service learning

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.11.1 Mainstream mentorship in community service learning.
- 3.11.2 Create awareness on the importance of CSL
- 3.11.3 Identify avenues and opportunities for community service learning which expose learners to different mentors

3.12 Research, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

Mentorship is a dynamic field that requires regular research to address emerging issues and trends. Research, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning shall facilitate generation of data for learning and continuous improvement of mentorship programmes.

Policy Statement

Develop and operationalize a research, monitoring, evaluation and knowledge management framework for mentorship programmes.

Strategies

The ministry shall;

- 3.12.1 Promote research for continuous improvement of mentorship services.
- 3.12.2 Ensure quarterly reporting on performance of MSPs to the Ministry of Education.

3.12.3 Document research and publications of mentorship programmes at all levels.

3.12.4 Provide for regular monitoring and evaluation of mentorship programmes.

3.13 Recognition for best practices in mentorship

Recognition of achievement and exemplary performance of mentors and mentees is critical for the sustainability of mentorship programmes. This policy provides for recognition for best practices.

Policy statement

Provide a framework for establishment and implementation of a recognition system for best practices in mentorship of learners.

Strategies

The Ministry shall;

- 3.13.1 Establish a comprehensive criterion to recognize individuals and institutions for best practices in mentorship programmes.
- 3.13.2 Harmonize mentorship recognition system with existing recognition schemes at all levels.
- 3.13.3 Observe Annual mentorship Day.

3.14 Financing for Mentorship Programmes

In order to effectively implement this policy, there is need to ensure sustainable resource provision. The resources will be mobilized from state and non-state actors in accordance with Public Finance Management Act 2012.

Policy Statement:

Establish a structure for the provision of adequate and sustainable resources for the support of mentorship programmes.

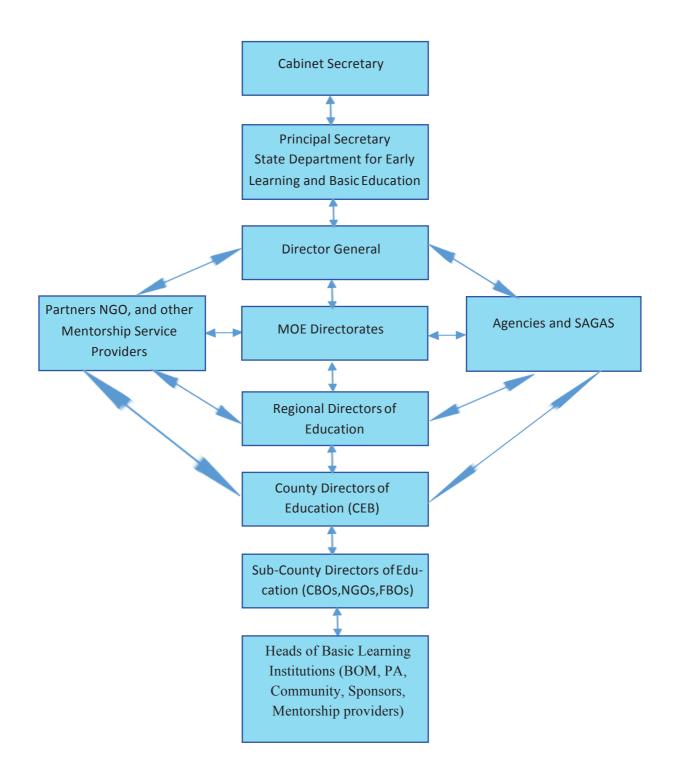
Strategies

The ministry shall;

- 3.14.1 Provide budgetary allocation for mentorship programs.
- 3.14.2 Mobilize stakeholders to support provision of resources to implement mentorship programmes.
- 3.14.3 Implement sustainable cost effective projects under the mentorship programmes.

4 CHAPTER 4: INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

The Implementation Framework for this policy shall be implemented within the existing governance and coordination structures as shown in the framework below. The detailed roles, responsibilities and organogram are provided in the guidelines below.



LEVEL	STRUCTURE	ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Nation al level	Cabinet Secretary	i. Shall ensure the legal and regulatory framework for the Mentorship Policy is in place.
	Principal Secretary	i. Shall facilitate the implementation and the review of this policy in liaison with other state and non-state actors.
	The Director General	i. Shall oversee the implementation of this policy by allMOE Directorates and SAGAs.
	Director Policy, Partnership and EACA	 i. Shall coordinate dissemination, implementation and review of the policy in liaison with other MOE Directorates, SAGAs and partners ii. Shall submit progress reports to the Director General in liaison with other Directorates, SAGAs and Partners.
	Regional Directors of Education	i. Oversee the implementation of mentorship programmes at regional levelii. Maintain records on mentorship programmes at the regional level
County level	County Directors of Education (CEB)	 i. Oversee the implementation of mentorship programmes in the county level ii. Coordinate actors in mentorship at the County level iii. Maintain records on mentorship programmes at the County level
Sub -County level	Sub-County Director of Education (CBOs,NGOs,FBOs)	 i. Oversee implementation of mentorship programmes in learning institutions at the sub-County level ii. Maintain records on mentorship programmes at the Sub- County level iii. Reporting to the County Director of Education on mentorship Programmes
Institution al Level	Heads of Basic Learning Institutions (BOM, PA, Community, Sponsors, Mentorship providers)	 i. Integrate and Implement mentorship programmes at the institutional level. ii. Establish relevant collaborations with stakeholders. iii. Maintain relevant records at the institutional level as per the guidelines. iv. Monitor and evaluate the mentorship programmes at the institutional level v. Report on progress of mentorship programmes to the Sub-County Director of Education

5 CHAPTER 5: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

5.1 Implementation of the policy

To commence implementation of this policy, the following minimum requirements shall apply:

- 5.1.1 Launch and disseminate the Mentorship Policy at the National, County and Sub county levels.
- 5.1.2 Establish National, County, Sub county and Institutional structures for the mentorship programmes.
- 5.1.3 Collaborate with the media to create awareness on the Mentorship Policy

5.2 Review of the policy

This policy shall be reviewed after five years to reflect dynamic contexts within which learners grow and learn.

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7 ANNEX 1: Implementation Guidelines

The guidelines stipulated below provide a practical reference for implementation of mentorship programmes by all service providers including state and non-state actors. They will also provide a well-coordinated framework for effective implementation of mentorship programmes by all stakeholders.

In addition, the guidelines operationalize the strategies outlined in the Mentorship Policy by highlighting the key activities to be implemented under each policy provision. They also identify the target audience and key actors in the provision of coordinated mentorship programmes. Further, the document highlights prospective partners for collaboration, partner- ship and linkages in the mentorship programmes.

Finally, the guidelines clearly spell out the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders to be involved in mentorship programmes in Early Learning and Basic Education Learning Institutions.

Strategy		tivities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/Whom?)
		nent: Provide comprehensive ess the diverse needs of all lea			
Integrate mentorship in the curriculum and other Ministry programmes Establis		Design age appropriate mentorship activities in the curriculum. Integrate mentorship in the annual school calendar to allow for intentional planning and execution Integrate mentorship in co-curricular activities.	Learners	MOE KICD Head Teachers	TSC Approved mentors Alumni Parents/guardians Teachers Sponsors Caregivers
h and/or enhance mentors hip services in all instituti ons		Disseminate the Mentorship Policy to key stakeholders of schools Sensitize and involve the school community on the mentorship programmes Integrate mentorship programmes in school activities through joint planning, feedback and review.	Teachers Learners School community BoM PAs	MOE Head Teacher	TSC Non-state actors MSPs
•		nent: Establish mechanisms to Tering mentorship services in a	•		
Develop a procedure and tools for vetting and approving persons and organizations offering mentorship services	i. ii. iii.	Adopt the existing MOE structure to lead in vetting and approval of mentorship service providers Review existing related procedures/tools Adopt the existing MOE procedure and tools to guide vetting and approval process	Mentorship service providers such as NGOs, PA, FBOs, Alumni Associations, Motivation Speakers, Counselors, Chaplaincy,	MOE	Development Partners, MCDAs
Approve vetted persons and organizations to offer mentorship services.	i. ii.	Receive applications from interested service providers Conduct vetting and approval of the applications	Mentorship service providers	MOE	MCDAs
Maintain a data base of those approved to	i.	Establish a data base for approved service providers (upload and routinely update the database on the MOE website	Mentorship service providers	MOE	MCDAs

Strategy	Ac	tivities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/ Whom?)
offer mentorship services	іі. ііі.	Maintain an updated list of approved service providers with Counties and Sub counties Conduct routine assessment of the MSPs on their continued suitability and compliance			
-		ent: Ensure all mentorship IEC ma er the provision of the KICD Act 20		ll Basic Educa	tion institutions
Ensure all IEC materials for mentorship are evaluated, vetted and approved as per the procedures.	i. ii.	Invite publishers and mentorship service providers with IEC materials to submit them for evaluation Conduct evaluation and approval of the IEC materials Assess compliance on the use of approved mentorship IEC materials	Publishers and mentorship service providers	MOE KICD	KISE TSC KNEC Development partners
Identify and maintain an inventory of the approved IEC materials	i. ii.	Publish the list of approved Mentorship IEC materials in the Orange Book Digitize and upload the updated Orange Book in the MOE and KICD websites	Learning institutions Parents/ Guardians	MOE and KICD	State and Non State Actors
Review of IEC materials on mentorship after every 5 years and/or as per need	i. ii.	Conduct assessments every five years on the relevance of the existing mentorship IEC materials and/or as per need Advice the publishers and mentorship service providers on the required changes or improvements on the existing IEC materials on mentorship	Publishers and mentorship service providers Learning institutions	MOE and KICD	State and Non State Actors
3.4, Policy Stain learning in		nent: Enhance the capacity of pa utions	artners implem	enting mento	rship services
Design and operationaliz e innovative and cost effective	i. ii.	Map service providers for capacity building Conduct capacity assessment to identify capacity development	MSPs	MOE,	MCDAs Development Partners

Strategy	Activities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/ Whom?)
capacity development programs for those offering mentorship services	iii. Develop materials for capacity developmentiv. Capacity development of MSPs based on their needs			
Bench mark for best practices on mentorship through cross learning	 i. Identify institutions with best practices in mentorship, both locally and internationally ii. Develop a tool for bench marking. iii. Facilitate cross learning for mentorship service providers for bench marking of best practices iv. Develop an action plan to replicate the identified best practices from the bench marking 	MOE officers in charge of mentorship programmes Learning institutions MSPs in the institutions MSPs from the partner organizations	MOE	MCDAs, Development Partners TSC
-	tement: Enhance mentorship program pment of learners and trainees with sp		-	the
Mainstream Special needs and disability in all mentorship programmes	 i. Sensitize mentors on mainstreaming Special Needs and disability in mentorship programmes ii. Adapt specific and relevant Special Needs and disability materials on mentorship iii. Produce materials and disseminate in accessible formats relevant for specific Special Needs and disability 	Learners with Special Needs and disabilities, Teachers Caregivers	MOE KISE KICD	State and Non State actors in mentorship
Adapt and implement relevant, accessible and disability responsive mentorship programmes	i. Map out needs of Learners with Special Needs and disabilityii. Adapt programmes based on the needs of learners with Special Needs and disability	Learners with Special Needs and disabilities Teachers Caregivers	MOE	State and Non State actors in mentorship
Enhance the involvement of appropriate role models and partners	 Map out role models and actors with Special Needs and disabilities Organize mentorship tours for learners to visit persons and 	Learners with Special Needs and disabilities, Teachers Caregivers	MOE	State and Non State actors in mentorship

Strategy	Activities	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/ Whom?)
to mentor learners with SNE and disabilities	institutions for Special Needs and dis abilities			
Adapt and implement mentorship programmes that prepare learners with Special Needs and disabilities for transition from school to the world of work	 i. Organize Career Talks, and Job Shadowing programmes targeting learners with special needs and disability ii. Strengthen the linkage between learning institutions and the career placement office of the National Council of Persons with Disabilities at all levels iii. Work with relevant authorities to set up a resourcing model for learners with Special Abilities to start work 	Learners with Special Needs and Disabilities, Teachers Caregivers National Council of Persons with Disabilities	MOE KISE KICD	State and Non State actors in mentorship
3.6, Policy Sta	tement: Mainstream Mentorship in Pre	and In-service T	eacher Trainin	g
Integrate mentorship into Teacher	i. Develop content for mainstreaming mentorship into the curriculum.ii. In-service teacher educators on	Pre-service teachers	MOE and KICD	MCDAs Partners
Training curriculum	mentorship	Teacher Trainers and Teacher Trainees	MOE & KICD MOE & KNEC	KICD/TSC/ DQAS/DTE TSC
	 iii. Engage teacher training institutions to integrate mentorship in their teacher training programmes 	Teacher Trainees and Trainers in all levels		Universities, Diploma Colleges, TIVET institutions and post training institutions
Integrate mentorship into teacher professional development programmes	i. Integrate mentorship as a component of Teacher Professional Development Programmes.	In-service Teachers BOM, PA CSOs, CDE, CDTSC,	MOE & TSC MOE & TSC	MCDAs, Non-state Actors and Partners MCDAs,

Strategy	Activities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/ Whom?)
	 ii. Conduct sensitization on mentor- ship. iii. Engage teacher training institutions to integrate mentorship in their teacher training programmes 	School managers		Non-state Actors and Partners
•	tement: Establish and strengthen mecl on management on the Mentorship Pol on institutions			
Disseminate the Mentorship Policy to key Stakeholders	 i. Develop a dissemination strategy of Mentorship Policy and services ii. Leverage on forums at all levels to disseminate the policy to stake holders. 	 Stake holders including MCDAs, Heads Associations, Teachers Unions, PA, BOM Stake holders including MCDAs, Heads Associations, Teachers Unions, PA, School Managers 	MOE	MCDAs, Partners MCDAs, Partners
Sensitize the stake holders on he mentorship services. work	 i. Disseminate IEC materials to create public awareness in implementation of mentorship programmes. ii. Collaborate with media, corporate organizations and partners to publicize mentorship programmes. iii. Develop specific messages for targeted audience. 	Stake holders	MOE	State and Non State actors
•	ement: Establish, strengthen and main relevant stakeholders on mentorship a	· · ·	ollaborations	and
Develop a framework for collaboration, linkages and partnerships on mentorship	 i. Identify areas of collaboration, linkages and partnerships on mentorship ii. Document process and procedure to be followed by potential partners and collaborators on mentorship 	Potential partners and Collaborators	MOE	MCDAs

Strategy		tivities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/ Whom?)
Coordinate and support mentorship programmes at the county and national levels.	i. ii.	Develop and implement a coordination framework to create synergy Organise stakeholder forums for sharing experiences.	MSPs	MOE	MCDAs, development partners
Adopt a multi- sectoral approach to establish linkages, collaborations and partnerships with MCDAs and non- state actors in mentorship		Map areas of linkages, collaboration and partnership among stakeholders Conduct workshops to strengthen linkages and collaboration with MCDAs and non-state actors on mentorship Develop and implement a joint consolidated work plan. Hold review meetings periodically.	MCDAs Non state Actors	MOE	Other State departments in MOE Non State
Leverage on existing mentorship programmes implemented by various stakeholders and partners		Map existing mentorship programmes stakeholders Hold a consultative meeting with Stakeholders and partners providing mentorship services Harmonize stakeholders and partners work plans. Participate in existing mentorship programmes	Stakeholders and Partners in Mentorship	MOE	TSC and MCDAs Development partners
-		nent: Equip the learners with I in collaboration with stakeh	-	skills to posit	tively use ICT as
Empower learners to make informed choices on media use	i.	Sensitize teachers and learners on benefits and dangers of ICT Mainstream online safety in the mentorship programmes	Learners Teachers	MOE, TSC and KICD	MCDAs, Ministry of ICT, Communication Authority of Kenya and relevant ICT and media players

Strategy	Ac	tivities (Guidelines)	Target	Focal	Partnership
			(For Who?)	person/ Institution (By Who?)	(s) (With/ Whom?)
Collaborate with relevant institutions and line ministries to influence content and programmes aired in the media.	i.	Hold Consultative meetings with media players and regulators on the role of media in in mentorship	Media Players	MOE	MCDA, Kenya Film Classification Board, Ministry of ICT, Communication Authority of Kenya and non- state actors
		ement: Make adequate provision ing institutions	for the protection	on and safety	of the mentees
Enforce child protections laws during	i.	Sensitize mentees on their rights and responsibilities during mentorship	MSPs	TSC and MOE	MCDAs, DCS, and development partners
mentorship	ii.	Sensitize teachers on adherence to the TSC Code of Conduct	MSPs		
	iii.	Supervise mentorship sessions facilitated by third parties in learning institutions	MSPs	TSC	
	iv.	Establish reporting and response mechanisms for child abuse cases during mentorship	MSPs	Management of learning institution	
3.11, Policy S learning	tate	ement: Establish avenues for men	toring learners	through com	munity service
1. Main- stream mentorship	i.	Implement age appropriate mentorship activities in Community Service Learning.	Learners Teachers	MOE KICD	TSC Parents
in Community Service Learning	ii.	Establish mechanisms for acknowledging learners' participation in CSL programmes			Partners Corporate Organizations Institutional Managers
Create awareness on the im- portance of	i. ii.	Engage PA at all levels in the dissemination of the Policy. Conduct Sensitization on the importance of participation in	PA learners, parents/ guardians and all	MOE	State and non-state partners
CSL.		Community Service Learning.	all stakeholders		

Strategy	Ac	tivities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/Who m?)
Identify, avenues and opportunities for community service learning which expose learners to different mentors 3.12, Policy sta	i. .tem	Map and prioritize avenues and opportunities that are suitable for community service learning ent: Develop and operationalize	individuals institutions e a research, mo	MOE Institutions head	TSC School Com- munity State and non-state partners
knowledge man	nage	ement framework for mentorsh	ip programs.		
Promote research for continuous improvement of mentorship services	i.	Create an enabling environment for research on mentorship programmes	MSPs	MOE,	TSC State and Non-state partners MCDA
Ensure quarterly reporting on performance of MSPs to the Ministry of Education	i. ii.	Develop and operationalize a monitoring and reporting framework Develop a reporting tool to facilitate quarterly reporting by MSP	MSPs	MOE	MCDA Development Partners
Document research and publications of Mentorship programmes at all levels.	ii.	Create a database of research and publications on mentor- ship. Publish research findings on the MOE website Update the data base periodically	MSPs, Schools	MOE	MCDAs, Development Partners
Provide for regular monitoring and evaluation of mentorship programmes	i. ii. iii.	Harmonize M&E activities Carry out Joint M&E of mentorship programmes periodically. Publish M&E reports	MSPs	MOE	MCDAs Development Partners

Strategy	Activities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/ Whom?)
3.13, Policy Sta	tement: Provide a framework for	establishment a	nd implement	ation of a
recognition sys	tem for best practices in mentors	nip of learners.		
Establish a comprehensive criterion to recognize individuals and institutions for best practices	 i. Identify categories of mentorship programmes for recognition. ii. Outline the key success indicators for best practices in consultation with key stakeholders. 	Teachers Learners Mentors	MOE	Corporate organizati ons TSC Partner Organizations
in mentorship programmes	iii. Conduct a periodic appraisal of best practices in learning institutions.			
Harmonize	i. Integrate recognition of men-	Teachers	MOE	TSC
mentorship recognition system with existing recognition schemes at all levels.	tees in school and education functions	Learners		Partner Organizations MSPs
Observe	i. Institutionalize celebration of	Alumni	MOE	State and
Mentorship	the mentorship-Alumni day in	Teachers		non-state
-Alumni Day Annually	the school calendar	Learners		actors Community
3.14, Policy sta	tement: Establish a structure for	the provision of a	adequate and a	sustainable
resources for tl	e support of mentorship program	nmes		
Empower learners to make in- formed choices on media use	 i. Develop a concept note with specific needs to be addressed by the mentorship programmer showing sustainable results ii. Incorporate mentorship programmes into the Education Sector Strategic 		MOE	MCDAs Development Partners
	Plan. iii. Incorporate mentorship programmes in the budgetary process			

Strategy	Activities (Guidelines)	Target (For Who?)	Focal person/ Institution (By Who?)	Partnership (s) (With/ Whom?)
Mobilize stakeholders to support provision of	i. Partner with stakeholders to support mentorship programmes	Non-State actors	MOE	Parents MCDAs
resources to implement mentorship programmes		MSPs Alumni		State and non-State actors
Implement sustainable cost effective projects under the mentorship programmes	i. Leverage on existing resources in learning institutions for sustainability of mentorship programmes	Teachers, Peer Mentors, Alumni, Sponsorship organizations Community	MOE	TSC State and non-state actors MSPs Community

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