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**Co-operative / Organisation:** Kocheng Gei Poultry Cooperative Society

**Residence:** Nandi County



Female Leaders Mentorship Programme for Co-operatives (FLEP-COOP Initiative)

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**Who I am:** My name is Joan Chepkosgei, I work at Kocheng Gei Poultry Cooperative Society as a quality control and food safety officer. I have a Bachelor's degree in Food Science and Technology. I am currently working to enhance my leadership skills, become a better communicator and I am passionate about developing communities in my country. My values are based on my Christian faith and the love of people. I look forward to a country that is food secure and sustainable in that sense. I stand for an empowered and enlightened community and self-drive. I come from a large and loving family that has embraced unity and uplifting one another.

**At the end of my FLEP Coop mentorship** this is what I wish to have achieved:

- Tap into the strengths within me as a leader, learn the barriers I have always put for myself and break them to allow myself to fully utilize my potential.
- To become empowered as a female leader in the cooperative and be able to even empower other females to take up leadership roles in the spaces.
- Take up from what other female leaders have been able to build, enhance it and make it sustainable for other female leaders after me.

**My leadership aspirations in the co-operative sector are:**

I am passionate about food security and sustainability. I would like as a female leader in the cooperative to be one of the contributors of food security and sustainability in my community and thereby improve the livelihood of the people (Rural development). I look forward to becoming a better communicator and portraying confidence in leadership.

These are my most prevailing challenges I experience in co-operatives:

My cooperative has offered an opportunity for me to take up leadership space and what could hinder me is just self-limiting myself probably because of how I have long been told and seen how society views women in leadership. To overcome this, I am putting myself out there, showing interest and accepting the support I receive in the cooperative. There are opportunities presented for women leaders.

**This is why I want to be a leader in the co-operative space:**

Despite agriculture being highly practised in most areas in Kenya, Kenya has been ranked food insecure and working with Kocheng Gei Poultry Cooperative Society, I am looking to offer solutions to food security and sustainability and rural development. I am also passionate about women empowerment and this gives me an opportunity to empower others.



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