
**TAITA TAVETA COUNTY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND LIVESTOCK
BREEDING TECHNOLOGIES DRAFT BILL 2020.**

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PREAMBLE

A Bill of the County Government to establish, regulate and promote the county artificial insemination subsidized scheme and other livestock breeding technology services for sustainable livestock genetic improvement in Taita Taveta County.

Date of Assent

Date of Commencement

ENACTED by the County Government of Taita Taveta as follows—

PART I – PRELIMINARY	
<i>Short title</i>	1. This Bill of the County Government shall be known as the Taita Taveta County Artificial Insemination and Livestock breeding technologies bill, 2020.
<i>Interpretation</i>	2. " Act " means this Act and all regulations made here under; " Animal " means cattle, camel, sheep, goats, pigs, buffalo, horse, rabbits, ass, poultry, mule, dogs and farmed game. " Inseminator " means a person who carries out the artificial insemination of animals and who is registered with Kenya Veterinary Board and licenced by the County Directorate of Veterinary services and he or she has completed the prescribed course of instruction;

	<p>“Artificial Insemination centre” means the officially established and supervised establishment situated in Taita Taveta county in which semen is stored for use in Artificial Insemination;</p> <p>“Breeding technologies” means any method used for propagation and livestock genetic improvement including embryo transfer;</p> <p>"Committee" means the artificial insemination and livestock breeding technologies committee.</p> <p>“CECM” means County Executive Committee Member responsible for livestock matters.</p> <p>“Embryo transfer' means the act of implanting an ovum or embryo in a female animal;</p> <p>“Farmer” means any person, household or group of persons keeping or rearing animals;</p> <p>“Government” means the County Government of Taita Taveta;</p> <p>"Livestock" means any domestic animal of ruminant or non-ruminant species such as cattle, sheep, goat, camel, donkey, horse, or domestic pets; wildlife found on the rangelands; and any other animal which the Cabinet Secretary may, by notice in the Gazette, declare to be a livestock.</p> <p>“Scheme” means the artificial insemination subsidy scheme established by the county government of Taita Taveta</p> <p>“Secretariat” means the body established under Part III of this Bill.</p>
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	<p>“Semen” means the prepared or diluted ejaculate of a farm animal;</p>
<i>Application of the bill</i>	<p>3. This Act of the County Government shall apply within Taita Taveta County</p>
<p align="center">PART II— ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND LIVESTOCK BREEDING TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE</p>	
<i>Establishment of the Artificial Insemination and Breeding Technologies Committee</i>	<p>4. (a) There shall be an artificial insemination and breeding technologies committee.</p> <p>(b) The committee shall be a technical group formed by technical officers and other stakeholders in the Livestock industry in Taita Taveta County.</p> <p>(c) The committee shall play leading role in the promotion and development of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Livestock breeding services including Artificial insemination ii. Procurement and distribution of liquid nitrogen and other AI inputs through the County AI center iii. Training and capacity building of AI technicians iv. Training of livestock keepers on breeding services v. Preservation and distribution of semen and embryos <p>(d) To carry-out any other activities incidental or conducive to the foregoing.</p> <p>(e) The resolutions of the committee shall be binding to the actors in the county and shall be communicated in writing.</p>
<i>Composition of Committee</i>	<p>5. The composition of the committee shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The County chief officer responsible for veterinary matters shall be the chairman of the committee. b) The County Director of Veterinary services who shall be the secretary c) Other members are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. County Director of Livestock production ii. A representative from the Taita Taveta Ranchers iii. Two representatives from the dairy farmer’s umbrella organizations. iv. A representative from the AI service providers in the county.

	v. Two ex-officio members appointed by the CECM.
<i>Reporting of the Committee</i>	6. The Committee shall report quarterly to the CECM.
<i>Functions of the Committee</i>	<p>7. The functions of the Committee shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Develop guidelines on cost of AI service under the county AI scheme; b) Develop guidelines on operations of the county AI scheme. c) Raise awareness regarding standards and quality of breeding services d) To regulate and facilitate the storage, distribution, sale and use of semen or embryos in the county and ensure sustainability. e) Engage stakeholders on breeding services. f) Safeguard public interest in breeding services through public participation. g) The committee shall arbitrate on conflicts arising from breeding services. h) The committee receives, considers and approves applications for licensing of public and private qualified AI technicians working in the county. i) To maintain a record of trained and registered AI technicians working in the county j) Monitor and evaluate breeding activities in the county. k) Collaborate in research pertaining to breeding technologies. l) Mobilize livestock farmers in the county to join and participate in various Livestock breed societies in the country; m) Develop appropriate guidelines and operation procedures to implement breeding extension services; n) Provide guidance on breeding and multiplication of improved breeds; o) In collaboration with the Regional Livestock Recording center promote livestock recording and animal performance testing; p) promote the use of improved natural breeding especially in areas where artificial insemination is not available; q) Promote investments for Artificial Insemination and Livestock breeding

<p><i>Meetings of the Committee</i></p> <p><i>Appointment of the Chairman</i></p>	<p>services and infrastructure in the county.</p> <p>r) Provide guidelines on the use of private AI service providers in the county AI scheme for the effective and efficient discharge of AI services</p> <p>s) To perform such other functions concerning livestock breeding, as may be prescribed.</p> <p>8. (a) The committee shall meet quarterly. (b) The Chairman has the power to convene meetings and may call special meetings to address urgent matters.</p> <p>9. The CECM shall appoint the County chief officer responsible for veterinary matters to be the chairman of the committee.</p>
<p><i>Licensing of Artificial insemination technicians</i></p>	<p>10. The AI technicians shall be licensed in accordance with conditions set out in the Veterinary and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, 2011.</p>
<p align="center">PART III— ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRETARIAT</p>	
<p><i>Establishment of the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Composition of the Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Functions of the Secretariat</i></p>	<p>11. There is hereby established a Secretariat to the committee.</p> <p>12. The Secretariat shall comprise of:</p> <p>a) The County Director of Veterinary Services</p> <p>b) The Veterinary officer responsible for the county AI scheme</p> <p>c) The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer in the Directorate of Veterinary Services in the county.</p> <p>d) The secretariat can co-opt any other official for advisory as need arises</p> <p>13. The Secretariat shall be responsible for</p> <p>(a) Coordinating and implementing the functions and decisions of the committee.</p>

	(b) Management and operations of the county AI scheme.
PART IV— ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNTY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SCHEME	
<i>Establishment of the County artificial insemination scheme</i>	<p>14. (a) There is established a county artificial insemination scheme to deliver AI services.</p> <p>(b) The county may provide a subsidy to livestock keepers through the County AI scheme</p>
<i>Personnel of the scheme</i>	15. The scheme shall discharge its duties through the staff of the directorate of veterinary services
<i>Functions of the scheme</i>	<p>16. The functions of the scheme shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Implementation of the decisions of the committee on county AI scheme b) Planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the county AI subsidy scheme c) Collection of revenue on behalf of the County Government where applicable. d) Train staff and farmers in aspects of livestock breeding e) Maintain a record of all the breeding activities in the county f) Dissemination of information on breeding services g) Identify, capacity build and facilitate AI technicians. h) Operation and maintenance of the AI center in the county.
<i>Duties of the Artificial Insemination Technicians</i>	<p>17. In delivery of breeding services, the AI technicians shall;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Offer AI service to the farmers on request b) Provide advice to the livestock keepers and manage the health issues that would otherwise affect the breeding ability of their animals c) Maintain relevant records of the AI services offered to farmers
PART V—OFFENCES	
<i>Offences</i>	18. It shall be an offence under this bill;

	<p>(a) For any person to offer AI services contrary to the provisions of this bill</p> <p>(b) For a person not qualified as prescribed in Veterinary Surgeons and Para-professionals Act, 2011 to be a personnel of the county AI scheme</p> <p>(c) For any recipient of the county AI scheme services to fail to pay applicable fees for the service</p> <p>(d) Where an offence is committed or a complaint has been made against any person in respect of performance of activities touching on any aspect of this Act, the Chief Officer in- Charge of Veterinary services may deal with the complaint or offence administratively, handover the matter to the County enforcement machinery or institute any legal proceeding according to the relevant Laws of Kenya.</p>
<i>Fines</i>	19. Any person guilty of an offence under this bill shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding twenty five thousand shillings, or to both.
<i>Guidelines on AI services</i>	20. The Directorate of Veterinary Services shall maintain an updated guideline on the breeding services.
<i>Powers to make regulations</i>	21. The CECM shall have the power to enact regulations, guidelines, frameworks and plans related to Artificial Insemination and Breeding Technologies in the county.
PART VI- FINANCES	
<i>Allocation of Funds</i>	22. The County Government shall allocate funds for the operationalization of this Bill.
<i>Establishment of a revolving fund</i>	23. The County Government shall establish a County Veterinary Services revolving Fund to support the operations of the county AI scheme
<i>Collection of fees</i>	24. All fees collected under this bill shall be revenue to the County Government.
<i>Protection of County government and staff</i>	25. No liability shall attach to the County Government or any public officer in discharge of duties under this bill in respect of any loss which may be suffered

	as a result of any of the services rendered.
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MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The purpose of the bill is to establish, regulate and promote the county artificial insemination subsidy scheme and other livestock breeding technologies services for sustainable livestock genetic improvement in Taita Taveta County.

The bill has financial implications on the County Government and may require budgetary adjustments upon publication in the Kenya Gazette to aid in the county revenue raising measures courtesy of the prescribed fees within the bill.

It is expected that the bill, when enacted into law, will create an increase in the number of cattle and livestock products for overall economic gain of the County.

Dated the, 2020.

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