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Special Sitting

*(Convened via Kenya Gazette Notice
No. 3264 of 21st April, 2020)*

The House met at 10.56 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Mwangangi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, just taking this time so that you can access your documents because of the special times we are in and again also, because even before the Coronavirus Disease, we had agreed to go paperless as much as we can. I am told most of the documents have been uploaded so that you can access them on your electronic gadgets. Is that so? Have you accessed the documents, the Order Paper to start with?

Christopher, please make sure that the Members access the necessary documents. Check for the person who will assist. Hon. Ndawa, there is a seat here.... Oh, ok, you are right. Sit where there is a mic, even if it's up there where there is a mic. I'm also looking for somebody to assist me with the documents. Mheshimiwa Kieti, you want to assist me access my document?

You have the Order Papers, Hon. Members? On your cell phones or on your iPads? None of you have them? Hon. Kisila, you do? And Hon. Kisila, maybe when you wish to talk you'll be coming to the front. I don't see a mic in front of that seat. Ok, ok.

So, Members, I want to call the clerk that we start the business of today. Mr. Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me to access the communication from the computer. The way it has been saved is a little mixed up but I am there already. Apologies Hon. Members, I will just start with what I have. There is some more documentation that is supposed to have been with the communication but as it comes, we can start so that we can save on time, and I appreciate that we started a little late also because of the logistics of organizing the special sitting today. So, good morning Members. This is on Order No. 2 which is Communication from the Chair.

RATIONALE FOR THE SPECIAL SITTING

I welcome you Hon. Members to this extra-ordinary sitting of this Assembly which is also a special sitting and Hon. Members, the special sitting is informed by the County Assembly of

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Machakos Standing Order 26(1) and (2) which provides that whenever during a session, the House stands adjourned, whether or not a day has been appointed for the next meeting, the Speaker may appoint a day for a special sitting of the House (a) on request of the Leader of Majority or the Leader of the Minority party and also on the signed request by Members of not less than a third of the membership of the Assembly. Such a request shall be addressed to the Speaker.

Hon. Members, the provision of the Order goes further to state that the Speaker may allow a request under if the Speaker is satisfied that the business proposed to be transacted is urgent or special.

I was satisfied that a request made under sub-Order 1 Hon. Members, was urgent and the business is exceptional. So, Hon. Members, Article 220(2)(b) of the Constitution provides that a national legislation on the plans and budgets of the county shall be tabled and further, Section 126 (3) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 2012, provides that the County Executive Committee Member responsible for planning shall, not later than 1st September in each year, submit the relevant plan to the County Assembly for its approval and send a copy to the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury.

Hon. Members, further, Section 117 of the PFM Act provides that the County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and the County Treasury shall submit the approved CFSP by 28th February of each year.

Further, Section 117(6) of the same Act provides that not later than 14 days after submitting the CFSP to the County Assembly, the County Assembly shall consider and may adopt it, with or without amendments.

Hon. Members, pursuant to these provisions, the County Assembly received the ADP for the financial year 2020/2021, dated 30th August, 2019 from the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning on 2nd September, 2019. Further, Hon. Members, the Assembly received the CFSP for 2020 on 28th February, 2020 from the County Treasury.

The Assembly, Hon. Members, as you are aware, adjourned on 16th March, 2020 following the outbreak of the coronavirus disease in the country and indeed, which had already spread in many other parts of the world and the subsequent Executive Order of the President and also of the Ministry of Health, advised by the WHO, it was impossible, Hon. Members, for you to process the ADP and the CFSP. You remember, there was limited physical interaction and for that reason, Hon. Members, you have been away up to today on plenary, this special sitting, and those are businesses, among others which are gazetted, that have called upon us to have this special sitting, even in the face of coronavirus, and that is why you notice you are only 26 of you because you are supposed to sit on the social distance that is required by the Ministry of Health.

Hon. Members, these documents, ADP and CFSP, and in addition, a request that had been sent to the Assembly which I'll also address a little later, by the CEC, Finance and Economic Planning, for your approval to facilitate an overdraft facility for cash flow management, or what others may call borrowing, those are essential businesses which could not wait and we had to have this special sitting so that you can address them.

So, Hon. Members, in consultation with the minority and majority party leaders, I convened this meeting by the gazette notice. On Standing Order 26(3), I am required by notice in that gazette, to notify the members of the public and also Members of this Assembly, the date and time appointed for the special sitting, and accordingly, the special sitting is vide Gazette Notice No. 3264 of 21st April, 2020.

Hon. Members, further, Standing Order 26(4) provides that whenever the House meets for a special sitting like now, under paragraph 1 of that Order, the Speaker shall specify the business

to be transacted on the day or days appointed for the special sitting, and only those businesses are to be transacted, and so Hon. Members, in that Gazette Notice, the business that is specified is:-

- a) Machakos County Annual Development Plan, FY 2020/2021;
- b) The Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2020;
- c) The request by the County Executive to approve a short term cash flow management facility;
- d) Any other business that can be transacted in the sitting with the permission of the Speaker.

So, Hon. Members, that is why we are here in today's sitting.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY 2020/2021

My second communication, Hon. Members, is on the request by the County Executive for extension in submitting the budget estimates for FY 2020/2021. Hon. Members, under Section 129(2)(a) of the PFM Act, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance is to submit to the County Assembly the budget estimates and the supporting documents and any other Bills required to implement the budget except the Finance Bill, by 30th April in each year.

Further, Hon. Members, Section 129(2)(a) provides that the County Executive Committee Member for Finance shall ensure that the estimates submitted in Section 129(2)(a) are in accordance with the resolution adopted by the County Assembly on the CFSP. Pursuant to these provisions Hon. Members, the Assembly has received a request from the County Executive Committee Member for Finance that they be given an extension of time to submit the budget estimates for FY 2020/2021, and the request is in a letter dated 29th April, 2020, and it was received by the Assembly on the same day.

The County Executive Committee Member for Finance notes that the prevailing circumstances in the country and in the whole world of the Covid-19 has delayed the approval by the County Assembly of the CFSP and also the Revenue Allocation Act of the National Assembly has also been unable to finalize on that matter and so the estimates could not be finalized on time as is required by the PFM Act.

So, Hon. Members, considering the prevailing conditions highlighted, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance requests that they be granted 15 days from today so that they can submit the estimates.

Hon. Members, that request is granted and the County Executive Committee Member for Finance is required to submit the estimates to the Assembly on or before the 15th day of May, 2020.

BORROWING FOR CASH-FLOW MANAGEMENT

The other communication, Hon. Members, is on a matter that is supposed to have been handled by the Budget and Appropriations committee and the communication is as follows:-

Hon. Members, by a letter by the County Treasury signed by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning and received by the Assembly on 8th April, 2020, the County Executive County Executive Committee Member requested for the county's approval so that they can seek a borrowing for cash-flow management. Hon. Members, the details of that request has been shared amongst you in your various walls.

Following that request, Hon. Members, I received the letter on 13th April, 2020 and on the same date I committed it to the Budget and Appropriations committee and gave them a period, by 16th April, 2020 to submit their report to this House. Hon. Members, subsequent to

that, the committee requested an extension of time, which I granted, and gave them to file a report by 24th April, 2020.

Hon. Members, however, by a letter that is dated 27th April, 2020, I want to be sure because those are the documents I was asking for, I'm looking for the last correspondence from the Executive on this matter,...yes, Hon. Members, by a letter dated 23rd April, 2020, not 27th, which is written to the Assembly through the Clerk and copied to me, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning, wrote indicating that he had withdrawn the request which I referred to earlier which he had written to the Assembly and the request which is dated 8th April, 2020 and the withdrawal, being by the same hand that had made the request, there is nothing that this Assembly can do, but just to note that the matter is now removed from this Assembly.

The County Executive, as and when it is ready, if it is still interested in the matter, will move the Assembly in the normal procedure or through the normal steps. So, Hon. Members, note that accordingly.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Finally, Hon. Members, on my well wishes to you, particularly in this time of anxiety, I just want to communicate to you the preparedness that the Assembly has done to ensure your safety, particularly in plenary sittings, that you should not be worried because where you are seated for the special sitting, and meeting only 26 of you, was for purposes of making sure that for example, Hon. Nziva is as far as possible from Hon. Phoebe, Hon. Annastaciah and all the Members, for each one of you, because all of us are suspects, or are candidates for this disease. So, protect yourself and protect your families, because you don't want to get that possibility of taking it to your family and then of course to other Kenyans.

I know Members you noted in the morning that I did a special prayer; I wrote it last night. Up to where we normally pray, I extended. This is out of my discretion, just to make sure that the Assembly and the public is aware that we are aware there is corona and we are praying for the leaders in all respects and for the people and mostly those who are affected and many who are feeling hopeless because we have noted some people have even attempted to commit suicide because their lives are completely disrupted. But the message I want to send to you, which you'll send to your people, is that there is hope, because we shall be delivered by the Almighty that we pray every morning.

So, Hon. Members, the final issue I want to communicate on the coronavirus is that there is a committee that we formed that is the joint effort of the National Government and the County Government. The National Government is represented by the County Commissioner and the County Government is represented by the Governor and myself, and we have representatives of MCAs.

I know Hon. Cosmus Masesi sits in it, Hon. Kamitu, Hon. Majority Leader, and in Executive we have all the CECs who are in touch with the health, with water, with all that matter that needs to be addressed under coronavirus. The County Commissioner has also come with all her commanders because there is a lot about security, about keeping people safe at this particular time, and then making sure that the little that they can get is availed to them.

I know top on your heads is asking where are the masks that we must be distributing to our people and where are the sanitizers and where is what and so on. Hon. Members, as we struggle to do it, we have already made some arrangements for you to be supplied with a few masks. Remember, we can only afford so little as an Assembly. We are also looking for sanitizers and hope that we are going to get some little for you.

You can take to your people, the small number you can afford to give, but we are still mobilizing resources through the Office of the Governor, so that well-wishers are being addressed to take the assistance to the county there. I know on Monday, I have been notified there are some donors who will be coming to give us some assistance, and for that we thank them.

So, if you also have some contacts Members, let us not wait for the government because this disease came at a time when the economy was at its worst, and when the economy for the national Government and the County Government is at its worst, your pockets are also at their worst. So, let us do this, whatever little that we can do, let us do to assist our people. Sometimes, Members, you'll be called to do even voluntary service and I know you will be able to do that, and you have been doing it. I know you are on the ground, sensitizing people and those are supposed to be field work when situations are normal, but you are not being paid and that is voluntary work, and I thank you for that and ask you to continue doing it.

As for the welfare, and I know because the Members of the public will come to you every other time if they don't have food, they've been sacked from their jobs, they lost it because of coronavirus, they'll come to you, and what they Assembly Service Board can do to provide that little penny for you, it will do, take that assurance, much as we also appreciate the very hard times, for which I ask you to bear with us.

So, Hon. Members, let us continue to keep safe, let us talk to the public to observe those directives because it is for all our good and the good of this nation, Kenya. Thank you very much Hon. Members. We will proceed now to the next order.

(Applause)

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have two businesses as listed in the appendix and the first one is by Hon. Cosmas Kieti.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADP) 2020/21

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the House today Thursday, the 30th day of April, 2020; the Report of the Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization Committee, on the Annual Development Plan, 2020/21. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Can i see the Paper, Hon. Kieti, to be sure that it is signed.....yes, it is signed. Hon. Members, why we seem to be a bit uncomfortable with paper, the medical people tell us that the coronavirus lasts on paper for five days. Yes, five days. It likes paper that much. Hon. Cosmas will confirm that he has almost become Dr. Cosmas.

Now, what we want to do is to handle the papers as least as possible but remember, our secretaries who are handling them are sanitizing their hands before they touch them, so we are trying to make the place coronavirus-free. Hon. Kieti, thank you.

Next paper, Hon. Members, is being laid by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) 2020

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the House today Thursday, the 30th day of April, 2020; the Report of the Budget Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2020.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Hon. Ndambuki, I see on the Order Paper you were to lay another Paper, that is on the request by the Executive Committee Member, Finance and Economic Planning, that is dated 8th April, 2020, on which I have communicated. So, there will be no laying of that Paper. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have notices of motions and the first one will be by Hon. Cosmas Kieti and the next one by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADP) 2020/21

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT Section 104(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that a County Government shall plan for the County and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly;

Aware THAT Section 106(2) of the same Act stipulates that County plans shall be based on the functions of the County governments as specified in the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution and on relevant national policies;

Section 107(2) of the County Governments Act further stipulates that the County plans shall be the basis for all budgeting and spending in a County;

Further aware THAT Section 126(3) of the PFM Act requires the County Executive Committee member responsible for planning to submit the development plan to the County Assembly for its approval and send a copy to the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury;

Cognizant THAT the Annual Development Plan (ADP), 2020/2021 was submitted to the County Assembly by the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on 30th August 2019 after which it was committed to the Committee on Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization for scrutiny and eventual approval by the House;

Hon Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization Committee, on the Annual Development Plan, 2020/2021.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) 2020

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, otherwise known as CFSP, informs the county budget proposals for the year and outlines the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide in formulation and implementation of the County budget for the coming year and the Medium Term;

Aware THAT the County Treasury, pursuant to Section 117(1) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 2012 is mandated to prepare and forward the Fiscal Strategy Paper to the County Executive Committee for approval and subsequently submit the approved CFSP to County Assembly, by 28th February of each year;

Noting THAT the 2020 Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper is the third in the County's plan period of 2018 to 2022 and that it was submitted to the County Assembly on 28th February, 2020 and was committed to the committee on Budget and Appropriations on 3rd March, 2020;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2020.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by Hon. Cosmas Kieti. I can see we have order Number 8 and 9, Bwana Muange, so let's proceed under Order 8, by Hon. Cosmas Kieti... and while Hon. Kieti is at it, we agreed, Hon. Members that notices of motions and the motions are not to be prosecuted in the same sitting, but because of the special circumstances that we are operating in and the nature of the business that we are transacting, we agree to allow Hon. Kieti to proceed in one sitting on the two items; on the notice and also on the motion. Do I get your approval?

(Applause)

Thank you. Proceed, Hon. Kieti, and that will also apply to the next order for Hon. Ndambuki. IS that correct?

(Applause)

Thank you, Hon. Members

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADP) 2020/21

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for that honour. I appreciate on behalf of the committee.

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT Section 104(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that a County Government shall plan for the County and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly;

Aware THAT Section 106(2) of the same Act stipulates that County plans shall be based on the functions of the County governments as specified in the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution and on relevant National policies. Section 107(2) of the County Governments Act further stipulates that the County plans shall be the basis for all budgeting and spending in a County;

Further aware THAT Section 126(3) of the PFM Act requires the County Executive Committee member responsible for planning to submit the development plan to the County Assembly for its approval and send a copy to the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury;

Cognizant THAT the Annual Development Plan ADP 2020/2021 was submitted to the County Assembly by the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on 30th August, 2019 after which it was committed to the Committee on Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization for scrutiny and eventual approval by the House;

Hon Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization Committee on the Annual Development Plan, 2020/21.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmas Kieti. Who is seconding your motion?

Hon. Kieti: Hon. Speaker, I wish to request Hon. Ndawa to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kieti, proceed.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to read the report for the committee on Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization for the Annual Development Plan, 2020/2021 financial year.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PREFACE

Hon. Speaker, Section 104(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that a County Government shall plan for the County and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly.

Additionally, Section 106(2) of the same Act stipulates that County plans shall be based on the functions of the County governments as specified in the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution and on relevant national policies. Section 107(2) of the County Governments Act further stipulates that the County plans shall be the basis for all budgeting and spending in a County.

Hon. Speaker, the Annual Development Plan (ADP) is done by the department in charge of planning every year and it is required to be submitted to the County Assembly by 1st September. It is one of the budget policy documents in the budget cycle and deals with annual county planning and borrows from the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) which is a five year development plan. It should include location of the project and budgetary allocations and requires public participation as per Section 106(4) of the County Governments Act and the incorporation of non-state actors in the planning process as provided for in Section 104(4) of the same Act.

Hon. Speaker, Section 126(3) of the PFM Act requires the County Executive Committee member responsible for planning to submit the development plan to the County Assembly for its approval and send a copy to the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury.

Further, Section 126(4) of the PFM Act requires the County Executive Committee member responsible for planning to publish and publicize the ADP within seven days after its submission to the County Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, the 2020/2021 ADP was submitted to the County Assembly by the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on 30th August, 2019 after which it was committed to the Committee on Trade, Economic Planning, Investment and Industrialization.

This plan contains achievements of sectors for the financial year 2018/2019, proposed programmes for financial year 2020/2021 with clear cost estimates, set annual targets, implementing agencies and monitoring and evaluation framework for all the programmes. It was prepared through a participatory approach and complied with the county core values and principles. It involved data collection from the county government departments and other stakeholders.

The sectors incorporated views from the respective key stakeholders into their reports and ensured the development priorities and strategies were in line with the 2018-2022 CIDP. The views and suggestions collected from the public were compiled by the County Planning Unit (CPU), (*Annexure 1 on page 118*) after which the document was forwarded to the County Executive for approval and the County Assembly for adoption.

The 2020/21 ADP has provided a summary of proposed budget per sector and programme totaling to Ksh. 14,850,480,000---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kieti, is that clear? It is a typo; so we can safely say Ksh. 14.8 billion?

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the correction. Yes Ksh. 14.8 billion. The summary is covered on pages 95 to 98 of the ADP.

1.2 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization is established pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Machakos County Assembly Standing Orders with specific mandate on matters related to economic planning, tourism, trade development regulation including markets, outdoor advertising, trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions), fair trading practices and statistics, and all matters relating to the delineation and management of decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities.

2.0 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Hon. Speaker, the committee has thirteen (13) members as follows:

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| 1. Hon. Cosmas Kieti | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Antony Mulu | Vice-chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku | Member |
| 4. Hon. Judas Ndawa | “ |
| 5. Hon. Betty Nzioki | “ |
| 6. Hon. Christine Koki | “ |
| 7. Hon. Johana Munyao | “ |

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| 8. Hon. Josephat Kasyoki | “ |
| 9. Hon. Justus Katumo | “ |
| 10. Hon. Mark Muendo | “ |
| 11. Hon. Mohammed Ali | “ |
| 12. Hon. Peter Mutiso | “ |
| 13. Hon. Winfred Mutua | “ |

3.0 SECTOR INTERROGATIONS

Hon. Speaker, to effectively interrogate the 2020/21 ADP, the Committee drew a work plan to guide the process. The work plan included sectoral interrogations by respective sectoral committees of the Assembly.

3.1 Agriculture and Cooperative Development

The sector is composed of the Directorates of Crops, Livestock, Veterinary services, Fisheries and Co-operative Development

3.1.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, in the financial year 2018/2019, the County Government achieved the following:

- i. Ploughed 1,030 acres of land using the county free tractor service.
- ii. Distributed 40 tonnes of free certified seeds, distribution of 9,948 bags of subsidized fertilizer.
- iii. Distributed 18,082 indigenous breeding chicks to farmers.
- iv. Vaccinated 109,394 animals and registration of 18 new SACCOs with a membership of over 4,000.

Other achievements are outlined in pages 6 to 7 of the ADP.

3.1.2 Committee Observations.

Hon. Speaker, during the interrogation with the Chief Officer, the Committee on Agriculture observed the following:

- i. Human resource department only trained 21 officers out of a planned target of 374 officers. The department ploughed 1,030 acres out of a planned target of 8,000 acres. Many planned projects in this department were never met due to lack of a budget allocation. The department should ensure that a budget is allocated to the projects and ensure that it adheres to the budgets and avoid reallocation of budgets.
- ii. Some targets in the department were not SMART. For instance, under the chicks programme and artificial insemination, the department is unable to measure how many chicks survived and also how many cattle were artificially inseminated.
 - Using an example of cattle dips, the department should ensure that it rehabilitates the existing dips and construct others on need basis. Such a key performance indicator is measurable.
- iii. The Department had planned to construct office blocks, procure vehicles and motorbikes for extension services, distribute fruit tree seedlings among other programmes. However, the Department did not receive any budget allocation for the same. Members pointed out that there is need for procurement of vehicles and

motorbikes for extension services and therefore this should be considered and prioritized in the FY 2020/21 planning.

3.1.3 Proposed projects in the ADP 2020/21

The Annual development projects proposed under the Agriculture and Cooperative Development department are highlighted on pages 18 to 36 of the ADP.

3.1.4 Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends as follows;

1. Under programme 1 on Administration, Planning and Support Services the Department should procure 4 vehicles for extension services instead of the proposed 2 at a cost of Kshs. 8 million.
2. Under the same programme, the Department should procure forty (40) motorbikes for extension services, one (1) per ward at a cost of Kshs. 4 million.
3. Under sub programme 3.2, on free seeds and fruit tree seedlings, a visibility study should be done to ensure seedlings are given to able farmers to ensure sustainability.
4. Under sub programme 3.3, an increase of fertilizer distribution points should be considered.
5. Under programme 3, sub programme 3.5, on excavation of earth dams, the Department should excavate two (2) earth dams per ward at the indicated cost of Kshs. 20 million to ensure food security and conservation of water across the County. Still under sub programme, location of the proposed irrigation scheme should be given.
6. Under programme 6, on livestock sale yards, the Department should construct 5 standard livestock sale yards.
7. Under sub programme 3.7 on Kenya Cereal Productivity and Climate Resilience Productivity Enhancement, a programme sponsored by European Union and IFAD, the department should submit a policy guideline showing the criteria used in identifying the beneficiaries and issuance of e-vouchers to access inputs.
8. There is need for a policy guideline on the free tractor programme.
9. Under programme 8 on slaughter house quality control, mapping of areas that require slaughter houses should be done across the county.

3.2 Infrastructure, Energy and ICT

This sector comprises of Energy, Roads, Public Works and ICT sub-sectors. The sector provides linkages to other sectors as it is made up of economic enablers that are critical in bringing socio-economic transformation to attain the county agenda and in turn the Big 4 Agenda

3.2.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, achievements reported under this sector include the Seveni-Kionyweni and Kithini-Vota roads currently in the process of being upgraded to bitumen standards. Urban roads in the three municipalities are undergoing paving works while over 1,600 km and 5.4 km of roads have been graded and tarmacked respectively.

Other major projects including construction of 1,645 drifts, 1075 culverts, 571 gabions, Conference facility and County Government offices within Matuu ward, Public facility area and County Office Block are all above 50 per cent completion status.

Human resource development through training of 21 personnel out of the 374 targeted. 145 Mlika Mwizi across markets within the County for increased security, 278 fully functional flood lights.

Other achievements under this sector have been highlighted in pages 7 to 8 of the ADP.

3.2.2 Proposed projects in the ADP 2020/21

Hon. Speaker, the Department plans to achieve the following in 2020/21.

- a) Modernization of offices with ICT infrastructure in the FY 2020/21.
- b) Development of good infrastructure to optimize ICT within the County; this will entail formulation of an ICT policy that will advocate for, among others, involvement of stakeholders in putting up the ICT equipment.
- c) Partner with private sector for enhanced connectivity to try and deal with the low quality internet connectivity especially in areas away from the main roads.
- d) Wide Area Network to enhance communication between government offices all over the county and surveillance services through installation of more CCTV cameras.
- e) Creation of Knowledge Management System to digitize all County information held at the registry.
- f) Implementation of communication hubs (call centers) within the County.
- g) Provision of E-government services.
- h) Provision of citizen hubs in every ward where the citizens can access online services and interact with the executive.
- i) Office automation to enhance internal operational efficiency.

Capital and non-capital projects planned under the sector for 2020/21 FY have been highlighted on pages 38 to 43 of the ADP.

PROCEDURAL MOTION EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Minority Leader. Hon. Kieti, please go back to your seat; do not sit on any other seat. Hon. Minority Leader, what is the point of order?

(Hon. Kieti resumed his reserved seat)

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My point of order is on Standing Order 27 to request extension of time.

That aware that Standing Order 27(2) provides that the Speaker shall interrupt business at 12.30 p.m. for the morning sitting;

Aware that Standing Order 27(3) provides that the House may resolve to extend it sitting time;

Aware that Standing Order 27(4) requires a motion to extend sitting time to be moved at least 30 minutes before the time appointed for adjournment;

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the Motion that the House resolves to move its sitting time until the business is concluded.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Beatrice to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Beatrice.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kamitu: Hon. Betty.

Hon. Speaker: Actually, Betty is the short form of Beatrice so go ahead Hon. Betty.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty alias Beatrice.

(Laughter)

Hon. Members, is there a member who would really object to the extension of time. So we continue. So, Hon. Members, the minute you wake up from your seat, please for back to it, When we come back in the afternoon, sit on your reserved seat and do not seat on another member's seat. This are special times we are living in; the seat has been sanitized just for you. Hon. Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and thanks for the break. We had gone up to 3.2.3

3.2.3 Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, the Committee recommends as follows:

1. Priority should be given to the completion of ongoing major projects like Seveni-Kionyweni and Kithini-Vota roads which are in the process of being upgraded to bitumen standards and ensure that in future, all the minor roads have adequate budget.
2. The department needs to come up with more sustainable resource mobilization strategies to complement the funding from the National Government and county's own revenue and engage more donors to fund projects.
3. Under Energy Sub-Sector, the Department to ensure household connection with electricity.
4. The Ksh. 30M Budget allocation for creation of 6,500 email addresses is unrealistic and therefore the Committee recommends that the budget be reduced to Ksh. 10 million.
5. The location of the bus parks should be aligned with CIDP which identified location at Matuu township.

3.3 Health and Emergency Services

This sector plays a vital role in maintaining a healthy population that is useful in helping the County realize its agenda.

3.3.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, during the sectoral interrogations by the Committee on Health and Emergency Services, it was noted that the Sector established functional community hospitals among which 15 are at an average completion rate of 80 per cent. These include Mukunike (Kangundo West), Muumandu, Kangonde, Athi River, Masii, Mutitu, Kyumbi, Kamulu, Mutituni, Mbiuni, Kithimani, Moongo, Ekalakala, Katulani and Kithyoko community hospitals.

The Sector also installed a water plant at the renal unit in Machakos Level V Hospital, operationalized a theatre in Matuu Level IV Hospital, improved response to road traffic accidents, enhanced pre-hospital care and referral strategy through procurement of additional ambulances, among other achievements.

Hon. Speaker, other key development in the health sector that have been implemented to improve access to healthcare and provision of quality healthcare services within the county

include ongoing construction of 40 community hospitals, installation of a generator at Kangundo Level IV Hospital, face-lifting of primary health care facilities/health centres, awareness creation campaigns on cancer across the 8 sub-counties and continued recruitment of health workers. Other achievements are highlighted in page 9 of the ADP

3.3.2 Proposed projects in the ADP 2020/21

Hon. Speaker, the ADP highlights various projects. This is as indicated in pages 45 to 47 of the ADP. During the Sectoral interrogation, the committee noted that the Sector plans to construct 11 primary health care facilities as follows:

	FACILITY	WARD
	Ndithini	Ndithini
	Kathukini	Muthesya
	Kikesa	Ikombe
	Wondeni	Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe
	Kusyomuomo	Machakos Central
	Katulani	Kibauni
	Wamunyu	Wamunyu
	Matungulu	Matungulu West
	Kitambasye	Matungulu North
	Kawauni	Kangundo North
	Mua	Mua

3.3.3 Recommendation

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that all ward projects presented by Hon. Members, under this Department be incorporated in the 2020-2021 ADP.

3.4 Public Administration

Hon. Speaker, entities under public administration include Office of the Governor, County Executive Committee, County Assembly, County Public Service Board, County Decentralized Units, Forensics and Inspectorate Services, Legal Office, County Image, Economic Planning, County Treasury, Revenue Collection, Projects delivery, Monitoring and Evaluation sub-sectors.

This sector's goal is advancement of management policies for efficient functioning of the County Government.

3.4.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, the ADP outlines achievements under the public administration sector as follows:

1. *Economic Planning sub-sector*
 - i. Prepared 2018/2019 County Annual Progress Report (C-APR)
 - ii. Developed the County Annual Development Plan for 2019/20 (C-ADP)
 - iii. Trained 371 officers on M&E and 63 officers on policy formulation.
 - iv. Developed the County Indicator Handbook 2019.

- v. Developed the County Annual Development Plan for 2020-2021.
 - vi. Sensitized CECs, COs and Advisors on Development of Policy Documents.
 - vii. Sensitized the County Assembly on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).
 - viii. Spearheaded development of M&E committees (COMEC, TOC, SCOMECE and WMEC)
2. *County Treasury*
 - i. Developed County Fiscal Strategic Paper 2019.
 - ii. Developed County Budget Review Outlook Paper 2017/2018.
 - iii. Developed county frame Act 2018.
 3. *Decentralized Units*
 - i. Distributed 400 solid waste bins.
 4. *County Public Service Board*
 - i. Recruited 57 healthcare staff (public service)
 5. *Legal Office*
 - i. Improved provision of legal services by attending 220 cases, prosecuting 1,024 criminals, drafting new County legislation and trained 3 legal officers.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kieti, is it criminals or criminal cases under the Legal office. I think it should be criminal cases; somebody becomes a criminal if he court confirms so. Maybe some of them were dismissed so you are grouping all of them as criminals so let us just say criminal cases.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We can correct that to criminal cases.

6. *County Image*
 - i. Beautified Machakos County highways by Installing 4 gantries, creating recreation and rest centres and clearing bushes along highways.
7. *Office of the Governor*
 - i. Increased efficiency and effectiveness in public service delivery using functionality score card and developing project status report.
 - ii. Enhanced transparency and accountability in service delivery by holding 80 public participation forums.
 - iii. Established Projects delivery and M&E directorate.

8. County Assembly

- i. Approved first CIDP 2018-2022.
- ii. Approved ADP 2019/2020.
- iii. Approved 2019 CFSP and 2019/2020 budget estimates of the County for each Financial Year.

These achievements have been highlighted on pages 9 to 11 of the ADP.

3.4.2 Proposed projects in the ADP 2020/21

Hon. Speaker, the departments proposals for the year 2020/21 have been highlighted from page 51 to 64 of the ADP.

County Administration Chief Officer informed members that the process of rolling out administrative units to village level was ongoing.

The department was also planning to purchase 24 utility vehicles, develop civic education programme, ensure adequate Budget allocation, procure Office equipment and conduct a training needs assessment.

The Sector also plans to construct Sub-county and Ward offices in the following areas:

No	Project	Location
1.	Renovation of sub-county office	Machakos
2.	Construction of sub-county office	Mwala
3.	Construction of sub-county office	Kathiani
4.	Construction of sub-county office	Kalama
5.	Construction of ward Office	Muthwani
6.	Construction of ward Office	Mua
7.	Construction of ward Office	Mitaboni
8.	Construction of ward Office	Kyeleni
9.	Construction of ward Office	Kangundo East
10.	Construction of ward Office	Kibauni
11.	Construction of ward Office	Ndalani
12.	Construction of ward Office	Muthesya

3.4.3 Challenges

Hon. Speaker, the challenges facing the Department are as follows;

1. Inadequate infrastructure.
2. Lack of utility vehicles.
3. Administrative structures not devolved at the village.
4. Lack of civic education.
5. Lack of clear training needs.
6. Inadequate personnel.
7. Manual reporting.

3.4.4 Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends as follows:

1. That under programme 4, sub programme 4.1 on purchase of seven (7) motor vehicles for the County Public Service Board Members, the county Government should establish a facility for car loans for the CPSB members.

2. Under programme 8 on Decentralized Units sub-sector, the County Government to fast track the appointment of the village administrators and establish village councils in all the villages within the County. The village Administrators should be residents of the respective villages.
3. Under programme 9 on special support programmes, the County Government should come up with a well-structured relief policy to factor every ward. It further recommends that the Ksh. 20 million allocated for visits and support to Children's Homes should be used to construct Children's Homes and budget to support them each year.
4. Under programme 15 on legal services, the committee recommends that the budget allocation of Ksh. 70.7 million be reduced to Ksh. 40 million and the Ksh. 30 million be forwarded to ensuring proper staff audit and management of the ballooning wage bill is done within the county.
5. Under planning and Economic sector, the committee recommends that the Ksh. 20 million allocated for carrying out research and periodic surveys be reduced to Ksh. 5 million scrapped. Instead the county Government should rely on KNBS reports.

3.5 Education, Youth and Social Welfare

Hon. Speaker, the Sector Comprises of Education, Youth, Sports, Culture and Social Welfare sub-sectors. The sector strives to provide inclusive and equitable quality education for all, development of youth through sports and talent-related activities, social support and safeguarding cultural heritage.

3.5.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, the Sector achievements as presented by the Chief Officer during the 2020/21 ADP sectoral committee interrogations were as follows:

- i. Construction of 26 ECDE classes. The Department had targeted to construct 56 classes. The remaining classes spilled over to 2019/2020.
- ii. Renewal of 970 teachers contracts.
- iii. 10,000 learners benefited with teaching and learning materials.
- iv. 2160 teachers benefited with ECDE teacher CBC training.
- v. 40 Vocational training center capitation refurbishment - All benefitted from donor grants.
- vi. 11,636 needy students benefitted from issuance of bursaries.

3.5.2 Proposed Projects in the ADP 2020/21

Hon. Speaker, the proposed projects as presented by the Chief Officer were as follows:

- i. Construction of 90 ECDE classes to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities at a cost of Ksh. 91 million.
- ii. Procurement of learning materials to benefit 100,000 learners at accost of Ksh. 3 million.
- iii. Construction of 6 workshops in the vocational training centers at a cost of Ksh. 22 million.
- iv. Registration of 40 vocational training centers with TVET and distribution of funds to the various registered institutions.

The ADP gives a detailed highlight of projects on pages 66 to 73.

3.5.3 Observations

The committee observes that the department has since 2013 proposed to develop different policies, a sports policy among others. The committee finds this duplication and therefore discourages such proposals in the upcoming years and advises the Executive to utilize existing ones the existing ones.

3.5.4 Recommendations

1. The Committee recommends that the construction of the ECDE classes should go hand in hand with equipping and therefore the Ksh. 33 million meant for developing youth policy should be utilized in this task. The committee notes that the Youth policy was budgeted for in the FY 2018/19.
2. That the budget allocation for the purchase and distribution of learning materials for the ECDE classes be enhanced to Ksh. 40 million; and the same distributed equally to all wards.
3. That the department trains all the ECDE staff and review their salaries. Further, the department to ensure that each ECDE center has two care givers because of the nature of their work. The budget to be enhanced from Ksh. 8.6 million to Ksh. 15 million to cater for this. Part of this budget to be extracted from sub-programme 5.8 on care subsidy for the unemployed and the homeless.
4. The sub-programme 5.8 on care subsidy for the unemployed and the homeless with a budget of Ksh. 40 million be scrapped.
5. That the Ksh. 126 million meant for bursaries should be distributed equally to all the forty wards.
6. The Executive will work hand in hand with the County Assembly to ensure that the money budgeted for KICOSCA games is utilized well and further ensure that the Executive participates fully in these games and the allowances for the participants paid accordingly.
7. That the Department reviews the salaries of caregivers and employ two caregivers per center. This should be done and budgeted for in the following Annual Development Plan 2021/22.
8. That, in preparations of the Annual Development Plans for the subsequent years, a list of the children's home supported by the Government and the policy guidelines on the same be attached.
9. On promotion of youth activities in all wards, the department to increase the amount to Kshs. 10 million translating to an allocation of Kshs. 250,000 per ward and ensure at least one youth enterprise forum is held in each ward.
10. On SP 5.3 on the establishment of Machakos Disability Board, the department should operationalize the Machakos County Persons with Disabilities Act 2015 and the Machakos Disability Board should have representation at the Ward level.

3.6 Land, Environment and Natural resources

Hon. Speaker, this sector is tasked with enhancing sustainable use of land and natural resources and conservation of environment; and aims at improving livelihoods through efficient administration, equitable access, secure tenure and sustainable management of land, environment and natural resources.

3.6.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

The County has significantly addressed the issues of landlessness that are prevalent in urban areas due to high population and urbanization through issuing of title deeds. The sector was also able to enforce compliance against pollution of environment, tree planting in order to promote forest cover among other achievements as indicated on page 12 of the ADP.

3.6.2 Proposed projects in the ADP 2020/21

Hon. Speaker, proposed projects have been highlighted in pages 75 to 82 of the ADP.

3.6.3 Recommendations

The committee recommends as follows:

- 1 Under land Administration, whereby the Department plans to secure land ownership by surveying and beaconing 150 plots located in Machakos new town, the committee recommends that a list of beneficiaries be provided and attached to the ADP 2020/21 and also forwarded to the Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural resources.
- 2 The Department should come up with a policy of distribution of trees in all the wards and be able to keep the data of all the trees that survive.
- 3 The County Government should expedite establishment of Machakos new city which has been allocated Kshs. 100 million.
- 4 On solid waste management, under the acquisition of land for regional sanitary land fill allocated Kshs. 60 million, the department should clarify on the location of the land to be acquired.

3.7 Water and Irrigation

The sector comprises of three sub-sectors, that is Water, Irrigation and Sanitation. The sector is mandated to ensure there is adequate and reliable supply of water, sewerage services, irrigation development and water storage. This will be achieved through drilling/rehabilitation of boreholes, constructing earth dams/pans and expansion of sewer systems

3.7.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, during the period 2018/19, the department achieved the following among others.

1. Installed water harvesting structures and distributed 70 plastic tanks public entities. The committee however noted that the ADP did not have an attachment of the public entities which benefited.
2. Constructed 30 small earth dams and 1 mega dam. The committee noted that locations for these projects were not provided.

3.7.2 Proposed Projects in the ADP 2020/21

Hon. Speaker, the Department has proposed various projects for FY 2020/21 and have been provided from pages 83 to 86.

3.7.3 Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends that:

1. Under programme 1, the ongoing project of distributing and installation of tanks and water harvesting structures should be distributed evenly all over the county and in all the wards.
2. That the list of beneficiary markets whereby elevated steel tanks will be installed should be provided to the committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization for record and accountability purposes.
3. Under sub program 1.2 on rehabilitation, maintenance and construction of water sources, the ongoing project on rehabilitation of 60 earth dams should have locations attached and submitted to the Trade, Economic Planning Committee for records and accountability.
4. The earth dams to be excavated under Agriculture Department on page 38 should be merged with the ones in the Department of Water and Irrigation; these projects should be under one department.
5. On programme 3 on sewerage systems and sanitation management, the Ksh. 50 million allocation of making new connection to the existing sewer system did not indicate the target, name of the sewer and the location.

3.8 Commerce, Tourism and Labour affairs

This sector comprises of the Trade, Industrialization, Investment, Tourism and Labour Affairs sub-sectors.

3.8.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2018/19

The Sector achievements have been highlighted from page 13 to 14 of the ADP.

3.8.2 Proposed projects in the ADP 2020/21

Hon. Speaker, the Sectors projects for the financial year 2020/21 have been highlighted on pages 87 to 94.

3.8.3 Observations

The department should allocate funds to facilitate a human resource staff audit; this will ensure efficiency and effectiveness in managing the labour force.

3.8.4 Recommendations

1. Under programme 2, on investment and Industrialization sub- sector, the committee recommends that the 20 jua kali sheds to be constructed at a cost of Ksh. 37 million be distributed equally in 20 wards. The remaining wards to be planned for in the following year, 2021/22.
2. The Departments plans to train individuals and groups on business development and management skills at a cost of Ksh. 2 million. The committee recommends that department comes up with a policy on training of groups and individuals.

3. On sub programme 1.5 on increasing access to credit through issuance of joint loans, the County Assembly should expedite the approval of Machakos County Co-operative Enterprise Development Fund Bill, 2019.

4.0 CHALLENGES EXPERIENCED DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREVIOUS ADP 2018/19

Hon. Speaker, the implementation of the 2018/19 ADP was largely successful, although several challenges were encountered. These were:

- i. Delays in disbursement of national government allocation.
- ii. Shortfalls in the County own revenue collection.
- iii. Political interference in implementation of projects.
- iv. Climate change.
- v. Frequent outbreak of crop and livestock and pest diseases.

5.0 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The County Executive considers contracting machinery for grading of roads and excavation of dams and also outsource borehole drilling and equipping to ensure quality work.
2. There should be a clear procedure for identifying location and beneficiaries of all donor-funded projects.
3. The County Executive should adopt a vibrant monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure better reporting on achievements of projects.
4. The department should fast track the formulation of the ICT policy.
5. Under programme 2 on KUSP, Members appreciated the progress of programmes and quality of work done. The Committee thanks the World Bank and recommends that future funding should be well-utilized and beneficiaries of the World Bank be excluded from ward fund.
6. The Committee observes that the ADP does not show the specific locations where most of the projects will be done. In view of this, the Committee has provided a list of projects per ward which shows the preferred locations for such projects (*Annexure 5*). The Committee therefore recommends that all the provided projects be incorporated in the ADP 2020/2021.
7. The executive ensure that the monitoring & evaluation committees at ward and sub-county levels are active in reporting to the M&E champions in each department. all committees need to be operationalized so that the gaps are identified. This will ensure that accurate reporting from the ground is done and on time.
8. Public participation by the Executive and later by the Assembly is monotonous and a waste of resources and time. The committee notes that after the Executive carries out the exercise, the Assembly goes for the second time to confirm the views earlier collected by the Executive.
9. The committee recommends a collaboration between the County Secretary and Clerk of the Assembly in conducting of public participation as provided in the Machakos County Public Participation Act 2014 part II Section 5. The CS and the Clerk should formulate guidelines which ensure joint public participation as this will save time and encourage prudent use of public funds.

6.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Madam Speaker, I wish to thank all the Hon. Members of the Committee for their commitment in executing the Committee mandate. Further, the committee extends its appreciation to the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk for facilitating its activities. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me to first to applaud the Committee on trade and economic planning for the quite intensive job that they have done in coming up with this crucial document that will inform the budget proposals for financial year 2020/2021 and Hon. Speaker, I have three key issues as I support the report that I wish to pick up from the report.

Hon. Speaker, there is the issue of KUSP that Hon. Kieti has mentioned and it is good that the department that deals with urban planning has come up with spatial plans for areas that are becoming urban centers with growing population.

Hon. Speaker, it is good that we also look at other towns that have become sub-county headquarters whose population has grown and Hon. Speaker do not have some of these basic services. For example, Hon. Speaker, take sewerage systems like in the area that I represent that is Kathiani which is headquarters of Kathiani Sub county and its one of the urban areas that are fast growing. Another area that neighbors Kathiani is Mitaboni that is equally growing very fast like Kathiani and lacks some of these basic services that are mentioned.

It is good that KUSP is coming in and we thank World Bank and request that that department that deals with urban planning extends their services to these other towns. Madam Speaker, there is a motion that was tabled before this House on the same and we appreciate the efforts that the executive is doing and it would be out wish that we see these happening very soon so that as these towns grow, then we take the growth takes advantage of these services so that we also don't get a draw back as the towns expand then we start maybe bringing some houses down to take care of such things.

Hon. Speaker, on the department of education, there is an issue that has been brought up, an issue to do with some funds made to benefit the youths. Hon. Speaker, if my memory serves me right, in the current financial year there is an issue that the CO in charge of youths and sports came before the Committee of culture and said that they have programs lined up for the youths where they want to nurture talents.

Madam Speaker, from where I represent, I have not seen any such activities happening. Again this is being lined up as documented in the ADP; it would be prudent that, that department operationalizes those activities so that they can benefit our people. We have seen the likes of Cosmas Ndeti, Patrick Makau and others coming up from Machakos County and being sportsmen or sportswomen who have put our country on the global map.

We want to nurture those talents so that our people can also have alternative source of income. We have seen sportsmen and women making it in life and using those talents as their sources of income. Madam Speaker, if this department takes this seriously then we will equip our people and we will nurture these talents.

Something else, Madam Speaker is on the issue of ECDE; notable development and achievements under the department of education have been highlighted where we have constructed quite a number of ECDE. However, Madam Speaker, if we want to present that something that is wholesome, then we need to think about the issue of equipping these ECDE centers and not just constructing them because it is good to construct and I appreciate that that is the starting point but again now, Madam Speaker, we also need to come up with a way that we need to equip these ECDE centers.

I remember Hon. Angela, at one point brought a motion before this House where she suggested that the County Government of Machakos comes up with a model ECDE center in each ward where they equip the ECDE center with the learning modules for our kids. If this could be extended to all the ECDE centers that we have so far constructed since the inception of the devolved units then we will be making some strides in the forward direction. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ndambuki and may be just to throw the question back to you; you have contributed very elaborately particularly on the KUSP and also nurturing youth talents. I just wonder maybe you may need to find out with the Table Office whether we have any county legislation on nurturing youth talents in the county and then in that legislation, if it is there, whether we have a provision for even setting up a county center for nurturing talents of the youth.

We have so many of them who are talented and they cannot be handled in a structured manner; we can even turn out to be now the providers of the sports people and any other kind of talent that you know we can grow. So that is a duty you have invited upon yourself but (...inaudible) and any assistance that needs to be given to you will be given to you particularly if you find there is no legislation then you need to run quickly and bring a proposal here; they can assist you originate.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Much obliged.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Hon. Ndawa; Hon. Members, we will be able to....yes you will have the opportunity to contribute.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We are somehow disturbed by this new life.

Hon. Speaker: Kind of lights; which one?

Hon. Ndawa: No; this kind of life of talking with your mouth closed. In fact, it is preventing corona but it is also causing something called asphyxia, a medical term.

(Laughter)

Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity also to give my input on the report, which has been tabled by our able Chair, Hon. Kieti. Madam Speaker, I happen to sit in that Committee and I want to congratulate the Committee for the good job.

The report is self-explanatory, Madam Speaker; it has tackled every department and it has given recommendation as per department. So, Madam Speaker, starting with department of Agriculture, we have seen what the executive is doing. It has highlighted how many chicks they have given to farmers, how many animals vaccinated. Madam Speaker, what we would request, this is a good initiative but we need to have a follow up after distributing the chicks, we should

also be going back to see how many chicks survived out of the many we gave. If we gave about a thousand, later we need to know out of the thousand, how many have survived.

We may continue giving out chicks no follow up at the end of the day we find all the chicks are dying so I would request the chair on agriculture to consider that. On the issue of insemination, we also need to find out, you can inseminate that cow or you can immunize that cow but we don't have a follow up; if you put that seed in a cow, how many after the exercise how many have succeeded because some may not succeed. So the chairman on agriculture and his team should also be giving us a report on what is happening.

Madam Chair on the issue of education, we have constructed so many ECDEs according to the report we are getting and the report that is being tabled by the Committee on planning is from the executive; that is what has been provided by the executive. From the ECDE classrooms that we are constructing, we also need to know how many kids per institution. We may construct a class where there are only eight kids and we have another facility elsewhere which has eighty 80 kids and they are all in one classroom.

So, Madam Speaker, I would request that the department on education should also give priority as per need basis not just spreading evenly without considering the number of kids who are going to be studying in that classroom.

The other thing, Madam Speaker, that I would request, the ADP is an extract from the CIDP and most of the projects appearing in this CIDP have appeared in other previous ADPs but they have not been done. So, I would request, Madam Speaker, once we approve this ADP, I would request the executive to ensure that whatever we pass here it is implemented to the letter. We cannot keep on mark timing.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, when I talk of mark timing, it is where by an officer will be just throwing legs and not going backwards or going forward; he is just at a standstill. So, once we give a project, let it be done. There is a project, which was given the report about Matuu Bus Park; it was in the First Assembly's CIDP before I came. It was there. My predecessor MCA who was there before me had given that project as a priority and it appeared in ADP.

When I came 2018/2019, I gave it as a priority; 2019/2020 I gave it again as priority and now I am also fronting it. How many times should a project appear in ADP to be implemented, Madam Speaker? I said sometimes back that a difference exists between minutes and notes or resolutions. If we resolve something and it is not implemented, that one now turns to be notes and we should stop writing notes or taking note in this Assembly.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, do you want me to throw back the question to you? Who is supposed to ensure that implementation is done other than this House? Are you saying you are sleeping on your job, Members? I just want to appreciate that, because yes you approve the budgets, Hon. Ndawa you don't even need to sit down, but just a thought and not to you only of course the House. You approve the ADP, you approve the budget year in year out; who is supposed to check whether implementation is done but the Assembly Members.

It is you who will go back to the people like that Matuu Bus Park and I think we even debated in a motion where we even approved a bus park for Masii, for Matuu, yes those centers that are really coming up. Who is supposed to ensure that? You are supposed to summon the officers who are supposed to be implementing and ask them why have you not done it and do the necessary.

It is us who are failing; so then maybe with this one we will wake up so that we can ensure that the executive implements. It is good you are discussing here so that all of you can do the soul searching.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you. Then the other issue, Madam Speaker, I don't want to repeat what my colleague has said but I believe before we dispersed last time there is a statement which was sought here about creation of new municipalities within Machakos County, Madam Speaker, the same was referred to Hon. Kisini's Committee that is Committee on land, environment, energy and I believe they are working. It is my humble request since they are talking about the land but the markets themselves belongs to the Committee on trade and planning.

It is my request that Madam Chair, you also incorporate trade and planning Committee to work jointly with Committee on energy because the Committee on Planning is also interested and an affected party of the same.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, you can bring that as a request in the normal manner because I cannot capture it now. I cannot act on that now in this scenario; it is a valid point just get a way and they will advise you how you can bring it up.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am well advised. Then Madam Speaker, because I do not want to take much of your time or much of the House, I know there is the issue of the curfew, if we delay we might not reach our homes. Madam Speaker, the general recommendations are very clear. Since some projects are not specified in the ADP, the chairperson and the Committee have attached a list of the projects which needs to be done as per ward.

So we request the implementation arm of this ADP to ensure that they consider the requests of the Hon. Members of the respective wards so that at least we have equal distribution of projects within the 40 wards. Madam Speaker, I stand to support the ADP and request other Hon. Members to do the same. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Members, I will give you the opportunity. Hon. Kisila and then do not be so long. I want us to agree Members that we can finish with this one we pass, we take a short break for lunch we come back and finalize the other motion because we must be all out of here by 3.30 p.m. So don't take so much time. Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, before I make my contribution, I would like to give you a special message to our daughter Dr. Mercy Mwangangi. Please I would like you to convey our sincere gratitude to the way she is handling the COVID; she is becoming a celebrity and we need to appreciate---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, I will do it and I will ask her, one of these days, to come and greet you from a distance.

(Applause)

Hon. Kisila: She is becoming, we did not know what CAS actually do but actually she is actually turned out to be a very well articulate girl from our area and we need to appreciate---

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Kisila: And please tell her that she needs to keep it up; we need good people and good servants who are doing their jobs properly like the way she is doing and we are very proud that she is your daughter also so---

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: She is your daughter.

Hon. Kisila: I said she is our daughter first but later now said now she is your daughter and as a family friend of that family, I am very proud of her. I will be very brief. I am a member of this Committee I do not know why Chairman you left out my name; you can just correct that. Secondly, Madam Speaker, we have a few issues here and a department I want to pick is department of Agriculture.

Madam Speaker, we are not seeing anything happening out of the department. I want to be honest; we need to start evaluating departments. Okay, if we look at the department of roads and there is something going on but there is a department called department of Agriculture. If you look at it, things we plan with it, apart from locusts and seeds, I did not see that department performing the role it is supposed to performing I cannot see Hon. Mitaa here. Oh, he is here. It is a very serious issue.

We need CEC agriculture to start implementing some of the things we talk about. We talked about cattle dips; we have been talking about cattle dips in the last two years. None, even one has been done. I come from Mwala where cattle are our livelihood but giving seedlings; anybody can give seedlings. We need this department either to start working---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Whip wishes to inform Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Mulatya: I would like to inform Hon. Member that on cattle dips, this department advertised but nobody turned out to take those advertisements. Thank you.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker, that is not an answer to me. If you advertise how many adverts on projects are we putting and are being done. It is up to the CEC and his Chief Officer to ensure if people do not turn up, what is the next step? You advertise on the next course. So, my brother Chief Whip, please do not defend laxity and now we are going the last two years and we are going to be very tough because if we are going to be passing money in our budgets and the chairman of budget committee is here; we allocated the agriculture department money but are we seeing anything? The answer is no for Mwala we need cattle dips be revived; Hon. Mulu Mutisya constructed over a 100 cattle dips in Mwala Sub County and all of them have stalled and we only need them to be rehabilitated and our people to start using them.

Madam Speaker, you told me to be very fast. The second one is on staff audit; again Madam Speaker, very soon we are going to become, and I like the challenge you have given us. Let us not continue talking let us now move to action. If staff audit has to be done let us demand it to be done and we allocate money because these staff are using money which...excess staff are using money which is supposed to be there for development.

I am very happy we have requested for money to be allocated for serious staff audit not just staff audit but also workload analysis. You can go to a market and find 50 sweepers in a small market like Mwala when ideally you only need five. They need to be reallocated. Machakos County Co-operative Enterprise Bill, Madam Speaker, we need to speed up that so that we can allocate money and I am happy we have recommended and chairman of the

agriculture committee is here. Let us pass that bill so that we can get funds to our wananchi; they need it.

Joint public participation; yes. We have been wasting funds instead of going to the ground there is a lot of monotony that I think we should make a conclusion and ensure we do only once. Madam Speaker, my last point is projects need to be implemented and there is a House...this House works through committees and as much as we are saying things are not being done if committees are not going to work then it is us who are failing.

Every department has a committee and we also have a House Implementation committee which needs to oversee and ensure the projects we are recommending are being done. With those few remarks Madam Speaker, I think I stand to support the motion and let us move from.....there is a popular Kamba saying that says '*mbaa ngeeka metheiwe mataneka*'.'

Hon. Speaker: Now Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: I can translate; it means those who continue saying they are going to do were found they did not do anything.

(Laughter)

Let us transform this Assembly to become an action-oriented Assembly. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisila. Hon. Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for granting me this opportunity to give my contributions. I also want to thank the committee under the leadership of Hon. Cosmus Kieti for an elaborate report they have brought they have brought to the House. Hon. Speaker, I want to take Hon. Kisila's challenge positively and also inform him that from what we have read on agriculture, Madam Speaker, yes we have given our views as committee on agriculture. The issue of cattle dips has been a problem, Madam Speaker, because I remember I am actually the one who brought the motion and this House passed that at least each ward, either we rehabilitate a cattle dip or we construct a new one and Madam Speaker, it is clear that the issue of cattle dips up to date has not been taken care of.

Two or three weeks ago in our one of our online committee meetings, we interrogated the same because the fact of the matter what we received from our Chief Officer is that they would want to reallocate funds meant for cattle dips to rehabilitation of Athi River slaughter house and as a committee we have invited the Chief Officer to explain to us how money or funds meant for cattle dips can be transferred for another function, Madam Speaker, because from our own observation, yes, we pass budgets as a House; itemized budgets but Madam Speaker, when it reaches to other side they reallocate or spend the monies on issues which were not handled or else authorized by this Hon. House.

So, Hon. Kisila, we are pushing that issue of cattle dip and I want to state it very clear that Hon. Speaker, the money which was passed for cattle dips must go for cattle dips projects.

(Applause)

He or she will explain to us how money allocated for this project can be spent on another project; to us it is an illegality, Hon. Speaker.

Again we have noted that we are actually victims of...I am trying to look for that sentence but Madam Speaker, in general we have realized that we have a problem on the way we do our things because we are not SMART. I think that whoever was doing the report could have actually captured what we meant by SMART. Madam Speaker, we are not specific, measurable, achievable and relevant and we have a problem with time. We are not time-bound.

That is why Hon. Ndawa could talk of something which was passed in the previous Assembly and up to date Madam Speaker, we are still chasing it. So Hon. Speaker, yes we are trying to bite we have not reached where we would want to be but we are facing some sort of stumbling blocks which sometimes are beyond our control because Madam Speaker, we are passing issues, we are calling these Chief Officers to come and explain some issues to committees and at times, they are not coming Madam Speaker, or else they are not attending but as you have challenged us, we will take that challenge positively and we will not tire on pushing the executive to implement issues which have been passed by this Hon. House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Angela, sorry Hon. Angela let me have the Whip then the Deputy Majority then Hon. Angela. I will give you Hon. Members only that we be brief.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Madam Speaker, mine will be very short first I congratulate the committee under the chairmanship of Hon. Kieti. Madam Speaker, I will start with the health department. I think it is on page 10 and there are some health centers, Madam Speaker. The community health centers and they are saying it is on 80 percent completion. Madam Speaker, one of the hospitals there, Kangonde this hospital is going on I think this is the fourth year and I think monies have been allocated to this facilities all the time even previous budget year I think it was also allocated and we are talking about facilities which keep our people's health.

I do not know what this department is doing about these hospitals. I remember when we had handshake with our Governor I, Hon. Kiteng'u and Hon. Mbuva of Mitaboni we allocated dispensaries but they were left out saying that they want to finish these hospitals first so that the can come to dispensaries but until now it is like nothing is happening.

Finally, I will go to page 16 Madam Speaker, and I want to talk about one department or estate which I know nobody will care about it here and I want to talk about it. It is on education department and it is on recommendation No. 10 and I will just read it quickly. On. SP 5.3 on the establishment of Machakos Disability Board, the department should operationalize the Machakos County Persons living with Disabilities Act 2015. The Machakos Disability Board should have representation at the ward level.

Madam Speaker, Hon. House, these people living with disabilities have been ignored totally and you will agree with me. I have several who are participating in sports or something that were telling me Hon. Katumo is spending his money to pay for their passports, to pay their tickets from various villages to come and accompany him to go and play; like last time I think they went to play in Morocco and they won. They were supposed to go to other countries and these people are forgotten there, nobody to take care of them.

All these education you will see the Kipchoge going to INEOS, he is sponsored I think he went with a private jet or something and these talented people they are forgotten in the villages when they have a lot of talents and all that. So I am just appealing to this department that they can operationalize this Act and these people they start getting their stake from county government.

One of them was just telling me he met with another colleague I think from another county and they were telling them how the county was helping them so this particular young guy

was sending me to the Governor, actually he does not know how it was and also myself I do not know how it works very well. So I urge the department of education to really see to it that these people living with disabilities they really get what they deserve. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa.....my mind is stuck at one point there now it is Hon. Mulatya sorry for that hitch. Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I would also like to start with health department and Hon. Speaker, I must say that we have in our county we have the health centers and we have our dispensaries. Hon. Speaker, I can see the department of health and we have the Chair and we also have the CEC health and we also have the Chief Officers but they have a plan I have seen that they have a good plan but Hon. Speaker, my cry and call is that can this department first equip the existing dispensaries. The existing health care with those essential facilities.

For example Hon. Speaker, you realize that some of the areas are marginalized like in my ward that we have a dispensary at a place called Kyondoni. There is no lamp what they do is that they will just come and the nurse will ask you how you are feeling and all that and then just one nurse and then you are given some tablets but if they equip even with the laboratories so that they can be able to do some tests on our patients and then from there they can be able to know exactly I will refer you to Level III or Level IV so that you can be treated this illness. So, Hon. Speaker, it is my call before we continue planning to do other things they first equip what we want because what we want is to take care of our people of Machakos County.

Then on (.....Inaudible) Hon. Speaker, I must appreciate the department is doing a good job on spatial planning and actually the planning to improve the towns maybe to urban areas but I want to give my sentiment that it is also good that we also have the market get spatial plan so that we can be able also once we get the donors who can be able to finance and improve our markets. Also we can include them because these benefit other counties but in Machakos also we have been working with municipalities and now we have gone down to towns and I must appreciate the department because I also got two in spatial planning. I have Kithyoko and Kivaa but we need to also to...down whereby we can be able to get a spatial plan for a market so that we can be able to improve.

Then the other thing is on CIDP, Hon. Speaker. When we came to this Assembly we prepared a CIDP and in each financial year we have been extracting ADP and I remember when we had some differences with executive I remember the cry of executive was let us pass the CIDP so that we can implement all the projects but Hon. Speaker, we gave out everything and if it is about the budget the executive is bringing to this House so that we can pass.

Hon. Speaker, I would request this Hon. House, we have the chairs of each department in this House and each department has got a chief officer and a CEC can we be able to give out the budget as this Hon. House as per their implementation of the CIDP we have because if we have the ADP for the last financial year and now we are preparing for another one and the same projects are repeating themselves that means there is nothing going on so what I request this Hon. House to do is we make sure that we give out the budget as per the implementation.

If certain a department for example agriculture has not done its job why will you give more money in a different budget we just have to tell you you have not implemented the last ADP so we are not going to give you. The roads department has done this much so we are going to remove this money and give it to the roads because they are the ones who know how to implement their projects instead of all the time repeating the ADP and we have the CIDP which guides the ADP. Thank you, Hon. Speaker and I must thank the committee has done good job. Asante.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u. Hon. Angela I will come to you Hon. Members. I can see you Mheshimiwa Mutinda you are not behind a wall I am seeing you, I will get you. Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is going to be very brief and I would like to start with commending the committee for coming up with a report which is so comprehensive and very well thought of and recommendations very well-articulated. But Madam Speaker, there is a saying that when a snail finds blisters in its house it changes house. Why do we stay? We are everyday here coming to discuss about implementation of projects about construction of ECDE centers, employment of ECDE teachers, youth empowerment and all those and every time that we come and discuss those issues in this Assembly, we sort of lay blame to the executive or blame this committee or the other committee.

Supposing Madam Speaker, we change the way we do things; come together with the executive, come up with projects together with the executive and instead of allowing them to bring for us projects we do those projects together, we allocate funds so that at the point of implementation I wish Hon. Speaker, we could in co-opt Hon. Kisila in the Implementation committee he always finds it not doing much. But just like any other committee Hon. Speaker, the Implementation committee sits, writes recommendations brings them forward and nothing happens. So, Madam Speaker, I wish we could change the way we do things and instead of sending blame games here and there we work together.

Things like agriculture; we have people on the ground, constituents who are very willing to even offer free services to help us with agricultural projects on the ground. If we could come and cry out to them they would come and give us modern ways of agriculture. For example, if we want to do if maybe if we are raising cows Hon. Kisila has a neighbor who used to breed very many cows and her project was very successful. If we could learn from people who are already doing such projects, teach others and even if one farmer will have only one grade cow it will be more productive than 10 cows which they have and when the drought comes they all die because simply there is nobody taking them through a process of how to rear cows, how to rear goats, how to do drip irrigation.

Modern agricultural projects and we have people on the ground and if Hon. Members could share ideas come together and get people in their constituents even outside the constituency they can advise us on how to go ahead with our projects so that where we have a shortage of staff, where we have ward administrators who cannot implement we get them trained and shown how to do things better because unless we come together and do things together, it will never help us to keep on writing reports on what has been done, what has not been done how it can be done better then there is no implementation.

Madam Speaker, my recommendation is that we work closely with the executive. These ideas we are sharing here we share with them so that as we get them implemented we work together as a team and ensure that the funds allocated to certain projects are utilized in a proper way. We allocated funds for the construction of an airport, Madam Speaker. I am not sure if that airport has ever taken off. If those funds could be diverted to projects that can enhance our ECDEs or agriculture sector, a sector that has a direct impact on the mwananchi because I am sure the Government is going to cut down on budgets very soon and when it does, we will be left helpless because we will say now there is no money for this and that.

On top of that, Madam Speaker, let us also try and source for funding through Non-Governmental Organizations because those Non-Governmental Organizations are there and of we could even come together as a team, share ideas on how to draw proposals we can make Machakos a different place to be in. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela. I was just trying to really get what you are trying to say and I am hoping that you are not saying you be the implementation arm because there is the principle of separation of powers. That is good as long as we understand that it is the executive that implements you are to oversee the implementation and the laws are so clear and if you use them properly you will be very effective and you will give services to the people.

I will ask Minority Leader and then Hon. Mutinda and Hon. Christine. As a way of winding up Members.....yes because we have the other report. Please Members just be brief so that we can have especially on gender issues I want to see a number of the lady MCAs because they want to contribute. Yes, Hon. Kamitu, Hon. Mutinda, Hon. Christine and then Hon. Annastaciah in that order.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I want to make a form of a summary and on this regard I would also fist like to congratulate the Chair for Trade for this wonderful report he has given us in regard to the ADP and when I am saying that I want to give a summary, it is also very important for the Hon. Members in this House to know that, Departments were devolved to the Counties and that relates to the several committees we have in this House.

So, my humble request is that, the Chairpersons of the committees because when I am talking about the Chairpersons and their committee Members in relation to the ADP, it is that the Chair should be concerned mostly on when they call the Chief Officers from the Executive in regard to the booklet of the ADP that we were given.

It will be very easy for the Chairpersons and their committees to interrogate and to follow the projects that the ADP is highlighting in a sense that they will not be out from their projection because every department has its specific commitments in regard to every department. Madam Speaker, why am I saying this?

For example, there are some projects which have been highlighted that were carried out in 2018/2019 ADP, others are 2020/2021 and before we go to 2021, our questions would be as what Madam Angela has said; has the executive implemented projects that were supposed to have been carried out in 2018/2019 because why should we be having reports of 2018 or coming up now to write another ADP of 2020/2021 while most of these projects were not carried out in 2018/2019 and for 2019/2020?

So, on that aspect let me give you some examples, that I have just taken one department that is energy and ICT and I am giving out a good example because I was here in the First Assembly and that is in regard to the CCTVs that came out as projects. Some of the CCTVs in various towns like Matuu, Tala are not in use as we are talking. So I am saying the respective committees now should sit down and give out a summary of those projects that were not carried out in 2018/2019 so that we are seeing as an Assembly we are moving forward in regard to the ADPs that were identified in 2018 and they have not been carried out and a good example there are some projects that up to now they are termed as stalled projects. Why should they be stalled? So, we should not be going for other projects while we have not finished with those projects that were not carried out in those years.

When we come to ICT, I want to highlight on issues that economically and as we are moving forward, the County has got to partner with the private sector in regard to the connectivity of the internet. Why am I saying this? As we are talking you heard the Minister for Education talking of online education and we have got schools in rural areas where we do not have that connectivity of the internet and the likes. So, you will find a student or a school which is based in an urban area they would have an advantage over a school that is based in a rural area where we do not have this connectivity.

So, in that regard Madam Speaker, it is important as the committee concerned for ICTs they should sit down and summarize and see exactly what they are supposed to partner with that is the Assembly and the various departments. Otherwise, that is all I have because some of these areas have been talked about by other Members. So, that is my contribution for today otherwise, thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I start by thanking the committee for the good work they have done and say that when you see these things like the issue of agriculture, the artificial dissemination services is something which this House passed sometimes back and nothing is happening. Now, we are and it is good we are planning but it is also good that when we plan whatever we do kit is followed and executed because it is now about two years and the services have not been implemented and we passed in this House.

The other thing is on cattle dips; we were requested to bring a list of dips which we want to be repaired and we did public participation and the public is expecting the dips to be rehabilitated and nothing is happening. That is a forgotten story. So, I request you to help us with this and this House---

(Hon. Kisila approached Hon. Mitaa to consult)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kisila, you are breaching the protocol on distancing. It is not like before.

(Laughter)

So, you will talk to Hon. Mitaa from a distance. In fact, in these sittings there is no movement allowed the only movement is to door. I am saying yes you can but now the problem is the distance. Maybe you sit on that seat and then you can write a note and pass over to him so do not go to your other Members to interact. Hon. Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Madam Speaker for that order because we have to take precautions. The issue of cattle dips, we were requested to bring two for each Ward and that has now become a forgotten story and we also did public participation so the citizenry is waiting for the dips and we do not have answers for that. So, help us achieve these dips so that our cattle can be safe as we do agriculture.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mutinda please do not put that on record. Not me to help you; it is you to help yourself. You meet the electorates every day, what do you tell them? You are representing them, you are doing oversight and then here you are without now seeking....every Member here is talking about implementation, what happens? What goes wrong? It is you people who are meeting the people; of course, they also take me as an MCA because they told me yes, I am because they want to know what is happening and I tell them yes, I tell my Members of the Assembly those you elected to make sure things are implemented so I throw the ball again to you.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Now, there is the issue of grass seeds for farmers which have not been mentioned and I think Madam Speaker it is important that they are mentioned so that we can support our farmers with seeds for those who keep livestock.

The other thing I have noted here is the issue of connectivity for our people to access Government services. There is this issue of Wide Area Network or Local Area Network or metropolitan but when you compare such investments in such infrastructure and come to a time even our children in ECDEs do not have enough classes then we have a challenge. We have to see where we have prioritized our investments because we are going to a route of Wide Area Network and some schools do not have classes, some schools do not have ECDE teachers.

When you see the number of schools in Machakos County are over 1,000 and we are saying we are doing 90 classrooms in a year; every school needs two classrooms, those are over 2,000 classes. When will we achieve a time when every child is seated in a classroom? That is something which we should ask ourselves and prioritize those needs because it means when you go that route with Vision 2030, we will not be able to achieve anything.

The other thing is on building the offices for the County Government. In our CIDP I do not think it had such strong emphasis when you listen to that report, it indicates that we are doing offices almost everywhere, every sub-county, every ward. It cannot be managed at this time. We have to invest to give our people services. This current year 2019/2020 we did a lot in constructing offices and we cannot now again next Financial Year do that we have to reduce that figure and turn that money to provide services to the people of Machakos County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutinda. Hon. Betty, I have seen you I will come to you, I had assigned Hon. Koki and Hon. Annastaciah then to wind up Hon. Johana and Hon. Betty. Hon. Members; because you are all saying the same thing, if I hear you. So, Hon. Koki please proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am a member of this Committee, Committee on Trade, Economic Planning, and Industrialization. I would like to applaud the Committee they have done a commendable job under the Chairmanship of Hon. Kieti, we know these are hard times, these are trying moments and it was not easy to compile the report, you know we are not holding face to face meetings, there are a lot of challenges we faced and I thank them all, I thank the Lord that we finally managed to come up with a report and this is a clear indication that the Members in this House who have been elected by the electorates of Machakos County did not come only here by chance but they are committed and they want to work for their people.

So, I also want to thank all the Hon. Members for their commitment and dedication and on that note, I would like also to thank you Hon. Speaker for extending the prayers when we were opening the plenary; the prayers you prayed on the pandemic that has hit the whole world and I believe because those are the prayers of each and every one, God is going to hear us.

I would like to emphasize on a few observations and recommendations made by the committee and I will not take much of the time I will begin by the recommendation that was made on the programme of commercial water and irrigation, there is a recommendation or an observation that was made by the committee. I do not see how you can decide to put up a project yet you are not indicating where the project is going to be, the location, and you are not in dictating the time or you are not even saying exactly what the project is going to be about.

Madam Speaker, this is how public funds are swindled because if you are not specific, if you are not saying exactly what you are intending to do, then it shows that there are some hidden agendas for swindling public funds and we are not going to allow that. So, I applaud the

committee for noting and highlighting that the department should come up with a clear specific nation on the projects they are going to do and where they are going to do them and the timeline and how long they are going to take to put up the projects.

I have also observed that there are these other training that they are intending to conduct on business people, individually or in groups. I am not objecting to the training to be offered to our people but then whenever there are public funds involved, it is good that we come up with a policy.

Therefore, I am urging the executive or the department concerned to come up with a policy before the beginning of the program of training the business people, the groups, youth, women, and even men that are going to be trained. It is good to come up with a policy because through that policy we are going to know who is targeted and how they come up with the number or how they have identified the people who are going to be trained.

To finalize, it is also good to be realistic on budget allocations because we cannot over-allocate funds to certain projects. For instance, the project on creating emails had been over-budgeted for by Ksh. 30 million and then the committee observed that and then they reallocated the funds, they reduced the allocation to Ksh. 10 million. I am urging the executive to be realistic when they are coming up with proposals and also on the issue of public participation; we have noticed that we are conducting two public participation forums with one from the executive and another one from the County Assembly.

I would urge the executive that maybe when we are conducting public participation, we can come together because if we conduct two different public participation forums maybe that is where we are differing. They come up with their own projects and the County Assembly comes up with their own projects through their representatives that are Members of the County Assembly because I believe the Members of this House are in direct touch with the electorates and they know very well which projects need to be given priority. Therefore, I am urging the executive to maybe consider that we do simultaneous public participation. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Christine Koki and it is good you reminded us, particularly on two issues. The issues of public participation; it has always been my wish that the County Government of Machakos does one public participation that is the executive and the County Assembly reading from one script because we tire the Members of the public. After one round, another round goes and it is a wastage of public money so if you vote on this report I will ask the Table Office to pick out those issues and we write immediately to the executive, we start preparing for that. I hope they are going to accept because the Assembly is ready to work on one public participation forum. Thank you.

(Applause)

The other one you reminded me and to compliment the Members is on working online by committees. If the committee of Trade, this Committee has a very long name but the committee on Trade has been working online and has come up with this report, I do not have the exact number of pages, that detailed report and even summoned Members, I believe electronically or even if there was any physical sitting it may have been just one also. So, it is working and I compliment the Members that you have been working, you have not been seating.

(Applause)

On the other issues surrounding that, you know that we are addressing them in the CASB very well so, thank you very much, for that. Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I want to thank the Hon. Chair, as my fellow Member has said, there were a lot of challenges for this report to go through. Finally, I want to thank the Chair and the clerks who are dealing with the report, it is very comprehensive and I am also a Member of this committee.

Madam Speaker, I want to be very brief because the time is not on our side. I want to comment on the ECDE classes; although I am a Member and I think it is something we needed to recommend but because of the challenges of the committee meeting online and blah blah and there were some issues I think I was to comment on the committee.

The executive has done well through the construction of the ECDE classes and very classic classes but I have a different opinion that if the Hon. Members can come up with a structure on how we can combine the class and the modern toilets to secure these small kids because you see the classes are there but there are no toilets friendly to our kids. So, it is very important in the next budget we budget the class and the toilet, if possible. That is my input and my opinion.

The other thing I want to comment is on the side of Agriculture on recommendation 3.1.4, the committee has recommended the department of agriculture to purchase for vehicles. I want to support that, where they have proposed two vehicles. I want to say that during the distribution of the seeds there are a lot of challenges as far as they come on the ground and the area like Kibauni is scattered and very wide so, it is very important for the department to purchase those vehicles and during the distribution of the seeds to see how they can support the administrators and the agricultural officers to distribute those seeds in an easy way.

The other thing is these 40 motorbikes. It is very important and I support that because some of the Vet Officers, I see how sometimes they face transport challenges because sometimes maybe there is a problem of an animal somewhere or they have some issues of vaccination of the animal but you see these people hiring a motorbike and I am not sure whether they are facilitated by the department. So, I support the department to look at how the---

Hon. Mitaa: Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mitaa, please inform the House because that is your docket.

Hon. Mitaa: Hon. Speaker, I think I will still go back to my point earlier that we are not following time frames. When we were launching distribution of seeds Madam Speaker, at the same time we launched 15 motorcycles for extension officers and it was captured for the current financial year, and I understand very soon we will be adding more motorcycles but as we speak now we have a fleet of 15 which has already been assigned to several wards. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So Hon. Annastaciah concern is that there are about 15 of them and there are more on the way. Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Chair, thank you for that response; it is very important. That was my concern because I understand that some of the areas like in my area, the ward is so big and as I am talking Hon. Speaker, you know the place so it is very important to move faster and push your department to look at how they can do it as soon as

possible. So, Hon. Speaker, with all due respect it was my humble request for my input so for those short and long remarks, thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Annastaciah. Hon. Johanna

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to applaud the committee on trade for the nice report presented to the House and at the same time lament that we fail as a county and also as a country because of having very smart blueprints, very smart documents which are never followed.

Madam Speaker, it beats logic when we come up with documents just to be owned such that I can be praised that I am the one who came up with such and such a document. Madam Speaker, I am longing for that time when documents will be prepared and be county-owned such that even if there is change in leadership, whoever comes in will see a document worthy implementing because it gives the county the worthiness it deserves.

Madam Speaker, the CIDP is where we are supposed to borrow the ADP from and I tend to find so many inconsistencies because we end up even coming up with another CIDP. If we where to ask ourselves the number of projects the ADP under discussion *vis-a-vis* the budget maybe for the current financial year or the year under discussion, we may find that the projects are more than maybe the budget which is supposed to be allocated. The reason is, we do not sit at the planning stage to marry the two; the projects and the budget proposals for the year in question.

So, Madam Speaker, I would request that, as the Trade and Planning committee engages with the Budget Committee, that our ideas and projects are brought on board at that stage so that we do not have so many projects not done yet they where appearing in the ADP. I want to believe that an ADP is supposed to form a key performance indicators for that financial year and form a basis of appraisals to the various departments.

(Applause)

So, when we don't get such consistencies you find we are doing so many projects which are not in the ADPs or even in the CIDPs and the officer should be able to answer why are we doing this, where is it in our records; are we just making records just for the sake of having such records or are we serious on implementing what has been discussed in this House.

Madam Speaker, before I end, I would like to say that in the report, I don't see, unless it skipped my mind and borrowing from what is happening in the country and what has happened in the recent past, very heavy rains which where not anticipated and also the COVID-19 which was also not anticipated; I have not seen an element of some emergency planning in whatever we are discussing in this House. So, I would request that we have that provision so that we are prepared for future emergencies.

To end, in agriculture still, we have a very key area on slaughter houses, I don't know whether that one has been factored anywhere; it is a very key area in terms of our health because I am sure you feed on meat whether daily or in whatever frequencies but it is an area which can pose a health threat and we want to see it also being equally addressed.

So many vocational training centres are proposed to come; I would like to say that even the existing ones we cannot train on some causes because of lack of trainers on some technical courses. So, I would like to see people thinking about how to enrich the existing ones in terms of either providing trainers to train on some areas where we are lacking expertise as we also think about coming up with more.

I want to end there and support the report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johanna. Just to let you know on emergency planning, I mentioned in my communication that there is a county Corona emergency response Committee in which I sit. Luckily I remember the issue of emergency fund has been in this House severally and a communication has been done to the Governor in writing so we have now been able to come up with the draft regulations to create an Emergency Act for this County.

We are discussing it today at four in the same committee---

(Applause)

Very soon it is going to come to this House so that you pass it as an Act. It is going to address all the issues you have mentioned; the floods, fire, or even like another disease like this one which we pray we do not have but those emergencies come. So, it is in the pipeline and it is going to come here. You may even have to, actually you will have to pass it even during this time. So it is on the way. We had Muheshimiwa Betty and then I would ask the mover of the motion Hon. Kieti, please prepare to reply after Hon. Betty.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today you have reminded us of our role as an Assembly of which personally, I felt there is a loophole somewhere as an Assembly we have forgotten our responsibility and a role to the Executive. Madam Speaker, I want to go directly to the report that was given by my able Chair wanted the department of agriculture where we have our able Chair Hon. Mitaa and personally I had allocated in our Ksh. 10 million projects. I had allocated some amount for the cattle dips. I was very disappointed because I did public participation in those places. Up to today, the electorates are expecting me to put up the cattle dips; they do not know whether I am the one implementing or it is the Executive. It is very discouraging Hon. Speaker.

The other issue, in the department of ICT, I want speak about Masii Market; there were installed street lights of which I can say some of them do not function. According to the budget Hon. Speaker, when you go through the budget allocations and the money that was spent for installation of those street lights, you can get disappointed.

So, I want to request as an Assembly we have a role of oversight. It might not be that smooth for us; as much as we are saying we work hand in hand with the Executive but remember it is our responsibility as an Assembly to do the oversight duty.

Also, in the department of Youth and Sports, in Mwala Sub County, Masii ward was proposed to have one stadium for the whole Sub County. I do not know what to say Hon. Speaker because still, it is a stalled project; nothing is happening. I can say that when we were going through the budget allocation, it was showing that it has a pending bill of Ksh. 49 million of which, when you go to the ground, there is totally nothing and it was given as a total amount of Ksh. 100 million.

So, it is a challenge for us; as much as we want to say that *mbele iko sawa*, for me I feel there are some loopholes and we need to do something. So, to our able Chair and our committee, I think we have made our observations and more needs to be done for us to save our people of Machakos County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty. Hon. Members, every one of you is saying the same thing only in different ways and I don't want to say that I pity you but I can say it because 2022 is just around the corner and you see, even as I pity you.....(inaudible).....I am saying, it is upon us Hon. Members to make sure that we implement what we pass here and the beauty of today's' sitting is that it is on planning and we are planning to succeed and not to fail.

Now, going forward, there is a Kamba saying, without speaking in Kikamba; you are early.....Mheshimiwa Ndawa

(Laughter)

Your early is when you have woken up.

(Loud consultations)

Tene waku no vala waamukila, that is the one. Anyway you get the message that now that you are passing a plan this time round let us say this is a new beginning; you must see some fruit. At least you have 24 months, I was counting the other day. Remember the bigger part of those 24 months, you may not even have the opportunity; so we can say you have 12 months, which is this ADP so let us see what comes out of it.

I could see Hon. Wambua burning to say something; please say it in one minute and Hon. Maitha also in one minute because we make rules and we also undo the rules especially I have seen Hon. Maitha has really been wanting to say something this last moment. Hon. Joseph Musau please proceed.

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to lament that, the major reason given by Executive, why some projects were not done is they said that the government allocation to the counties was slashed. As I watched television last night, Madam Speaker, I saw the national government saying they will give the whole amount that was entitled to the counties. So, there is no reason why the Executive should not implement the 2019/2020 budget to the letter. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Musau for that. Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I had only two concerns; one, on page 11, you can see the county is planning to construct 11 health facilities. If you look at No. 8, you can see Matungulu in Matungulu West Ward; there is no facility by that name in that ward.

Hon. Speaker: That is in your ward?

Hon. Maitha: In my ward. Madam Speaker, this facility was allocated some money in the other year. So I would wish to request the committee to interrogate the officer and know where the facility is and what happened to the money which was allocated to that facility.

The last one, Madam Speaker, is when the government says it is considering contracting machinery. Instead of contracting, why can't the government buy machinery for each ward. If it is the graders, why can't it buy graders for each ward instead of contracting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Maitha. Hon. Kieti, please reply.

(Applause)

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Members for their participation and support of this report. I want to say that, there are two queries that were raised; one on seeds. The issue about the pasture seeds in the ADP is on page 20. At the same time, the issue about slaughter houses; they are on sub programme 8.1 on page 23. For seeds is sub program 3.2 on page 20. So Hon. Munyao, the slaughter houses are catered for. Hon. Mutinda, for seeds, it is also catered for.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to say that, one of the things which is making us not achieve the objectives is as if you have highlighted. We are not taking our mandate seriously as a House and planning is good because one person said, plan as if you are living forever but implement as if you are dying tomorrow.

We have good plans but our biggest problem is implementation and this is mainly caused by linkages. Now, the planning committee has done its work; there is normally a gap between the planning and the budgeting and from budgeting to implementation. So I would like to challenge the House and each and every committee to take up its mandate and the leadership to guide us in following up from planning, budgeting to implementation so that we are not shortchanged because one of the issues that we have observed is that there is a lot of reallocation of resources; we plan and then monies are diverted to other areas.

The other thing we observed is carrying over projects from one financial year to the other as the Hon. Members have observed and that comprises the planning process because you cannot plan to do something this year and you fail to achieve it, and you push it to the next year and you keep on carrying over. I think that is like compromising the strategy.

Then, as we continue planning and reallocating resources because people will hide under any simple things that are happening within our society like now we have the COVID-19, let it not be an area where after we have planned and we have done such good planning where the Executive can hide that money made for this went to solve the issue about the COVID-19.

Let money meant for development go to development where possible because by doing this, we are alleviating poverty and the same time we are safeguarding our people from such kind of diseases. Money meant for bursaries, I request that that money is not reallocated anywhere because once schools reopen, our children will need bursaries to go back to school because at the moment the parents are not working and the economy is down.

So, one of the issues that I may request as the chairman planning is that we start planning how our children will get back to school when schools re-open because the parents are not working now and the economy is down. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving the chance; thank you, Hon. Members, for your audience.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Thank you, Members.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: So, Hon. Members, it is 2.10 p.m. by consensus, how many minutes do we have for lunch break or health break? I noted that the report on CFSP is a little shorter than this one of the ADP so the reading will not take as long as it did with Hon. Kieti's report because

it was much longer. So can we come back at quarter to 3 o'clock so that we can have time to leave earlier.

So, Hon. Members, the sitting now is adjourned; it is going to resume on 30th April, 2020 at 2.45 p.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 2.05 p.m.