

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

The House met at 2.46 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Museku) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Good afternoon members. Welcome to today's afternoon session and I can see with us today in the gallery, we have got visitors today and these are student from Kamuthanga Secondary School. This is in Mua ward. They have come to be with us this afternoon.

Good afternoon students, how are you? Thank you to the County Assembly of Machakos. Students from Kamuthanga, this is the County Assembly of Machakos; this is where we as legislators representing your various areas sit down and deliberate on the various issues affecting the county. This is where the Hon. Members who come from your area sit down and deliberate on key things affecting legislation; affecting things to do with budgeting and oversight, it's all deliberated here.

So I am glad today to welcome you all together with the whole House. When I look at you, I can see young girls and boys who look as if they are going to be future legislators. We welcome you here and request you to pay attention so that you can be able to see how the proceedings of the House are and learn from it. I know it is part of the studies which you do in school, so you will be able to confirm most of the things which you do, which you read, are actually happening in real life. So welcome and be attentive. Thank you very much. Appreciate the students Hon. Members.

*(Applause)*

*Karibuni sana.*

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon Members, under this Order, I have two communications to make; brief ones.

SPEAKER'S KAMUKUNJI

Today we are going to have Kamukunji which is going to be at 3.30 p.m. so the afternoon session is going to be timely so that we can be able to start our Kamukunji on time at 3.30 p.m.

#### RE-BALLOTING OF MOTION

The other item is that if you look at your Order Paper, you will find that we had two motions. The first one is motion No. 8 and the other one is motion No. 9. The first one is a motion by the Chairperson of Committees who happens to be myself and the second one is by Hon. Moses Mitaa, Chairperson, Agriculture committee.

Due to pressing items and conflicting priorities, motion number eight by Hon. Paul Museku is going to be taken back to the House Business committee for re-balloting for next week so we will only have motion number nine by Hon. Moses Mitaa, chairperson, Agriculture, to deliberate on this afternoon so that we can be able to balance all priorities. Thank you Hon. Members.

#### PAPER LAID

##### REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF MACHAKOS AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one Paper today and this is to be done by the Hon. Fredrick Muthoka, chairperson Implementation committee.

**Hon. Muthoka:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019; the report by the Implementation committee on the implementation status of the report by Agriculture and Cooperative Development Committee on Status of Machakos Agricultural Training Centre. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Fredrick Muthoka

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

##### REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF MACHAKOS AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one notice of motion again to be given by Hon. Fredrick Muthoka, Chairperson, Implementation committee.

**Hon. Muthoka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that aware THAT Article 43(1)(c) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that every person has---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Just a minute Hon. Fredrick. Hon Hellen, just a minute because under the Statements, I would like you to say hello to the students from Mua before you leave. Thank you. Proceed, Hon. Fredrick.

**Hon. Muthoka:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker; let me start again.

Mr. Speaker, that aware THAT Article 43(1)(c) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that every person has the right to be free from hunger and to have adequate food of acceptable quality;

Noting THAT the first paragraph of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution assigns the County Governments the responsibility of Agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sales yard, county abattoirs, plant and animal diseases control and fisheries;

Mr. Speaker, further aware THAT Agricultural Training Centres (ATCs) promote crop and livestock development by providing extension information to farmers and serving as models of improved crop and livestock husbandry practices;

Also aware THAT these centres provide a range of educational activities with the primary aim of achieving human resource development throughout the rural economies;

Mr. Speaker, acknowledging THAT the Assembly Committee on Agriculture is mandated to deal with all matters related to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, cooperatives, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control, irrigation, fisheries, cooperative societies and veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession);

Further aware THAT the mandate of Committee on Implementation is to scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly (including adopted committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion THAT the House discusses and approves the report by the implementation committee on the implementation status of the report by Agriculture and Cooperative Development Committee on the Status of Machakos Agricultural Training Centre.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Fredrick Muthoka for that Notice of Motion. Hon. Member, before I move on to the next motion, there is some correction. I think this school, Kamuthanga Secondary School, is in Mutituni ward and not Mua ward. It is in Mutituni ward, I have been corrected. I think this should be the school which is down there and I can see Hon. Johana is not in the House this afternoon so they have got good neighbors with Hon. Helen for Mua so Hon. Helen, you might as well say hello to the students. *Karibu*.

### STATEMENT

#### STUDENTS FROM KAMUTHANGA SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed, Hon. Helen.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the students from Kamuthanga. Kamuthanga Secondary School is in Mutituni ward, Mutituni ward is adjacent to Mua ward so we are neighbors. We are very happy to have you around as our Speaker told you. This is where we deliberate on very pertinent issues concerning your county,

so it is good for you to see, to watch and listen and see how we do the debates. This will be useful to you in the future. You are most welcome, please pay attention. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Helen Ndeti.

### **MOTION**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed as earlier communicated that, that Order has been taken back to the House Business committee for re balloting. Proceed.

#### STATUS OF CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one motion by Hon. Mitaa

**Hon. Mitaa:**

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT the Mission for the Department Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in Machakos County is to promote innovative, commercially oriented and modern Agriculture through development and enactment of enabling legal framework;

Aware THAT the World Bank Group (WBG) is currently scaling up climate-smart agriculture in counties and it is committed to working with counties to deliver climate-smart agriculture that achieves the triple win of increased productivity, enhanced resilience, and reduced emissions;

Informed THAT Machakos County was selected as one of the counties to benefit from the climate-smart agriculture program by the World Bank; further aware THAT in the next FY 2019/2020 the World Bank has budgeted Ksh. 150 Million as donor contribution whereas Machakos County is required to contribute Ksh. 22 Million towards the initiative;

Cognizant THAT in the current FY 2018/19, initial programs involving coordination, zoning, survey and design including environmental impact assessment had been implemented;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the Committee on Agriculture on the status of Climate Smart Agriculture in Machakos County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to call Hon. Constance Mbula to second my Motion.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki** seconded.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Constance. Hon. Moses.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the World Bank Group (WBG) is currently scaling up climate-smart agriculture. In its Climate Change Action Plan, the World Bank committed to working with National Government and Counties to deliver climate-smart agriculture that achieves the triple

win of increased productivity, enhanced resilience, and reduced emissions to the ozone layer. Climate-smart agriculture (CSA) is an integrated approach to managing landscapes, cropland, livestock, forests and fisheries that address the interlinked challenges of food security and climate change

#### *Mandate of the Committee*

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Agriculture is established pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders with specific mandate to deal with all matters related to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, cooperatives, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control, irrigation, fisheries, cooperative societies and veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession).

#### *Committee Composition*

Mr. Speaker, the committee on Agriculture comprises of the following Hon. Members:-

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Hon. Moses Mitaa       | - Chairperson   |
| 2. Hon. Michael Mutiso    | - V/Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Agatha Mutunga    | Member          |
| 4. Hon. Benedette Musyoka | “               |
| 5. Hon. Eric Musembi      | “               |
| 6. Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu   | “               |
| 7. Hon. Joshua Nzuki Muli | “               |
| 8. Hon. Constance Nzioki  | “               |
| 9. Hon. Antony Mulu       | “               |
| 10. Hon. Nicholas Mutuku  | “               |
| 11. Hon. Paul Nyanzi      | “               |
| 12. Hon. Rosina Kanini    | “               |
| 13. Hon. Tariq Mulatya    | “               |

#### *Background information on Climate Smart Agriculture in Kenya*

Mr. Speaker, the program is funded by the World Bank in conjunction with Kenyan Government. It is a five year program which began in 2017 and is expected to run up to 2022. The program aims at increasing agricultural productivity and building resilience to climate change risks in the targeted smallholder farming and pastoral communities in the country.

The facility will also finance the development of agro-weather forecasting and marketing information system and their dissemination tools through three sub-components. 60 per cent of the financing will go towards rural services and infrastructure and water resource management.

#### *Activity/Components to be implemented by the Counties*

Mr. Speaker, in Kenya, 24 counties were selected to implement this project, Machakos County being one of them. A total budget allocation of 8.7 Billion Shillings was approved by the World Bank to be utilized for a period of five years that is 2017-2022. Counties are required to upscale climate-smart agricultural practices by:

- a) Improving water and soil management like construction of water pans, sand dams, weirs, ponds, gabions and boreholes.
- b) Improving livelihoods like promotion of crop diversification, drought tolerant crops, intensive livestock production, agroforestry, beekeeping, value addition,

improvement of slaughter houses, market infrastructure, milk cooling centres and cattle dips.

- c) Improving small scale farmer managed irrigation schemes for crop and pasture/fodder development and production, that is, through drip irrigation.

*Budget allocation for specific programs in all selected Counties*

Mr. Speaker, the financial allocation to different micro projects is as follows;

- 1) Building Institutional Capacity and Strengthening Service Delivery is allocated Ksh. 2.4 billion
- 2) Supporting Investments in Smallholder Agro-pastoral systems is allocated Ksh. 6.3 billion
- 3) Community level investments such as small scale irrigation, water conservation infrastructure, drip irrigation allocated Ksh. 2.8 billion
- 4) County level investments such as water pans, sand dams, cattle dips, weirs, market infrastructure allocated Ksh. 3.0 billion
- 5) Public Private Partnerships with producers allocated Ksh. 5 billion

*Machakos County Budget allocation and implementation status for FY 2018/2019*

Mr. Speaker, in the FY 2018/19 the World Bank budgeted Kshs. 117 Million as donor contribution whereas Machakos County was required to contribute Ksh. 3 Million for phase 1 towards the initiative. This Ksh. 3 Million was paid after approval of the Supplementary Budget which was approved by this House early this year.

Further, after the County paid its share, the World Bank released its share of Kshs. 41 Million and since then, the money has been utilized in implementing phase 1 of the program in the selected Wards which include Muthetheni, Masii, Kola, Katangi and Ikombe Wards. The table below shows the amounts received for the different stages of the program in the said Wards:

<b>Summary budget</b>	<b>Budgeted amount (Kshs.)</b>	<b>Received amount (Kshs.)</b>
Part 1: Coordination & Management	1,540,500.00	<b>821,281.00</b>
Part 2: Communication	2,942,800.00	<b>905,601.00</b>
Part 3: Operational	11,963,300.00	<b>6,156,090.00</b>
Party 4: Service Provider fee	25,800,000.00	<b>4,742,400.00</b>
Party 5: micro and sub-project grants	74,753,400.00	<b>28,445,040.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>117,000,000.00</b>	<b>41,070,412.00</b>

Mr. Speaker, the Micro and Sub-project grants (Ksh.74,753,400.00) is allocated for supporting Investments in Smallholder Agro-pastoral systems as per the specification below:-

- a) Community level investments such as small scale irrigation, promotion of water conservation, drip irrigation (Ksh. 33,223,733)
- b) County level investments such as water pans, sand dams, cattle dips (Ksh. 35,596,857)
- c) Public Private Partnerships with producers (Ksh. 5,932,810)

*Machakos County Budget Allocation FY 2019/2020 and Programs for Implementation*

Mr. Speaker, in the said financial year the World Bank has budgeted for Ksh. 150,156,390 towards the program and the County Government of Machakos is required to contribute Ksh. 22,743,100. It is important to note that the stated donor funds featured as one source of funds in the County Government of Machakos approved budget for the FY 2019/2020. Further, the County's contribution share of Ksh. 22,743,100 was also approved by this House when the Assembly approved the County Assembly Appropriation Bill, FY 2019/2020.

Mr. Speaker, the table below shows a summary of the vote heads to be implemented, budget allocation by the World Bank, contribution share by the County Government of Machakos and the percentage of each vote head within the budget:

<b>Summary budget</b>	<b>World Bank Budget</b>	<b>County Government contribution</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Part 1: Coordination & Management	5,800,640	-	5,800,640	3.35
Part 2: Communication	4,629,700	-	4,629,700	2.68
Part 3: Operational	17,110,550	1,650,000	18,760,550	10.85
Party 4: Service Providers fee	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	5.78
Party 5: micro- & sub-project grants	112,615,500	21,093,100	133,708,600	77.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>150,156,390</b>	<b>22,743,100</b>	<b>172,899,490</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Mr. Speaker, in the above stated vote heads, the County Government of Machakos is destined to implement the following specific activities:-

*Part 1: Coordination and Management*

Mr. Speaker this program entails the following sub-programs:

1. Support consultative meeting for development of Annual Work Plans and Budgets for FY 2020/2021.
2. Hold a one day meeting for consolidating and aligning Community Integrated Action Plans and Climate Smart Agriculture plans to Annual Work Plan and Budgets.
3. Hold 1 budget review meeting by County Technical Advisory Committee.
4. Hold 1 meeting by County Project Steering Committee for approving Annual Work Plan and Budgets.
5. Hold 1 meeting for incorporating county Annual Work Plan and Budgets into CIDP/ADP.
6. Support development of micro projects proposals by Sub County Technical Departments.
7. Hold quarterly workshops for review and appraisal of county investments proposals.
8. Hold bi-annual (2) meetings for reviewing of micro project proposals.
9. Hold 2 meetings with County Technical Advisory Committee for vetting county investment proposals in preparation for approval by County Project Steering Committee.

10. Hold 2 meetings for approving county investment proposals by County Project Steering Committee.
11. Support 2 County Project Steering Committee meetings.
12. Support 4 County Technical Advisory Committee supervision missions.
13. Support 2 County Project Steering Committee oversight missions.
14. Sensitization and planning workshop on safeguards.
15. Screening and appraisal sub/micro project sites for safeguards.

*Part 2: Communication*

Mr. Speaker, this program entails the following sub-programs:-

1. Awareness creation material/ publicity materials.
2. Support 6 Field days and demonstrations in 3 sub-counties per year @ 20 staff members
3. Printing of project documents.
4. Electronic media for support radio talk shows.
5. Provision of complain reporting registers.
6. Support complaint handling mechanism.
7. Support quarterly grievances review meeting.
8. Farmer exchange tours.
9. Enhanced visibility for micro projects, sub-projects, POs Coops & private firms through sign posts.
10. Preparation and participation at Agricultural Society of Kenya show.
11. Commissioning of the 3 sub-projects.
12. Hold quarterly website content workshop.

*Part 3: Operational*

Mr. Speaker, this program entails the following sub-programs:-

*a. Strengthening of community structures through:*

1. Formation of emerging CIGs by having enlisting Baraza in all 24 zone and Special ward barazas to mobilize emerging VMGs to form special groups
2. Community Driven Development committees (CDDCs) strengthened by having 5 quarterly meetings and meeting quarterly Approval of proposals; 1 Meeting for signing MOUs with the community; 1 meeting for rationalization of procurement plans; 1 project launch; 2 M&E missions for CTDs per ward
3. County Value Chain Development Group (CVCDG) operationalized by holding 5 meetings for progress review of service providers activities
4. Community structure strengthened through
5. Train Sub county Technical Department and Ward Officers on Enterprise Development Plan and Implementation
6. Training Social Accountability and Integrity Committee
7. Train Community Driven Development committees on Basic of Leadership, project management, group dynamic, conflict management social accountability and Complaint Handling
8. Train Community Driven Development committees on resource mobilization and proposal writing
9. Establishment of Farmers Field Schools



10. Train Community Driven Development committees and Project Management committees on Procurement and Financial Management
11. Train Community Driven Development committees and Project Management committees on Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
12. Train Community Driven Development committees and Project Management committees on Report writing and Implementation
13. Train Community Driven Development committees and Project Management committees Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
14. Training Community Driven Development committees and Project Management committees on cross cutting issues on Gender, Safeguards HIV/AIDs: All Committees
15. Training Community Driven Development committees and Project Management committees on Risk Management
16. Facilitate committees during procurement and making payments
17. Conduct quarterly data aggregation meetings
18. Review of Enterprise Development Plan budget proposal
19. Verification of Enterprise Development Plan budgets in conformity with Environmental and Social Frameworks and cross cutting issues
20. Support adoption of reviewed Enterprise Development Plan budgets by stakeholders at the county level
21. Support 1 day enterprise development plan ratification barazas
22. Hold 1 day meeting for CTAC to ratify the enterprise development plans
23. Support participatory contracting workshops
24. Support for statutory requirements like Designs/Surveys
25. Support for statutory requirements like Water resource authority and NEMA Permits
26. Office operation and maintenance.

*b. Develop validate and support adoption of climate smart Technologies Innovations and Management Practices through;*

1. Demonstrations of smart Technologies Innovations and Management Practices conducted
2. Facilitate participation of Research Extension Liaison team in planning meeting for preparation of technical training material
3. Facilitate field visits of Research Extension Liaison team on training materials and modules based on the training assessment report
4. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members & Research Extension Liaison team in planning meeting for the adaptive research
5. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members & Research Extension Liaison team in identification field sites for validation trials/demonstration plots
6. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members & Research Extension Liaison Officer in planning meetings for the seed systems
7. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members & Research Extension Liaison Officer in identification field sites for variety/seeds trials and in-situ conservation
8. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members & Research Extension Liaison team in identification and establishment of CIGs for seed production
9. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members and Research Extension Liaison team in training planning meetings for seed systems

10. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members & Research Extension Liaison team for field visits in seed production systems
11. Facilitate participation of County Project Coordination Unit members & Research Extension Liaison L team in identification and establishment of CIGs for high value indigenous crops and Open Pollinated Varieties.

*c. Operational Big Data for Climate Smart Agriculture through;*

1. Obtain time series data from meteorological stations, remote sensing centers and agricultural departments
2. Facilitate Agriculture statistics team participation in a workshop to disseminate and validate stakeholders registration involved in big data
3. Facilitate field coordination during delineation of Unit Area Insurance scheme
4. Facilitate backstopping of data collection
5. Facilitate participation of County Agriculture Statistical team in annual data validation workshop
6. Facilitate participation of County Agriculture Statistical team in stakeholders' validation workshop of unit area of insurance
7. Facilitate participation of County Agriculture Statistical team in Data collection training
8. Facilitate market data management field visits
9. Facilitate participation of Agriculture Statistical team in the Unit Area and testing agro-weather systems
10. Facilitate Participatory Scenario Planning for two seasons

*Major Achievements by the County Government of Machakos towards the Initiative since Its Initiation in FY 2017/2018*

Mr. Speaker, from the time the program started in 2017/2018, the County Government of Machakos has implemented the following activities:

1. Signing of memorandum of understanding between the County Government of Machakos and the National Government.
2. Establishment of coordination structures which include;
  - a. County project steering committee.
  - b. County technical advisory committee.
  - c. County Project Coordination unit.
3. Undertaking Participatory Integrated Community Development Process and development of Community Integrated Action Plan in the six wards.
4. Identification of 3 sub projects on Rapid Results Initiatives.

Three (3) sub projects were identified and approved by National Technical Advisory Committee which include excavation of a water pan at Kilaatu, rehabilitation of Kitambaasye earth dam and construction of a dam at Kithaayoni.

Madam Speaker, Kilaatu water pan project has been surveyed, designed and approved by NEMA on 02/07/2019) & Water Resource Authority (WRA) on 28/06/2019. In addition, Kitambaasye earth dam was also surveyed, designed and approved by WRA on 28/06/2019) and is awaiting NEMA approval soon. Thirdly, Kithaayoni dam is at the design stage after being surveyed

*General Observations by the Committee*

Mr. Speaker, the Committee observed that:

1. The spirit of Climate Smart Agriculture Program in Machakos County in the line of Agricultural and environmental sector development is a good opportunity the County must exploit if truly leaders have the vision of seeing its residents shift from subsistence to commercial Agriculture.
2. The Climate Smart Agriculture program appears to be still at its initial stage since its inception in the FY 2017/18. This is because the programs reported as achievements only include survey, design and establishment of committee structures. The actual implementation of the projects in the selected wards appears not to have started.
3. The Ksh. 41 Million donated by the World Bank for implementation of Phase 1 of the program was released for implementation of the budgeted vote heads.
4. The County Government of Machakos honoured the Memorandum of Understanding by contributing its share of Ksh. 3 Million for phase 1 of the project through the approved supplementary budget early this year.
5. In the FY 2018/2019, the World Bank budgeted Ksh. 117,000,000.00 but at the end of the Financial Year, it had only released a total of Ksh. 41 million. The reason of not releasing the whole amount is suspected to be because the National Government did not contribute its share.
6. The County Assembly of Machakos was not informed in time by the Executive on this new initiative for the purpose of approving the requested allocation of Ksh. 3 million. This delay resulted to donor funds to lie unutilized in the Central bank for a long time thereby delaying development in the selected Wards.
7. At the start of the initiative the World Bank released Ksh. 5,800,640 budgeted for Coordination and Management of the program. This stage is now under implementation as indicated above.
8. That in the current Financial Year, the County Government is set to implement very many activities and this calls for fast action in procuring for the stated services and strict monitoring in order to adhere with the timelines for implementation.
9. That this is a very good initiative that is relevant to the needs of rural households of Machakos County and can by far if well implemented and monitored can improve the livelihood of our citizens in Machakos County

*Recommendations*

Mr. Speaker, based on the above observations the committee on Agriculture recommends as follows;

1. The County Government of Machakos should hasten the logistics behind implementation of this good program. This World Bank funded program appears to be still at its initial stage since its inception in the FY 2017/18. This is because the programs reported as achievements only include survey, design and establishment of committee structures. The actual implementation of the projects in the selected wards appears not to have started.
2. The Agricultural extension service in Machakos County should take up the duty of sensitizing its residents on how to embrace this new program and how to shift from rain fed Agriculture to irrigation approach which guarantees farming all year round and especially at times when demand for Agricultural commodities is high.

3. The vote of Ksh. 22 Million budgeted by the County Government of Machakos in this FY 2019/2020 will trigger the World Bank to release Kshs. 150 million as per the agreement. The County should exhibit high standards of financial discipline by managing well these funds so that outcome is realised by the residents hence value for money.
4. That pursuant to Article 183(3) of the Constitution, the Chief Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development should submit to the Assembly on Quarterly basis full and regular reports on the status of all the project programs that are scheduled to be implemented in this FY 2019/2020.
5. During the time of budget interrogation, the Executive should avail to the Assembly in time all information related to budget so that the Assembly can factor allocation of funds appropriately. This will avoid the scenario witnessed in the FY 2018/19 where Ksh.117 Million of donor funds remained un-utilized for a long time until the time the Assembly approved the Ksh. 3 Million through a supplementary budget early this year.
6. The County Government of Machakos should observe prudence in the use of funds donated by the World Bank towards this initiative so that the County can in future keep on benefiting from donor funds. Again strict monitoring of the progress of the projects and adherence to timelines will be a key thing to be observed by the implementing arm of the County Government of Machakos.
7. There is need for the County Government of Machakos to formulate equitable climate-smart agriculture policies. This is because institutions that are addressing climate smart initiative use interdisciplinary science-based recommendations to influence and link policies and institutions from national to local level.
8. The County Government should ensure coordination among all actors, including the National Government, civil society and the private sector, because project management cycles are essential for successful outcomes. Again, efficient project execution becomes difficult when Government Departments and collaborating agencies have different planning, budgeting and implementation schedules.
9. Most projects encourage the participation of community leaders and local authorities in decision-making and project implementation processes as a step towards empowering the land managers. In this case there is need to strengthen the functional capacity of all climate smart agriculture actors within the County Government in policy support, knowledge management, outreach and partnering, along with implementation of climate change interventions.

### *Conclusion*

Mr. Speaker, the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Implementation Framework 2018-2027 (KCSAIF) has been developed to provide a guide to various innovative and transformative initiatives and best practices that will strive to address challenges brought about by climate change. It is envisioned to ensure increased agricultural productivity and sustainably build resilience of the national agricultural systems.

It also aims at providing various options for implementation of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy 2017-2026. It is a new dawn for Machakos County to have been selected as one of the County beneficiaries of this wonderful program aimed at achieving the dream of our residents.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege and pleasure on behalf of the committee on Agriculture to table before this Hon. House the report on the status of Climate-Smart Agriculture program in Machakos County for discussion and adoption. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you very much Hon. Moses Mitaa for the report which you have gallantly read before the House.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Members, you may debate on the motion. Hon. Johana.

**Hon. Munyao:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Before I give my contribution, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome Kamuthanga Secondary School which is in my ward together with the teachers and remind them that psychologists say that we remember 80 percent of what we experience. So other than just going through some theory in our text books, you found it wise to visit this Assembly to see how we conduct our business and I am sure it will be a very nice session for you to learn how the proceedings are run, some of the terms and their applications; terms like what HANSARD is, that is why whenever I am talking here, my voice is being captured for storage and for future records.

Again you have been able to see our sitting arrangement and who does what in an Assembly sitting. So you are in the right hands. It will also be a nice opportunity for you because you are tomorrow's leaders to see where serious matters like the one on the floor are discussed and passed, so we pray that one day, you are either in this Assembly or even the National Assembly as a Senator or Member of Parliament, as a Governor or such other positions.

So, those are our prayers and on the other note Hon. Speaker, I would be the first person to support this report because we are witnessing the effects of climate change and quoting the last rain season, when we look around, even the crops are already drying up before their maturity time. It is wise that we practice the climate-smart agriculture so that we align ourselves with the current changes in our climate. I fully support this report and I wish that we pass it the soonest possible. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Johana. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I have noted that this television does not help a lot the people on the gallery, so it is my wish that we could erect another television somewhere on the front for the persons on the gallery to be able to watch what is happening because I am imagining when a Hon. Member from the back seat is speaking, his audience are not able to see.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the agriculture committee for bringing this report and I must say that as a county, we are lucky because we managed to be among the 24 counties which were selected for this climate smart practices. Again, I realized that it's like we slept when we were passing the budget because these amounts are many and we could have made sure that each and every ward gives a project in terms of agriculture.

In the year 2018/2019, we received Ksh. 41 million; this is not just any money. This year if we contribute Ksh. 22 million, we stand to benefit from Ksh. 150 million. Mr. Speaker, if you

look at Ksh. 150 million with 40 wards, at least we will have three million per ward, and if you look at the achievements which were made by the department, they are not worth, because you can see it is only surveys, design and establishment of committee structures.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen that these monies are meant for improving water and soil management including water pans, sand dams, cattle dips, weirs, gabions and boreholes. Mr. Speaker, we need to hold the department well and make sure that each ward at least benefits and the projects which are done by these monies have to be approved by the Assembly. I support the report though in future, we need to make sure that there is some equity because these are monies which have been given by the World Bank and make sure that each and every ward benefits. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Cosmus. Hon. Constance.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Chair and the Members of this committee. They took their time to do this report which is a very long one. If you look at this report keenly, it has a lot of developments mentioned and a lot of money put in to it. Mr. Speaker, I want to say as a county, we are not only lucky but we are hardworking. Some status somewhere recognized Machakos among the 24; it means we have a community that does some reasonable things.

I want to say, if this report passes as it is, it will be a benefit to Machakos and other counties because we shall be moving forward and exempted from some of the problems we go through as water, and whatever is mentioned here. It means we are going to develop a lot in Machakos. I support the report and I want to ask this House to support it so that we can move on and get this development that has been done by the World Bank in a very good manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Constance. Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me start by applauding the Chairman of Agriculture committee for a well elaborated report. Supporting this report, I would like to say I am one of the beneficiaries of smart agriculture in my ward and to my surprise, as much as the people on the ground try to put everything on board, the National Government is failing the counties. Perhaps that is the reason why we saw our governors on the streets so that they may unlock that lock which has been put by the Parliamentarians in the National Government. Reason because Mr. Speaker, when you look at the report, all these structures have been laid down since 2018 up to this moment and nothing much has happened in the wards.

When you look at the report Mr. Speaker, I have looked keenly, I have followed keenly from my ward and this smart agriculture issue is very super to our people simply because climate change is real. We are there watching how the environment is being treated by the factories that we have.

Maybe because of ozone layer, we have experienced such kind of climates and Mr. Speaker, what I would like to say is that if we may request the National Government through the Parliament to pay the amount which was due so that our smart agriculture program can run as it was required Mr. Speaker, you will realize that climate agriculture is zoning the areas according to the patterns of agriculture and also according to the patterns of rains but if you look at the recent rains which have already passed, you realize that smart agriculture is providing very mega

dams in the wards which are actually allocated these funds and these dams when we get little rains because they are capturing the big rivers, they are going to give us plenty of water which can assist in irrigation.

This is to say that we do not need to rely on rains when these things are put in place, Mr. Speaker. Looking at the areas where it has been put in place, you find that we have allocated several funds for the work to start but due to delays Mr. Speaker, I would like to say Kshs. 117 million is not just little money by any nature even if you term it as what. Therefore, my request is that as we commit ourselves into these, we need also to put an upper hand to the National Government so that they can also assist us in making our dream come true on the issues of smart agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, you will also realize that it is on this aspect of this smart agriculture where we are getting the quarter plot. When you are doing this quarter plot in each homestead, it will be sufficient for every homestead to get enough food for the family and also for commercial farming because what we are getting, we are getting the seeds, we are getting the right seeds from the department of agriculture and when we do our farming, it will help us get the subsistence food and also commercial farming for that matter on economic growth. So that is my plea that we make sure through this Assembly, we pass and adopt this report so that it can be a report which can help our people on the ground. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Dominic.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I want to first applaud the committee of Agriculture for bringing this report on climate-smart projects that are happening in our county. Hon. Speaker, from the report, it is notable that we received these grants released and ready for use late in our budget cycle for the just ended financial year. Hon. Speaker, reasons for the late release are given in the report and as I support this report, Hon. Speaker, my plea is to all players in the value chain to ensure that they know what they are doing at what time so that we do not run into risks of getting money taken back to where the money came from for lack of utilization.

Hon. Speaker, I remember as a member of the budget committee during the Supplementary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019, the issue of climate-smart agricultural project came up and this is something that had been budgeted for at the beginning of the financial year but somebody somewhere maybe forgot to do what they were supposed to have done at the right time.

It is my plea that all players in the value chain have a keen eye to what is supposed to be done and then they do that at the right time. This does not concern the climate smart projects that we are talking about today; even on other areas where we have development partners supporting us as a county, we need to take advantage of the support that we are getting Hon. Speaker, especially on the Big Four Agendas that we have and we are fronting agriculture, infrastructure, affordable housing and universal health care so that we can realize value and benefits to our people. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a member of this committee and I support the report but what I am trying to ask the Government is to be paying what we are asked

to pay in time because we pay and we are given the money and we have not time to use the money. So we lose the money and it is taken back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. I would like to request the Hon. Member who moved the motion to respond.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for supporting the report. Mr. Speaker, we must admit that we have had challenges and as I always say, it is a learning process Mr. Speaker. Issues to do with deadlines Mr. Speaker, we will try and adhere to time frames, Mr. Speaker. Again, issues to do with National Government Mr. Speaker, where need be, for us to advise them on the timelines Mr. Speaker, we will indeed do so and in fact Mr. Speaker, there was a meeting recently I think last week on Thursday at Mombasa on agricultural matters bringing together the two levels of government - the National And County Governments - and one of the key factors which was discussed is aligning that time when money is supposed to be released from the National Government.

Mr. Speaker, one challenge which was identified is that the cycle for disbursement of money has not been going together. You find maybe the National Government is releasing their cycle releases money when it is a bit late for consumption or utilization and they agreed to align at least to release at the beginning of every financial year so that identified projects can be done.

Mr. Speaker, again to mention on something which was brought up by my colleague Hon. Masesi of Matungulu East, on sharing the projects Mr. Speaker, we currently have like four programs running on agricultural issues, Mr. Speaker, and you find there are conditions. Each grant or each project is given some conditions. For this smart agriculture, it is purely on six wards Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned in the report. We have other projects which cut across the 40 wards Mr. Speaker, and very soon, I will be bringing a report on the same, each independently Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for your time.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Moses. I now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Before I conclude Hon. Members, as is customary, I normally give one or two items on the report. I think it is important to note that this project, which is sponsored by the World Bank, is running from 2018 to 2027 with specific objectives which the World Bank is funding for them to be achieved. It will be unfortunate if after the project period is finalized, the intended objectives are not achieved, not due to the fact that the World Bank is not providing funds, but due to the fact that, like the Hon. Member has said, the National Government is not giving its part of the bargain or the County Government is not putting its part of the bargain.

If you look at this project and the issues which have been raised here, all structures seem to be in place and the funding which is here, most of what we have heard is enhance this committee to achieve this. Enhance this committee to achieve this, it is not the committee but it is the work which the committee is doing in implementing these things which are being budgeted for.

So, I will be requesting the Agriculture committee, under the able chairmanship of Hon. Mitaa, to ensure we push the Executive, we push the Department of Agriculture, in as far as this projects which are sponsored by the World Bank, to ensure that we have accountability; to



ensure that we get the quarterly reports showing utilization of funds; to ensure we get the bottlenecks as early up the chain as possible and not at the end of the year.

If we are not getting any funding from the National Government, then the committee needs to raise this so that we can be able to take it up with the National Government through the intergovernmental relations and see why they are not contributing their part of the deal. That is the only way, if we follow closely, we are going to ensure the wards which are selected and our people benefit on this.

Thank you very much Hon. Members, enjoy the rest of your evening. Thank you very much students from Kamuthanga Secondary School; I hope you have had a wonderful time and you have learned a lot from this afternoon's session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** This House stands adjourned to Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019 at 10.00 a.m. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon.

The House rose at 3.57 p.m.