

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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018**

The House met at 10.49 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

**Hon. Speaker:** Good morning, Hon. Members. It is refreshing to meet again this morning, in service to the people of Machakos County and allow me to acknowledge the presence, in the gallery of our children from Mutondoni Primary School. I am informed that they are in Kathiani Central Ward.

*(Applause)*

That is Hon. Dominic and as I give you also an opportunity to greet your children, allow me to welcome them with their teachers and tell them that we are happy to see you; it is a way of moulding the young in this County and we have no doubt that someday we will have some of you seating in this Assembly as leaders and also seating in other places of great responsibility in the republic of Kenya.

*(Applause)*

So, continue working hard and we wish you well if there are any candidates this year, we wish you well and the others who are not yet candidates please read well and be obedient to your teachers and your parents.

*(Applause)*

So, be good children. Welcome. Hon. Ndambuki perhaps you could greet your children before we start the business of the day.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I greet pupils of Mutondoni Primary School; *hamjamboni wanafunzi*. Madam Speaker, this is my *alma mater* and this is the school that has grown me to be the leader that I am today. Madam Speaker, this is where I first got to know about leadership and I got groomed. I was the Head boy and I was a class prefect way from Standard Four.

*(Applause)*

Welcome pupils of Mutondoni Primary School. I know that you are candidates and the entire House wishes you all the best in your examinations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** That reminds me, Hon. Ndambuki and Hon. Members, I was also baptized in Mutondoni AIC Church.

*(Laughter)*

That is before so many of them and yourselves were born. Yes, Hon. Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, is it in order for the Hon. Member to greet the students and forget to greet the teachers?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndambuki, I think you are out of order. Can you come and greet the teachers and congratulate them for bringing the school up. Thank you, Hon. Maitha.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Moffat Maitha for the correction. Hon. Speaker, I stand guided and no ill motive intended. I also greet the teachers who have accompanied the pupils of Mutondoni and feel welcome. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki and Hon. Members. Mr. Clerk, please proceed with the business of the day.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business and by the Hon. Dominic Ndambuki. Hon. Ndambuki.

#### IDENTIFICATION, GRADING AND LEVELLING SPORTS FIELDS IN SUB LOCATIONS

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker once again.

Hon. Speaker; that aware that Article 174(d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that one of the objectives of devolution is to recognize the rights of communities to manage the affairs and to further their development;

Further the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution bestows the County Government with matters of sports and cultural activities and facilities;

Further aware that the Education, Youth and Social Welfare Sector's mission in the 2018/2019 Annual Development Plan is to provide quality and unrivaled services in the Early Childhood Development Education, youth and training and development, social support to the marginalized and underprivileged groups, Sports and preservation of culture;

Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the fact that the County Government does not have specific community fields to be used for sporting activities by the residents and in particular the youths;

Aware that there is dire need of these community fields in order to nurture the talents in our youths;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this House discusses and approves that County Government of Machakos identifies, grades and levels one field in every sub-location.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. I am just wondering Hon. Ndambuki, the field you are talking about is a sports field?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Yes, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Would it do any harm if you added a sports field in the last bit of your notice of Motion? Because it could be a rice field, for all you know. You get what I am saying? Would you want it to go on record?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Yes, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** The last paragraph of your notice of motion. I believe this one did not come through my office in good time and if it did, I would have drawn it for you appropriately. So, just come.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, I make the amendments and allow me to repeat the notice of motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes.

**Hon. Ndambuki:**

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Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

### STATEMENTS

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this order we have one business by the Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

#### CONDITIONAL GRANT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the National Treasury disbursed Ksh. 2 billion to Counties as conditional grant for Vocational Training Centres (VTC). The funds were for Subsidized Vocational Training Centres Support Grant (SVTCSG). The final disbursement was wired to 47 County Revenue Fund (CRF) accounts on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 for disbursement to the special purpose accounts opened for the Vocational Training Centers.

Machakos County has an enrolment of 2,984 students and received Ksh. 65,957,023 in the 2017/18. As per the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority, Machakos County has 30 Vocational Training Centers and out of the 30, 19 are registered and licensed while only one is registered and 10 are not assessed.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2), I wish to seek a statement on the following from the Department of Education and Social Welfare:

- i. Confirmation of whether the County Government received the grant of Ksh. 65,957,023 for VTC from the National Treasury.
- ii. Whether the same amount has been disbursed to the Vocational Training Centres special accounts.
- iii. The amount received by each Vocational Training Centre (VTC) showing clearly the account number and the date the amount was wired to the special account.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mwanthi. You are seeking a statement on the matters that you have brought out in that business. Do we have any Member who may want to express some sentiments on this particular request for information? Hon. Hellen Ndeti.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support Hon. Steve Mwanthi's

statement; I think it is very timely and it is very disappointing to know that money was wired in June.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Matee, please use the microphone, bring it a little closer.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Okay. It is a bit disappointing because I sit in the Committee of Education and this is news to me. I think that it is very important that the County Government explains to us exactly as per Hon. Steve Mwanthi's statement and I support it. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Hellen Matee. Hon. Winnie.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutua:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to applaud Hon. Steve for that statement; accountability is key in every financial institution, so it will be important if we can get the statement and accountability of everything and how the money is going to be used. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Winfred Mutua. Hon. Ndawa, is your hand up or you want to put it up?

**Hon. Ndawa:** It is up.

**Hon. Speaker:** Alright, Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I also want to support the statement which has been brought by Hon. Mwanthi. The issue if this grant is very important for Hon. Members to know. When I was a young boy, I used to be a scout and there is law number 6 which was saying, the Scout obey orders of those in authority without questions but when it comes to money, questions have to be there.

*(Applause)*

So, Madam Speaker, since we have electorates who have sent us to this Hon. House, we are getting questions from those electorates and we do not have answers and so it is the high time we get to know the facts so that we can be giving the correct answers. So, I support the statement, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndawa, I was also a Girl Guide and I can confirm that there is that order but I see you are seated next to Hon. Kamitu who has a different training that dictates 'obey first before you question.'

*(Laughter)*

But in this Assembly we are going to question before we obey. Is it not? Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to support this statement that has been brought by Hon. Mwanthi simply because it is so annoying to find that majority of our polytechnics or the vocational training centers within our wards are in a critical condition especially those in my ward.

You find that all the tools and equipment which are used by the students actually are almost worn out and majority of the schools have inadequate staff simply because the students cannot raise the money themselves and if the National Government has seen it wise to give it to our counties, it is my request that as members of this Hon. House that we support this statement and we seek to know from the department of education so that we can know how much was given and if it was given where has the money gone? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for granting me this opportunity to support the statement sought by Hon. Steven Mwanthi on the issue of this disbursement of Ksh. 2 billion to counties as conditional grants. Madam Speaker, I think as Hon. Ndawa has said when it comes to issues to do with money, I think we have to get the answers on whether the money has been disbursed and how it has been spent.

What is actually surprising me is to see that this money was put into our accounts on 13th June, 2018 and up to date it has not been informed to the public that there is money that is meant to assist our needy students in the vocational training. Madam Speaker, I think this department of education, I think there is so much secrecy in that department because as much as we are trying to seek information from them, it is like it is not flowing the right way we would want to receive this information.

Recently we have also been asking about the scholarships to do with the universities, colleges and polytechnics but again I do not think whether we are getting the right answers from them. So, Madam Speaker, being the representatives of the people we know the needy students, we know where this money can be spent wisely and when they keep secrets on the grants they receive, it might lead us to start questioning the intentions which they might have because a grant is meant to assist our people not to be kept in the banks.

So, Madam Speaker, I beg we move with speed and inquire the status of this money and how if it has been spent whom it has benefited. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Members I think it goes without saying that the feeling of the House is that you want to exercise oversight authority on this particular issue which is a devolved function; you cannot avoid it. So, the best we can do at the moment is that this matter is committed to the committee of education and social welfare and because of the urgency of the matter noting that we have already closed the last financial year before we go further into the current financial year, let that report be brought to this House on the 7th of August, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 31ST JULY, 2018 TO 1ST AUGUST, 2018

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under that Order, we have another Statement by the Hon. Majority Leader Mark Muendo.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I stand under Standing Order 41(2)(a) where during the statement hour, a member of the House Business Committee designated by the committee for the purpose shall for not more than 10 minutes, present and lay on the Table a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 30th July, 2018 and balloted business for this week pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151 as follows.

Tuesday, 31st July, 2018

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Motion that the County Government of Machakos identifies, grades and levels one playing field in every sub-location that is done by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, MCA Kathiani Central.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Report of Assembly Broadcasting and Library committee of National Association of Broadcasters show held in Las Vegas Nevada, USA by the Chairperson Assembly Broadcasting and Library Committee Hon. Florence Mwangangi.

Wednesday, 1st August, 2018

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Report of transport, roads and public works committee on putting of speed bumps on Think-Garissa highway by the chairperson transport Hon. Daniel Mbevi.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Report of Ward Development Fund committee on broadcasting study tour in Makueni County---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, on benchmarking

**Hon. Muendo:** Sorry, I repeat Report of Ward Development Fund committee on benchmarking study tour in Makueni county by the chairperson Ward Development Fund committee by Hon. Cosmus Masesi. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

### MOTION

#### IDENTIFICATION, GRADING AND LEVELLING SPORTS FIELDS IN SUB LOCATIONS

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**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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Further the Fourth Schedule of the constitution bestows the County Government with matters of sports and cultural activities and facilities;

Further aware that the education, youth and social welfare sectors mission in the 2018/2019 Annual Development Plan is to provide quality and unrivalled services in early childhood development education, youth and training and development, social support to the marginalized and underprivileged groups, sports and preservation of culture;

Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the fact that the County Government does not have specific community fields to be used for sporting activities by the residents and in particular the youth;

Aware that there is dire need of these community fields in order to nurture the talents in our youths;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves that County Government of Machakos identifies grades and levels one sports field in every sub-location. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki. Do you have a seconder?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Sorry, Madam Speaker. I wish to call upon Hon. Moses Mitaa to second.

**Hon. Speaker:** Are you agreeing to second, Hon. Mitaa? Go ahead.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was hesitating waiting for your communication.

**Hon. Speaker:** Alright.

**Hon. Mitaa:** I support the motion by Hon. Ndambuki. I second the motion by Hon. Ndambuki because I think majorly in these developed world, they have taken very much consideration into nurturing of talents for the young kids and one way we can nurture talents for these young kids is enabling them or else giving them a facility whereby they can identify their talents without much pushing from other departments.

So, Madam Speaker, I think if our County Government can grade or level at least a field in each and every sub-location, it would lead to good environment to our youth to identify their talent naturally and this is a plus to our county. Madam Speaker, I support. Thank you

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

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you. Madam Speaker. I support the motion by saying if Machakos County can be supporting the kids from nursery school to university, we could be getting a good material because not every child can go to university. When the World Cup was



being chased by the people of America, those children do not go to school; they go to school to start with playing the volleyball and that is why they do better.

So our children, even the nursery children, Madam Speaker, if you can go to some schools, you can be very ashamed because even the nursery schools do not have classes. If the county can build first the classes for nursery, it could be better and they support every child who is not able to be in school because I am in the committee of education and Madam Speaker, even the money they are being posted to the education, they cannot tell the way they use it. Yesterday we had the CEC of education but even he did not know what to say to us because---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mueni, I do not like interrupting you normally but we have a motion at had that the County Government grades; you are sitting down. I am just informing you that is why I am not standing so that we are discussing about setting up a sports field in every sub location. When it comes now to nursery schools, we will talk about it. Just dwell in that area.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Yes, Madam Speaker, I think we can be having the tools for the kids to play with because they do not have even where we have gone those people even do not have somewhere to sit. That is why I am talking about that because when we get the field, I do not know where they will be starting because even the children they have no material for playing even in the classes even counting. Because the nursery schools are the ones which take out the stupid out of everybody so---

*(Laughter)*

I think it is very important to care even for the teachers of the nursery schools because even some told us they are paid very poorly even they cannot take care of themselves and even the children do not have food to eat when they are in school.

Madam Speaker, I think our county has a lot of money which they can care for our kids and the members here for the 40 wards, I urge them to be careful when they are going round using the county's money. They have to go back to their wards and at least have two fields for the children to be remembered with.

I think giving, talking and arguing for no reason; go back to your ward and see what is happening there. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mueni, has finished what she is saying so Hon. Minority Leader, there can be no point of order unless you are going to debate; not on a point of order. Hon. Minority Leader.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. This motion by my young brother Hon. Dominic is very noble, timely and if we can share some experiences; I have been out of the country and countries that are talented have picked the youth. For example, the Americans in regard to volleyball, most of the European countries in regard to football started this thing by picking the young youth.

So, the motion brought by Hon. Ndambuki is very important for this county and for us as Machakos county, this is the time we are supposed to identify fields. For that regard, I would also request we check in our budget whether we budgeted for this noble request, if we didn't you Madam Speaker as our guide, we should be guided by immediately the money comes in a

supplementary for that matter should be done because this is a field that we are lacking in this Machakos as a county.

It is a very noble move and this is the time things of important to our youth, we should sit down as an Assembly and promote those areas we are lagging behind. So, I support and say this motion is very timely. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Hon. Kalumu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to start by congratulating the mover of the motion because the motion is timely because if you look at the population in our country and mostly in our county, 70 per cent is youth and these youths have no jobs and if they have nothing to do, it is said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. If the county could have such kind of fields, it will help the youths to mentor our children in different diversities.

Machakos County doesn't have anything except the only field we have in Machakos town, Kenyatta stadium which can attract youth when they are playing there. Making attractive fields for our youths will make them or will attract them to go there in order for them to start those games like football and other games which nowadays are a source of employment mostly in developed countries like England where they have academies which are funded by the government.

If we can emulate those developed countries, then we can do away with the menace of increased crime which is done by our youths because they are doing nothing. So, Madam Speaker, I totally support the motion and request, because it has been if we pass motion here nothing is implemented, please try and implement this one. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kalumu.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I start by thanking the mover of the motion; this is very important especially in Machakos County. When I was hunting for votes in 2017, I managed to organize a trophy where I had 17 teams from my ward and I support the motion because most of the challenges I faced and the players faced in my ward was lack of playing grounds. Madam Speaker, as I continue supporting the motion, I must bring to your attention that these fields don't exist in our wards and our sub-locations as the mover of the mover of the motion and we use primary and secondary schools.

If we can be able to have these in location or sub-location levels, then we will realize that we have many hidden talents from our youth and we will be able to introduce more games which the county does not practice and with this we will curb drug trafficking which is everywhere in our county because our youths are much idle.

Madam Speaker, not only introducing the fields, I would the county also to equip the fields so that we have workable fields were we can be able us as leaders to help the young generation and make sure we meet all the talents out there. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u.

**Hon. (Ms.) Kanini:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to applaud the mover of the motion because it is timely, I want to say, work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. We have many un-nurtured talents---

**Hon. Speaker:** Does it make Jackie a dull girl as well?

**Hon. (Ms.) Kanini:** Yes likewise, it makes both. Madam Speaker, we have many un-nurtured talents hidden in our youths, owing to lack of such facilities in our county. Many of our Hon. Members will agree with me that most times especially over the holidays, we are forced to spend extra coins taking our children to hotels which have these playing grounds. If the county had such amenities, we would be spending less. So, I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Rozina.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to first congratulate the Hon. Dominic who is also my chair for budget committee for bringing such a noble motion on leveling of playing fields in each sub-county. As the most of the Members have applauded that when you have playing fields, our kids and our people will get a place to be able to utilize for sports activities.

Those of us who grew and I think in most areas they are still the same, during my time we used to have two teams to play football because we did not have uniform, one would remove the shirt and we would divide ourselves and such was the playing field of those days that once we score against you while we are going upwards, you would have to give in because the saying used to go, 'if we beat you going up, what if when we start going downwards' because the playing fields were slanted

I think that did not encourage much of us in terms of football because we did not have any skills; you could kick the ball from the middle and you score and you know in a normal playing field you cannot be able to score from the middle of the road. That was because of lack of facilities. So this is very key motion to provide our sub-counties with playing fields to encourage our youth to be able to become competitive and spent their time wisely.

Much of the youth right now are spending their evenings sitting, idling around in hotels and in restaurants, at home chewing *Mikuka* and this other kind of stuff because they don't have areas where they can be able to go and nurture their talents. If we get these fields, I am very sure, Madam Speaker, we will be able even as Hon. Members to sponsor children within our areas because they will have the facility from where they can be able to articulate their talent. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Mulatya.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I will start by congratulating the following; Nicholas Kitundu from Ngoleni secondary school who was second in a competition in Ethiopia. I wish also---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mulatya, is it to do with sports?

**Hon. Mulatya:** Yes. I wish also to congratulate Martha Musai who has set a new national record of javelin having recorder 54.12 meters. She is also from Ngoleni Secondary School. I wish also to congratulate Daniel Kyumbe Munguti who is Rongo University who has qualified to attend to some champions in Lagos Nigeria this coming September.

Madam Speaker, I am congratulating these able youth because I have mentored them myself and now we can see the fruits of nurturing the talents of these young ones. Madam Speaker, I have four youths whom I am supporting financially, spiritually and everything which is needed to support a youth. It was very hard since 2015 when I started them and now they are becoming champions.

Nicholas Kitundu is from Miangeni, Kivaa Ward, Masinga Sub-County. The Rongo University Student, Daniel Kyumbe Munguti is from my ward, Kyeteni area. Also I have Kithome, all of them are from Masinga Central; the three of them are total orphans only one has one parent, Kyumbe Munguti. Madam Speaker, I started supporting them from primary school, class seven and now if you talk about Martha Musai, now she got 80,000 dollars which is Ksh. 8 Million, Kitundu the same he was number two and they will be participating in Monaco, France on 22nd December, this year.

So, Madam Speaker, you can see how nurturing a talent can change our area. Why did I start very far, I wanted to show how good it is for this county to have community fields where it can be cheaper for most of us to support these talented youths. So, I really support and urge the implementation Committee to be on the Executives toes and neck by any means for them to implement this important issue of our community. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon Speaker:** Thank you, Hon Members. We need to appreciate the Hon. Member. When he started talking about appreciating the youth, I saw where he was coming from, I hadn't discussed it with him but I knew he was going to talk about having youth that have made wonders in sports. Why have you not clapped for the Hon. Member?

*(Applause)*

I know most of the time you keep on clapping but when it is one of you, you do not want to clap. Alright so thank you very much Hon. Mulatya. Hon. Angela.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would like to honor Hon. Dominic for bringing this motion; it is very timely or rather it is long overdue. We have very many youth, somebody put it at 70 per cent of unoccupied youth and if we have these playing fields, we may have an opportunity of identifying youths with different talents and as Hon. Mulatya puts it, unless we have these fields, we will not be able to identify so many of these talents.

So, if in every sub-county we had a playing field and we had our Hon. Members here nurturing the youth and ensuring that we they get the youth to go to those playing fields and identify their different talents, help them to nurture the talents, I am sure within a year or two we will be able to have a budget that will improve their facilities and enable them to move to higher levels.

On top of identifying talents, the youth will be able to have a source of entertainment; the youth are busy loitering in the streets and not knowing what to do and when we give them an opportunity to play and even to nurture their talents in terms of sports and other activities, they will be able to get together and within time we will be able to organize sub-county competitions where we can identify the most talented youth who will be able to be nurtured to go to national and even international levels. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I stand to support and appreciate the mover of the motion bearing in mind that it is not seeking much whereby the Majority Whip was questioning whether we have a budget. Madam Speaker, this one is requesting for only grading and leveling and I believe the county has the machinery whereby what is needed is fueling. I want to believe this is do-able within this financial year.

Madam Speaker, this will allow us detect the early stage, the talents we have within our youths and also us Hon. Members whereby we currently wish to say that if you allow me even us as Hon. Members we need to be prepared as early as possible for the KICOSCA games. Madam Speaker, I do participate on table tennis and we do not have tables even ourselves for the practices. We also need to be equipped to make us ready for the games.

Madam Speaker, I want to believe that in future us Hon. Members will be deemed or we will be forced to do some *harambees* to buy graders to do works on our sides because we do not sometimes is like the graders which we have are not helping us much, they are not available. Madam Speaker, we would be going for a *harambee* to purchase like four graders for this side of ours to do some works on our wards.

I want to support the motion in my fullest and say that we need to stamp our feet as an Assembly to make sure that whatever we pass it is fully adhered to. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Cosmas. Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also wish to congratulate and support Hon. Ndambuki for bringing this noble motion. Madam Speaker, the issue of nurturing or monitoring the talents of the youth is very important and it is very long overdue. Madam Speaker the motion seeks something which is within the mandate of the county; whatever is requested in this motion is something which can be done very quickly.

Madam Speaker if we nurture or if we monitor the talents of this young generation, we will have solved most of the problems we are solving nowadays. Madam Speaker, I believe and it is within the public domain, some counties are very rich because they are talented in athletics. Madam Speaker, for one to be successful, it does not mean he/she must score straight As in exam; you can be poor in academic and you are good in athletics.

Madam Speaker, it is very important that we ensure whatever is sought in this motion is accepted. Madam Speaker, in my area, we have some fields within primary schools we cannot call them playing fields; if I can cite an example of a primary school known as Kaonyweni Primary school, the field is rocky and the young ones cannot play in that field because if you call all students to assemble and you request them to remove their shoes, none of them has nails in their fingers. All the nails were removed by those stones.

So, Madam Speaker, if this motion is passed, in Matuu the first sub-location to do that work is that particular school so that those students in that school can also enjoy and it is also within the prerogative of the MCA to identify which field to grade. I am very sure we have county equipment; we do not have to hire equipment, we do not have to hire equipment, we do not have to borrow equipment because we already have county equipment. What we need is just plants and that is done.

So, Madam Speaker, I stand here to support the motion and request this Hon. House to pass the motion so that we can have our kids playing like other kids from other counties. If you

go to a place where we have the Deputy President, these people are very rich if you go to Eldoret right now the tallest buildings are owned by athletes and those athletes have never been employed anywhere; they only go for these competitions they win, they are given something. So, Madam Speaker, this is a way of creating jobs and I stand to support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. King'ori.

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Madam Speaker, to speak about sports, it is the high time we think of fields. We can have great leaders like our former champion Ndeti, I know he comes from this area of Machakos and we can multiply Ndetis in Machakos if we grade those fields. I remember last week, I graded one in my ward and I can see how these young people are turning up in numbers so I think this the best way to go on this field.

So, Madam Speaker, I wish to support and thank the member of Kathiani for bringing this motion earlier than I did. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. King'ori. Hon. Nyanzi and allow me to give you pole you appear to have some injury in the face; receive the pole of the Assembly as well. Go ahead Hon. Nyanzi.

**Hon. Nyanzi:** Ahsante sana Bi. Spika. Nasimama hapa kusupport hii motion. Mimi mwenyewe, miaka kumi iliyopita nilikuwa nikitembea nchi za Kalenjin zote na wale watu matajiri kabisa wako na magorofa kubwa kubwa ni wale watu wanacheza michezo hii ambayo tunaongea juu yake. Kwa hivyo mimi nasimama hapa kusupporti sana kwa sababu tukiwa na hizi viwanja, tungeanza kitambo. Kwa hivyo Wakamba wanasema---

*(Laughter)*

Naogapa nasahahu nikiongea Kikamba ni mbaya; ni mzuri wakati mtu anajua kitu akifanya ni sawasawa. Kwa hivyo tukianza sasa kila sub-location tuwe na field kama hizi watoto wetu.....hata hapa Machakos tuna kijana mmoja ako na gorofa hapa ninamjua hapa na hata hapa tutakuwa na vijana wetu watakuwa matajiri pia.

Kwa hivyo mimi nasupport. Thank you. Na tukimaliza ahsante kwa kunionea huruma; naona watu wengi wanataka kuniuliza nilifanya nini. Macho yangu ilikuwa mbaya tangu nianze.....sijui hawa vijana wameroga mimi au nini. Tangu nipite, nilianza kuona shida na nilikuwa Nairobi wameanza kunitibu na mimi ninaona vizuri na watakwenda watoe hii engine nione kabisa kila kitu. Kwa hivyo ahsante. Mniombee.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Nyanzi. Hon. Kisini.

**Hon. Kisini:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for also giving me time. I want to congratulate the Hon. Member who has brought this motion. On top of the sports fields we are talking about, there are also other events and since we are talking of implementing or making these fields, I am

also thinking of also us having actors, players, because we want to devolve; we want to bring these events closer to the people as the devolution says.

Apart from the sports, we also have actors who also will also be acting and I want to remember one which has made somebody very famous, this King'ang'i when he goes or he visits a place, he is attracting so many people. We can also start our own style of King'ang'i at our sub counties.

Long time ago we had a cultural event or band which was called *Kasuva*. Through this cultural dance, *Kasuva* travelled everywhere in the world; he went to Germany, he went everywhere and it is though this talent he ventured into going outside. So, where we are also encouraging the youth at our sub-counties we are also encouraging the old people also to do the cultural dances even the *Kilumi* which is also a Kamba cultural event.

So, I totally support this motion, will cooperate all the events, even music, even dancing whereby we will engage everybody. So, if we try to make this fields and level them, we will be attracting, we will be calling everybody to participate and people will be busy and will avoid this home breaking gangs which break into the houses because people will be busy and maybe we fence the fields and maybe we will be charging something small and the county will make money. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kisini. Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate the Hon. Member for moving this motion to this Hon. House. First, I want to say that when we level these grounds within every sub-location, our young people who are loitering in the villages, will have a chance to nurture their talents and also us as Members of this House we shall identify these talents and make these young ones go places.

If I can remember, sometime back around 1994, we could hear a young youth by the name Oliech who was playing at Kamukunji grounds a field which was not level, a field which was not known by many and it was just known for politics but this young boy became an international football player due to his efforts but I we can have these fields within our sub-locations we are going to have so many Oliechs, Marigas and Wanyama who is playing in the famous club Tottenham.

Madam Speaker, in my Ward I have identified 11 teams which have started Muthetheni League and what I am seeing with this young guys is quite interesting. We have identified about 11 boys who have the talent of playing football. We have identified 11 boys who have talent in playing football. In my area where I came from Kalyambeu, some five years back, a young boy came from nowhere in a primary school and he was very good in athletics; his name was Nicholas Makau.

As we speak right now, this boy is running the 10Km Marathon in Germany. He is doing wonders; he was a primary school pupil but as we speak, he is constructing a very big house in Miwani and he has also helped his family. I want to believe that if we have these fields within our villages and it will help us to be able to remove this menace of illicit brews, *miraa* (Khat) chewing which is killing our young people.

Madam Speaker, we can also have these fields creating interest with our FKF members and also the Athletic Kenya coming to our villages thus promoting our people. I remember sometime back, about 10 years when I was a youth, we could not have a field to play because when you go to the primary schools, the head teacher could not allow you to enter the public

institutions and therefore we were forced to play in the cattle dips, public lands also to play in the church fields and by so doing that is why we became in football, volleyball and if we had those talents nurtured in the early stages, I think we could be far.

Therefore, I support this motion brought by a Hon. Member and mine would be to urge the executive as we pass this motion, it must be implemented within the shortest time possible so that our young people can enjoy these services. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon Jeremiah. Hon. Musau.

**Hon. Wambua:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would wish to thank the mover of the motion Hon. Ndambuki for being keen and minding our youth. Madam Speaker, if you remember very well, we had the perception that athletics is a special gift to the Kalenjins, we also had the perception that football is a special gift to Luos and Luhyas but Madam Speaker it is good to note that we have these special gifts among our youth. The only problem we have is that we do not have amenities to tap these talents and I believe sport fields are the best places to start with because they will give the youth opportunities to articulate their abilities and by that can be easily tapped.

Madam Speaker, it is observed that sports have become the best rewarding activity to individuals and if our youths can be provided with these amenities, surely Madam Speaker, we shall see their talents, we shall support them and we shall venture in and see how best we can help them.

Madam speaker, my fear is only one; passing these motions here is one thing but implementing the same is another thing. It is time we concur as a House without any division that the Executive should provide good sport fields for brighter future for our youths. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Musau. Hon. Ndambuki, the mover of the motion. Please reply.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to thank Hon. Members, who have passionately contributed to this motion. Hon. Speaker, I was following keenly on the debate on the motion and much has been said about nurturing talents for our youth. Hon. Speaker, it is all about developing a generation of leaders that will take after us, and we have much untapped talents with our people.

Hon. Speaker, I listened keenly as Hon. Tariq Mulatya narrated how some young ones from our county have made this county and country proud and Hon. Speaker I also wish to bask in the glory and share the same glory with Hon. Tariq Mulatya in that two of those student are schooling in a school that is in my ward, Ngoleni Secondary school and I also felt proud seeing them in National Television having won medals for this country.

Hon. Speaker, in the developed world, talents are identified during formative stages and are developed and nurtured. We wish to borrow the same from the developed countries Hon. Speaker, because such practices will ensure that our people move to higher levels and in so doing it would also be good when we allocate mentors to the young ones so that these talent can be grown to where they would wish that they be.

At that point, I wish to thank the entire House and ask Members to support the motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.



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

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Hon. Members, I noted the desire of the House that this motion and also all the other motions be implemented so that you can see the fruits of your motions. This matter would have just gone to Implementation committee quietly but I will direct that it goes to the Implementation committee together with the committee of Youth, Persons with Disabilities, Women and Sports so that they can work on a report which would include ways of implementing this motion and they are required to bring a report to this House on or before the 3rd of October, 2018.

I noticed that the house will have a recess in between from now and 3rd of October, 2018. So, those two committees need to start working because Hon. Members, you must see fruits for your debates.

I just want to add my views on this debate as is usual I would add it after you have made you decision; I would urge Hon. Members, even to think of having Inter-wards Sports Competitions and I would which to see Hon. Jeremiah's ward defeat that of Hon. Mitaa then we will organize for some rewards as an Assembly as a way forward and you do not need a field; even as they level the fields in that way. I have already seen Mavoko they have some football teams, Muthetheni and Mwala.

The other issue, my duty is to advice you; I am urging you to think of a motion mostly a Bill that will end up having a youth talent academy established in the Machakos County.

*(Applause)*

This is not small it something big maybe the county will think of just one in a central place and is going to nurture all talents. I was listening keenly as Hon. Kisini talked about *Kasuva*, *Kilumi* and all the others; we have very many gifted youths. So, let us think very seriously about a motion or a Bill, we can have an Act of this Assembly to do with the establishment and management of a youth talent Academy and I will be part of the team that will be drawing that Bill as it is my duty.

*(Applause)*

Then Members, remember the World Cup that just ended taught us many lessons; I was a keen observer of those games and I was a fan of Mbappe. How old was Mbappe when he scored all goals? 19 years. Obviously, he did not start playing football for this World Cup; he started it when we were about 7 years, if you follow his history. Let us start nurturing our youth so that one day they become the Mbappe of this world. Thank you, Hon. Members.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** At this point, the House will adjourn to continue on the 31st of July, 2018 that is today, at 2.30 p.m. Have a good afternoon.

The House rose at 12.04 p.m.

