

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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

The House met at 10.25 a.m.

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

**PRAYER**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**  
VISITING DELEGATION FROM BARINGO  
COUNTY ASSEMBLY WOMEN CAUCUS

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, on this Order, I don't have written communication as such other than to welcome our sisters who are Members of Baringo County Assembly and they are here on a visit, they are officials of the Baringo County Assembly Women Caucus and they wanted to come and learn a little of what this County Assembly has done on the issue of the Women Caucus and so they are very much welcome and they expressed the interest of coming to see what the Members of this County Assembly do in the plenary.

So, when they feel free allow them to leave because they have a long journey in their plans and we are very happy Hon. Members from Baringo County Assembly, any other time you are welcome, when you go back say hello to your colleagues there. Thank you.

**PAPER LAID**

REPORT OF THE CALENDAR OF THE  
ASSEMBLY FOR THE FIFTH SESSION

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by the Hon. Majority Leader, Hon. Mark Muendo.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Also, let me take this opportunity to welcome these beautiful ladies from Baringo, Hon. Members of Baringo; feel free and you are welcome to this assembly. I understand the speaker of your assembly is not a lady, we say ladies first. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 25, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021; the Report of the House Business Committee on the Calendar of the Assembly for the Fifth Session. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
APPROVAL OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF  
THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021/2022

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have again one business by Hon. Mark Muendo.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Calendar enables the Assembly to plan the execution of its business and it sets out a schedule of days for the House Sittings and days of recess;

Aware that Standing Order 24(1) provides that the regular Sessions of the Assembly shall commence on the Second Tuesday of February and terminate on the first Thursday of December;

Hon. Speaker, further aware that Standing Order 25(1) requires the House Business Committee, with the approval of the Assembly, to draw up the Calendar of the Assembly;

Aware that Standing Order 25(2) provides that once the Calendar of the Assembly is approved by the House, it shall be published in the Gazette, the Assembly website, and at least two newspapers of national circulation;

Cognizant the House Business Committee considered the Calendar of the Fifth Session and compiled a report;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this House discusses and approves the House Business Committee report on the Calendar of the Assembly for the Fifth Session.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo.

**STATEMENT**  
BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FROM 9TH TO 10TH MARCH, 2021

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, again we have one business by Hon. Mark Muendo.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to prioritize business for the House as forwarded by Committees and Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 151(5), the Committee balloted as follows:

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

Machakos County Annual Development Plan (ADP) for FY 2021/2022 by Hon. Cosmas Kieti, Chairperson, Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

- a. Machakos County Finance Bill 2020 by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Chairperson, Finance and Revenue Collection. Committee of the Whole House.
- b. Machakos County Finance Bill 2020 by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Chairperson, Finance and Revenue Collection. Third Reading.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

Report of the House Business Committee on the Calendar of the Assembly for the Fifth Session by Hon. Mark Muendo, Leader of Majority/MCA Kinanie Ward.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

- a. Machakos County Climate Change Bill, 2020 by Hon. Robert Kisini, Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources. Committee of the Whole House.
- b. Machakos County Climate Change Bill, 2020 by Hon. Robert Kisini, Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources. Third Reading.
- c. Motion on Adjournment for short recess pursuant to Calendar of the Assembly from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 by Hon. Mark Muendo, Majority Leader.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

### **MOTION**

#### **APPROVAL OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021/2022**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business, a motion by the Hon. Cosmas Kieti.

**Hon. Kieti:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Approval of report of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee on consideration of the Annual Development Plan for the financial year 2021/2022.

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 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 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, 2021/22.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to call upon Hon. Mark Muendo to second the motion.

**Hon. Muendo** seconded.

**Hon. Speaker:** So, the motion is seconded by Hon. Mark Muendo who has reserved an opportunity to contribute in the debate. Hon. Kieti, on the report, how long is it? How many pages?

**Hon. Kieti:** 22.

**Hon. Speaker:** This is a relatively critical report how do you propose we go about it? So, what you may not need to read, Hon. Kieti, you will just omit like the obvious things but where you want to do emphasis it is important so that the members are able to contribute from an informed point of position. For example, if it is 1.0, it is just about introduction, but you need to tell us who the committee members are. Do not tell us the mandate; we know.

**Hon. Kieti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before I proceed, I wish to welcome our sisters from Baringo County. Their Governor was my colleague in the Union; he was the Secretary in Baringo County and I was the Chairman here in Machakos and I wish to convey my gratitude to them. I want to take Members through Committee composition and proceed. I will try to be fast.

## 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. Anastacia Mutuku | Member           |
| 4.  | Hon. Judas Ndawa      | “                |
| 5.  | Hon. Betty Nzioki     | “                |
| 6.  | Hon. Christine Koki   | “                |
| 7.  | Hon. Johana Munyao    | “                |
| 8.  | Hon. Josephat Kasyoki | “                |
| 9.  | Hon. Justus Katumo    | “                |
| 10. | Hon. Mark Muendo      | “                |
| 11. | Hon. Mohammed Ali     | “                |
| 12. | Hon. Peter Mutiso     | “                |
| 13. | Hon. Moses Mitaa      | “                |

## 3.0 SECTOR INTERROGATIONS

Hon. Speaker, to effectively interrogate the 2021/22 ADP, the Committee drew a work plan to guide the process. The work plan included Committee interrogation of the document, public participation and sectoral interrogations by respective sectoral committees of the Assembly.

### *3.1 AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY SECTOR*

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

#### *3.1.1 Overview of Achievements ADP 2019/20*

Hon. Speaker, in the financial year 2019/2020, the County Government achieved the following:

1. Improved crop productivity by distributing 10,473 bags of subsidized fertilizer to farmers across the county through Tala, Machakos and Kithimani depots.
2. Improved and increased livestock breeding by distribution of 29,932 indigenous breeding chicks to farmers.
3. Trained farmers on pasture and fodder production and distributed 1,343 tonnes of pasture and fodder seeds to farmers.
4. Reduced livestock disease prevalence by freely vaccinating 110,455 animals.
5. Enhanced resilience to climate change risks through Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture project by establishing Kitambaasya dam and Kilaatu water pan in partnership with World Bank
6. Increased fish production by distributing 93,160 fingerlings.

#### *3.1.2 Proposed projects in the ADP 2021/22*

Hon. Speaker, the proposed projects for the Department for the FY 2021/22 are outlined from pages 21 to 35 of the ADP. The sectoral committee interrogated the proposed projects and made the following observations and recommendations.

##### *1. Short land preparation timelines*

The strategy of mechanization proposed by the department in preparation of land, may not be applicable to most farmers since many of them have small pieces of land or the topography of the area may not allow use of machinery. The County Government should instead give farmers simple tools like *jembes*, forked *jembes*, carts plough since most farmers use these tools.

The County Government should provide young bulls as animal power since it is a common form of farm power. The County government should have a work plan that will ensure that the free tractor ploughing program is done not later than the mid of September. In this way, when rains fall in October there will be no inconvenience.

##### *2. Inadequate use of Certified Seeds*

The committee noted that certified seeds from the Department are bought from Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and payment is done on cash basis before delivery. This means proper planning and budgeting needs to be done before planting time.

The committee recommends that enough budgetary allocation is required since this program is highly appreciated by residents of Machakos and that the 2 kg of beans and 2 kg of green grams given to one farmer is very little and should be increased to 5 kg of beans and 5 kg of green grams. The number of beneficiaries to be increased to about 200 per ward and be done on need-basis and in rotational basis.

3. *Inadequate fertilizer and inadequate distribution points*

The committee recommends that:

- a. Farmers to be encouraged to venture highly on compost manure as it is cheap and anybody can prepare at home and it is environmentally friendly or organic farming.
- b. Increase the quantity given to each beneficiary and issuance be done on rotational basis.
- c. Fertilizer to be issued once per year preferably early January.
- d. The Assembly to approve enough budgetary allocation. Last FY 2019/20 there was no budget for fertilizer.
- e. Procurement be done during the first quarter of the FY and the procured quantity be enough to cater for two planting seasons and all of it be given to farmers in January.
- f. Currently we have 3 depots for distribution: Machakos, Tala and Kithimani. We need to open other depots in Mwala and Masinga.

4. *Little exposure to emerging agricultural technologies*

The committee recommends that;

- a. Application of technology is technical and a lot of demonstration needs to be done close to the farmers.
- b. Uptake of technology is not easy for most farmers so a lot of sensitization is needed at the grass root level.
- c. Technology application has financial implication and so the County Government will need to subsidize these programs.
- d. The technology should put into consideration the green economy and organic farming approaches that protect the environment.

5. *High losses during post-harvest handling and storage*

The committee recommends that the County Government should partner with the National Government to store their produce in their silos to avoid high losses during post-harvest handling and storage.

6. *Drought and low productivity issues*

The Department Should Sensitize farmers on good early maturing crop breeds and take advantage of marketing and food provision, invest on weather data for purposes of alerting farmers on the expected weather conditions, keep the traditional seeds and plants for purpose of future breeding and gene capability and Identify the seeds that fit a certain ecological zone.

7. *Crop pest and diseases*

The Department should adopt alternative pest and disease control methods that are environmentally friendly.

### *3.2 INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY, AND ICT SECTOR*

Hon. Speaker, 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 Interrogation of Roads and Public Works Plan by the Committee on transport*

##### *3.2.2 Achievement's for the Department*

Hon. Speaker, the Roads and Transport sub-sector improved accessibility across the county by constructing 5.24kms of bituminous roads, grading 1,694 Kms, gravelling 211 Kms, installing 840 gabions, constructing 768m drifts and 1,076m culverts.

##### *3.2.3 Proposed capital projects*

Under infrastructure and development and maintenance programme, the department intends to tarmac 25km of roads at Ksh. 500m, mark 30km of roads at Ksh 30M, construct drifts 1500m long worth Ksh. 265M, construct and install 1000 gabions at Ksh. 43M. All these projects are ongoing and will be funded by the County Government and KRB.

In Machakos New City the Department intends to Construct of roads and road related infrastructure by tarmacking 10 km of roads at a cost of 200M.

#### *3.2.2 ICT Sector as Interrogated by Labour, Public Service and ICT Committee*

##### *3.2.2.1 Departmental achievements in the FY2019/20*

Hon. Speaker, the ICT sub-sector managed to achieve the following:

- a. They have enhanced internet coverage across the County by installing NOFBI internet at the headquarters and Machakos Level V Hospital.
- b. Public Service and Quality Management Enabled training of 1,858 county officers on different courses from different institutions.
- c. Enhanced service delivery by conducting Signing of performance contracts by County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Chief Officers (CO), Directors and Head of units and performance appraisals by other staff.
- d. Increased staff productivity, boost morale and helped shaping a positive working culture by operationalizing three staff medical benefit schemes. Healthy people are able to achieve much more in their time at work, and are less prone to burnout in the workstation.

##### *3.2.2.2 Challenges Experienced During Implementation of the Previous Annual Development Plan*

Hon. Speaker, implementation of the 2019-2020 ADP was largely successful, although there were some few issues that affected its smooth implementation. They include but not limited to:

- a) COVID-19 global pandemic interrupted most of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters programmes as funds for some programmes were reallocated to fight the pandemic;

- b) Inadequate budgetary allocation for development programmes;
- c) Late disbursement of funds from national government;
- d) Adverse weather conditions. These include heavy rainfall and flooding that has led to low agricultural production, increased post-harvest losses and destruction of roads;
- e) Non-integrated Monitoring & Evaluation of the programmes;
- f) Locusts invasion led to reallocation of funds earmarked for implementation of planned programmes;
- g) Vandalism of community completed projects that have rendered some projects non-functional;
- h) Policy on payment of pending bills affected implementation of some planned programmes;
- i) Loss of staff due to natural attrition and retirement.

#### *3.2.2.4 Sector Capital Projects for Financial Year 2021-2022*

Hon. Speaker, the capital projects for FY 2021/22 for the department are as follows;

- a. ICT Infrastructure; Modernization of offices with ICT infrastructure.
- b. ICT sub sector programme will include Maintenance of existing CCTV Projects -To reduce down times experienced with the existing CCTV network.
- c. Overhaul and integration of CCTV projects in Mlolongo, Mavoko, Machakos town and Machakos Chumvi Road to reduce down times experienced with the existing CCTV network.
- d. Control Room Relocation- Mlolongo, Mwala and Wamunyu towns- to reduce the risk of data compromise, reduce the risk of vandalism to the control rooms and eliminate the cost of rent.
- e. Email management system usage-To create an efficient and effective mode of communication up to date websites and to improve communication between the county and the outside world.
- f. Training of all ICT officers.
- g. Operationalize Call centers-To ensure that timely feedback is given to the contractor to improve or maintain high standards fully-equipped and operational call centers.
- h. Operating office Telephones-To increase office number of functioning telephones.
- i. Internet connectivity-To increase efficiency of service and use of the internet in serving the public.
- j. Clocking system-To ensure that staff are held accountable in the service.
- k. Bulk SMS System-To provide increased communication feedback systems to both the public and staff.
- l. Networks, connectivity and support services-To ensure that end users get reliable internet, telephone and other ICT solutions.

The committee noted that majority of the CCTV installed within the County were not operational and urged the Chief Officer to overhaul the whole system

#### *3.2.2.5 Committee Recommendations*

Hon. Speaker, the department should evaluate if it is necessary to continue allocating money to the CCTV project as they have not been working over a long time. The call centers lack staff to man them and also the CCTV equipment need repair which is long overdue.



The committee recommends suspension of the Budget allocation of Ksh. 10.3M until the equipment is repaired and trained staff are assigned to man the call centers  
The committee further recommends Reallocation of the CCTV budget to facilitation of Community Health Volunteers under the Department of Health.

The committee observes that there is duplication on training and development of policy documents. The committee recommends Scrapping of Ksh. 5M under development of policy documents where the target is one policy.

### *3.3 HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTOR*

Hon. Speaker, this sector plays a vital role in maintaining a healthy population that is useful in helping the County realize her agenda.

#### *3.3.1 Achievements for the department for the FY 2019/20*

Some of the achievements made in this sector in financial year 2019-2020 include:

1. The County recorded a great increase in accessibility of health care with over 85 per cent of the household registered to the UHC programme.
2. Stopping the spread of Covid-19. Health workers have been the frontline soldiers fighting against COVID-19.
3. The sector also constructed isolation wards in Machakos Central, Katani and Kangundo. A critical care unit for Covid-19 patients was established at Level V hospital, Machakos. In addition, they set aside a mass testing and isolation Centre at Kenyatta stadium.
4. Increased access to health services in community health through construction and upgrading of community hospitals countywide.

#### *3.3.2 Health and Emergency Committee interrogation report*

Hon. Speaker, during the Sectoral interrogation, the Health and Emergency Services committee reported as follows:

1. The Department anticipates to finish 10 ongoing Community Hospitals at total cost of Ksh. 80M. The committee notes that the County has 38 on going community Hospitals. In view of this, the committee recommends that 19 community hospitals be finished in this Financial Year 2021/22 and the rest 19 be finalized in the following FY 2022/23. During public participation, the community gave their priority projects and therefore the department should implement these projects in the order of priority.
2. The Department also anticipates to complete 10 stalled dispensaries at a total cost of 30M. The committee notes that there are many unfinished dispensaries within the County and therefore recommends that one dispensary in each ward be finalized. The budget for the same be increased by Ksh. 90M
3. The Department intends to spend Ksh. 1M to strengthen preparedness and response on disease outbreak. The amount is very little and Ksh. 5M should instead be allocated because preventive measures are very important.
4. Community Health Services where the CHVs belong have an allocation of Ksh. 600,000 in the FY 2021/2022 which is very little not forgetting that they currently have salary arrears of 18 months.

5. The ADP proposes Ksh. 5M to be used to improve menstrual hygiene in schools. There is need to come up with clear strategies on how to implement this to ensure that only the needy benefit.
6. The Committee is cognizant of lack of crucial machines like the CT Scan machine in Machakos Level V and the same has not been captured in the ADP. The committee therefore recommends that the Health Committee provides for a budget in subsequent years to procure the CT Scan.
7. Increased access of PWDs to Health facilities should be a capital project and not non-capital as indicated in the ADP
8. The committee noted that COVID 19 is not an emergency now and one may not predict when it will end. The committee therefore recommends that the department creates a programme known as COVID 19 management and mitigation with its own budget.
9. The committee recommends that locusts invasion remain under disaster management and the budget increased. The department should further expedite the policy on emergencies response.

### *3.4 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SECTOR*

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 2019/20*

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

#### *3.4.2 Economic Planning sub-sector*

Economic Planning sub-sector in particular made some strides in financial year 2019-2020 among them:

1. Developed the County Annual Development Plan for 2020/21 (C-ADP), procured Monitoring and Evaluation system, prepared County Quarterly Progress Reports and the County Annual Progress Report for Financial year 2019-2020;
2. Improved household livelihoods by externally mobilizing Ksh. 29 million worth of Medical Equipment Supplies (MES) and food stuffs to assist in fighting Covid-19 social economic negative effects, 6,189 vulnerable households were reached.
3. Measured the impact produced by the County interventions since 2013. The Department undertook Devolution Impact Assessment Survey 2019 and established that the County Government policies, programmes and projects have been among the causes of changes in the County.

#### *3.4.3 County Treasury*

The County Treasury developed County Fiscal Strategic Paper 2020, County Budget Review Outlook Paper and County Budget FY 2020/21. In addition, they prepared monthly, quarterly and annual financial reports for the FY 2019-2020

#### 3.4.4 County Image

Beautified Machakos County highways along Mombasa, Machakos-Kyumbi, Machakos-Kitui and Makutano ma Mwala-Kithimani roads. Installed gantries at Kola, Joska and Kitengela to mark border points. They also maintained highway recreation and rest centres and cleared bushes along highways making Machakos the place to be.

#### 3.4.5 Public Service and Quality Management

1. Enabled training of 1,858 county officers on different course from different institutions; Enhanced service delivery by conducting Signing of performance contracts by County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Chief Officers (CO), Directors and Head of units and performance appraisals by other staff;
2. Increased staff productivity, boost morale and helped shaping a positive working culture by operationalizing 3 staff medical benefit schemes.

These achievements have been highlighted on pages 12-14 of the ADP.

#### 3.4.6 Finance and Revenue Allocation Committee Interrogation Report

The Departments interrogated were;

- County Treasury
- Finance and Revenue Collection

The Committee noted the following needs and strategies were not clearly addressed by the programs in the ADP:

- Automation of Revenue Collection
- Revenue Mapping
- Reviewing of land rates
- Debt management strategy
- Adherence of budget ceilings

The Committee held a meeting with respective Chief Officers and discussed on the suitable programs to address the above needs and strategies. The Committee was informed as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Revenue Mobilization was in the process of automating revenue collection and have one Paybill 1616160. This will involve upgrading the system used by local authorities known as Local Authority Integrated Financial Operations Management System (LAIFORMS). The Department was facing challenges of network. To be effective, there was need to train the users who are revenue clerks.
2. The Department needed to come up with revenue potential for each sub-county thus the need for revenue mapping. There were several areas in Mlolongo which were not paying revenue as they did not have documentation.
3. The Department in consultation with the Department of lands was in the process of reviewing land rates. This required facilitation of surveyors from the National Government who had agreed to assist with the exercise.

4. The Department needed to undertake revenue monitoring so as to improve collection hence it needed some vehicles.

Based on these inputs and responses, the Committee recommends the following amendments to the ADP to align it to the strategies and needs of the Departments. We have the tables but I will not take you through them because you have it as a soft copy. I will go straight to the recommendations.

#### *3.4.4 Further Recommendations*

Hon. Speaker, the committee further recommends as follows:

1. 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.
2. The budget for equipping and renovating of offices be reduced from Ksh. 20 million to Ksh. 5 million.
3. Forensic research under programme 5; forensics is a function of the National Government. The Machakos County Government does not have a policy on forensic functions and therefore it should ensure that a policy is in place before it can allocate some budget in this programme.
4. The budget for purchase of protective gear, under decentralized units should be enhanced as follows:
  - a. Protective gear- from Ksh. 2 million to Ksh. 7 million
  - b. Purchase of uniforms- from Ksh. 3 million to Ksh. 5 million.

### *3.5 EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE SECTOR*

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 Achievements by the Departments for the FY 2019/20*

Hon. Speaker, the Department:

1. Improved children social skills through establishing 96 ECDE classes county wide.
2. Improved hands-on skills and expertise require in many business sectors through construction and rehabilitation of VTCs.
3. Empowered women, self-help groups and People with Disabilities (PWDs) by holding 49 training sessions, reaching 2,772 community groups. They also empowered 2,000 widows through training.
4. Cared and protected 703 elderly persons by providing them with blankets and foodstuffs, visited 21 elderly persons and assisted 2 others to return home and trained 25 elderly persons on group formation and introduced them to the cash transfer processes.
5. Cared and protected orphans and vulnerable children by distributing foodstuffs, beddings, sanitary towels and panties to 545 girls in needy primary schools, 21 registered Children's Homes received stationery, 10 Children's Homes received foodstuffs and sanitizers in fight against Covid-19 socio-economic effects.

6. Care and protection for Persons with Disabilities by providing foodstuffs, assistive devices and NHIF payment to four families with 6 PWDs.
7. Improved youth social skills, behavior, increased academic achievement, increased self-esteem and increased self-efficacy through youth empowerment conference.
8. Enhanced sporting environment by supporting seven teams with sporting equipment and uniform.

### *3.5.1 Proposed Projects in the ADP 2020/21*

#### *3.5.1.1 Education Committee interrogation report*

Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Education interrogated the ADP and came up with the following observations and recommendations:

#### *Education Sub-Sector*

Construction and equipping of ECDE Centers as well as establishing the disability-friendly Centers to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities.

- i. Conduct community advocacy as a way of increasing the ECDE uptake and reduce low enrollment and retention of pupils in ECDE Centers.
- ii. Employ and train the ECDE Care givers.

#### *Committee Observation*

1. The Committee observed that the education department has since 2013 embarked on construction of public ECDE Centers within the County though the Department has not yet adopted the new ECDE model that has three sections including the main classroom, sleeping bay and veranda as provided in the Basic Education Act guidelines among other key requirements.
2. Most of the pupils enrolled in ECDE Centers within the county are from disadvantaged households and that they suffer from hunger and malnutrition which has highly contributed to low enrolment, poor class attendance and high cases of drop-outs.
3. In 2017, Machakos County Government employed 946 ECDE teachers leaving a deficit of over 70 per cent of the total recommended number. The shortfall has disadvantaged some of the public ECDE Centers which has no ECDE teacher attached to it thus disadvantaging the entire community.
- 4.

#### *Committee Recommendations*

##### *1. Education Sub-Sector*

- a. The Department should embark on developing of complete ECDE centers as provided in the basic Education Act 2013 as well as upgrading the existing ECDE classrooms with Office block, Toilet, Water tanks, Outdoor playing Equipment and ramps for physically challenged pupils.
- b. Education Department should implement the school feeding program in all public ECDE Centers as approved by the County Assembly as a way of increasing

enrollment and retention of the pupils in school since the program has been budgeted for.

- c. ECDE program being a fully devolved function of the County Government, the department of Education should advocate for adequate budgetary allocation for employment of more ECDE teachers to the recommended number.

## 2. *Social Welfare Sub- Sector*

Hon. Speaker, the Department plans to establish a Gender Based Violence rescue centers for GBV survivors at Ksh. 35.2 million. The Committee observes that there are no programmes that have been proposed for the PWDs and therefore the Committee recommends that the budget allocated for the construction of gender based violence be reduced to Ksh. 20 million and the balance be sourced in the FY 2022/23 Budget.

The balance of 15.2 million be allocated to PWDs programmes.

## 3. *Youth and Sports*

Hon. Speaker, the Department plans to establish a youth innovation center at Ksh. 10 Million, complete the ongoing stadia and social halls at Ksh. 600 million, and provide sports equipment to sports teams at 15 million.

The Committee recommends that the money allocated for social halls and stadia be reduced to Ksh. 350 m and the rest Ksh. 200 million be allocated to levelling of play grounds within the County. Ksh. 50 million be allocated to provision of uniforms to more teams.

### 3.6 *LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR*

Hon. Speaker, this sector is tasked with enhancing sustainable use of land and natural resources and conservation of environment. It is imperative for the County's socio-economic development and aims at improving livelihoods through efficient administration, equitable access, secure tenure and sustainable management of land, environment and natural resources. Sector Development Achievements in Financial Year 2019-2020

#### 3.6.1 *Overview of Achievements ADP 2019/20*

- a. Issued 2,000 land title deeds to the public in Masinga, Kathiani, Yatta and Kalama wards.
- b. Increased forest cover by planting 192,000 tree seedlings in partnership with stakeholders.

#### 3.6.2 *Proposed projects in the ADP 2021/22*

Hon. Speaker, the department proposes to establish and equip nine County Offices at Ksh 40M under the programme on Administration and support services. Under Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP), the department proposes to construct storm water drainage, construct roads, civil works, street lighting, construction of markets under social and economic development and upgrading bus parks. More details have been highlighted on page 70 to 73 of the ADP.

#### 3.6.3 *Recommendations*

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommends as follows:

1. Under Sub programme 3.1 of programme 3, the budget for tree seedlings be reduced from Ksh. 10 million to Ksh. 5 million since the market price for a tree seedling is between Ksh. 20 to Ksh. 30
2. Under programme 1, that the budget for construction of offices and installation of CCTV be reduced from Ksh. 40 m to Ksh. 20 m. Further, the committee recommends that Ksh. 10m be reallocated to drilling of boreholes, Ksh. 10 m to renovations and refurbishment and maintenance of borehole.

### *3.7 WATER AND IRRIGATION SECTOR*

Hon. Speaker, Water and Irrigation to improve access to clean and safe water for both domestic and industrial use has been a concern that has since been addressed. The sector has achieved this through implementing comprehensive water programmes that entail drilling and rehabilitating of boreholes, constructing of water dams, pans and weirs, and reticulating to households. The average distance to the nearest water source has greatly reduced from 6km to 0.5 km over time.

#### *3.7.1 Overview of Achievements ADP FY 2019/20*

Hon. Speaker, some of the sector's key achievements were increased access to underground water by drilling 10 boreholes and reticulated water to households.

#### *3.7.2 Proposed Projects in the ADP 2021/22*

Hon. Speaker, the Department has proposed various projects for FY 2020/21 as summarized below;

Under water resources management and water storage programme, the department intend to supply and install 400 PVC tanks and construct elevated tanks at Ksh 38M. Further, the department will elevate 12 steel tanks at Ksh. 36M, rehabilitate and construct 60 earth dams at Ksh. 15 M, construct of two dams at a cost Ksh. 200M, construct 16 treatment plants at Ksh. 139M and drill 60 boreholes at Ksh. 120M.

### *3.8 COMMERCIAL, TOURISM AND LABOUR AFFAIRS SECTOR*

Hon. Speaker, this sector comprises of the Trade, Industrialization, Investment, Tourism and Labour Affairs sub-sectors. The sector is mandated to create an enabling environment for economic development, promote investments and tourism. It ensures entrepreneurial assistance to Machakos County residents including youth, women and people living with disabilities.

#### *3.8.1 Overview of Achievements ADP FY 2019/20*

#### *3.8.2 Sector Development Achievements in Financial Year 2019-2020*

##### *Trade sub-sector*

Increased access to market by completing the construction of modern market sheds in Wamunyu, Ngoleni, Kibauni and Ndithini. The department also fenced two livestock markets.

It further provided a decent working environment by constructing a perimeter wall on Athi River market, constructed boda boda sheds in five wards, repaired and rebranded existing boda boda sheds.

##### *Tourism sub-sector*

The Department developed talents by holding events for the community to showcase their gifts and conducted art fest training forum to enhance creativity in the County. Increased film awareness through Machakos Fest and 80 locally-produced films were submitted during the festival.

### *3.8.3 Proposed projects in the ADP 2021/22*

Hon. Speaker, under the programme on trade development, the department seeks to upgrade 8 markets by constructing markets, stalls, perimeter walls and cabro paving at Ksh. 50 million. The department also seeks to construct 62 modern toilets at a cost of Ksh. 58.9 million. Under the programme on Investment and Industrial development, the department seeks to develop two industrial parks at Ksh. 70 million and two Jua Kali sheds at Ksh. 40 million. Other sectors projects for the Financial Year 2020/21 have been highlighted on pages 82 to 87.

### *3.8.4 Recommendations*

On Sub Programme 1.5 on increasing access to credit through issuance of joint loans, the Executive should expedite the implementation of Machakos County Co-operative Enterprise Development Fund Act, 2019.

## **4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Section 87 of the County Governments Act, the County Assembly conducted public participation for the Annual Development Plan, on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 in the eight sub-counties. This was done in a bid to confirm the projects proposed by the public during the public engagement by the Executive and further to incorporate any priority projects that may have been left out.

The public participation report has been presented as an annexure attached to this report.

## **5.0 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Citizen participation in local governance involves ordinary citizens assessing their own needs and participating in local project planning and budget monitoring. In previous Financial Years the County Assembly has approved Annual Development Plan reports prepared with a citizen-centered approach. Most projects proposed by the Public are yet to be implemented by the Executive four years down the line. The Committee therefore recommends that the County Executive prioritizes on the projects proposed by the citizens during the public participations carried by the Executive and the County Assembly. Further, the Executive should implement all projects approved by the County Assembly in the past Financial Years.
2. The Executive should ensure that the monitoring and 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.

## **6.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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



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

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Members, I invite you to debate the Motion. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to appreciate the report by the committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization led by the Hon. Kieti. Madam Speaker, I want to believe that members of this County Assembly do represent all the residents of Machakos because we are 40 wards. Madam Speaker, I would wish that all our ADPs should be pegged to the priorities of our people.

Madam Speaker, as the chairperson Health committee I just want to stress on two issues whereby the report says that the budget for CHVs in this year 2021/2022 allocation is only Ksh. 600,000. Madam Speaker if my memory serves me well I want to believe we passed a budget of Ksh. 84 Million for the same. Again, Madam Speaker, we all know that there are stipends which are not even salaries are in arrears for more than 20 months. So, Madam Speaker, my concern is what effects Ksh. 600,000 will make where these CHVs have gone for almost two years without salary.

Madam Speaker, the Executive need to be serious because these CHVs are doing a lot of work an especially during this Covid time, one going for a full month with full commitment and you are expected to traverse along and within your area of work and at the end of it Madam Speaker you are not getting pay or the stipend. Madam Speaker, this is too bad and Executive needs to understand that they are also human beings; they need what belongs to them.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, it is also worrying me that we have gone for all that time without these two machines, Madam Speaker. The CT scan,, which provides for more detailed information more than a plain formal scan. Madam Speaker, these scans go for like Ksh.10,000 for one. Madam Speaker, you can imagine a normal resident from Matungulu East, after attending let us say Matungulu DEB Chiefs Camp dispensary or Level IV Kangundo; Madam Speaker, a CT Scan can only be found within Machakos or Nairobi. So this person has to hire an ambulance to either Nairobi or Machakos.

Madam Speaker, the last time we talked with the department of health, they said this machine is just worth Ksh. 80 Million. I don't understand why Madam Speaker it is very hard for the department to budget for this and we are always ready to approve and Madam Speaker, I wish we could do some amendments and let the executive or let the department budget for this two machines for us to pass this ADP, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, we need this two machines, CTS Scan and MRI Machine within our Level V as soon as yesterday.

Madam Speaker, when you look at the report, I failed to see Katuanyaa dispensary captured anywhere, where my people came together and bought land which is awaiting construction of a dispensary and is not captured anywhere. Again, I have Uhuru dispensary Market; Madam Speaker both have not been captured on this report and I would wish both be captured and have them done during this financial year 2020/2021.

Madam Speaker, as I finalize, we have some wards which received these uniforms and some sports shoes; Madam Speaker, how I wish the same could be done to all wards across the County and have some equity which is helping in keeping our youths busy as well as nurturing their talents. It will be too unfair Madam Speaker, to have some wards benefit on this issue of

youth and letting others just like that. Madam Speaker, I want to support the report and how I wish that my contributions should be taken care of. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndambuki.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and I would like to thank the Chair, Trade committee and the entire committee for the good work that they have done in putting together the ADP report. Madam Speaker, my contribution is about the linkage between the ADP and the actual budget and how to operationalize the budget, Madam Speaker. It is one thing to agree on the contents of ADP which will be transformed into the actual budget proposals. However, Madam Speaker, I wish to call upon the Executive to take it serious that they need to operationalize the budget proposals that as a House we agree and pass and forward to the Governor to assent to and Act.

Madam Speaker, you will find that we agree as a House that we are going to do project A in this ward, project B in this other ward. However, Madam Speaker, in reality, at times, that is not done, money is diverted to other projects. Madam Speaker, it is high time that the executive follows what the law says so that our people may realize the development that they wish. We have been calling them for meetings, public participation, they give us the priority projects that we capture in the ADP and when we follow-up with the executive, that is not done; they do it on their own discretion, Madam Speaker, and they need to follow what our people say. The executive needs to do what our people say.

Again, Madam Speaker, I wish to---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndambuki, what if they still refuse to do what you have passed?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Madam Speaker, as a House we will be forced to take what the law says.

**Hon. Speaker:** In fact, that is what is what we are here for so I just want to hope that the people do not hear what you say because you have the powers and it is only that you don't exercise them.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I stand guided. I wish to also echo words that Hon. Masesi has said about some workers who are on contract and working for the County Government of Machakos and have not been paid for some time now. Other than Community Health Volunteers, there is another group of people who are working for the County Government of Machakos under department of water. They have been engaged for the last seven to eight months, working as casuals and they have not been paid anything to date.

Also I would wish to call upon the concerned CECM and the Chief Officer of that department to pay those people. They wake up every morning to go to work and they have families and they have not been paid. In this development plan the Executive needs to take in to account of such items so that they can prioritize them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I would like applaud our chairman for this committee tabling the report from the committee. Hon. Speaker as a member of the committee we went through the departments and I think the recommendations are in black and white on what our expectations are. I would not want to repeat what my colleague Hon. Ndambuki seems to have read my mind. Hon. Speaker, it is true that the executive from the look of things, they have prioritized things outside our expectations.

A good example currently, as we expect, we are about to have a by-elections and they all over although in specific wards doing all sorts of development, Hon. Speaker. From my end that is not the right way of doing things because we would not wish to do by-elections so that the Executive can implement the projects and it has been all over that they lack funds, and this is a proof that they don't have funds; funds are available because the big question is, where are they drawing that money now to undertake the development being undertaken across some wards.

Hon. Speaker, again though this is a challenge on our side, maybe I need to be guided; we are talking of ADP for 2021/22. I think we are almost ending that financial year if I am not wrong, Madam Speaker, because we are almost entering the last quarter and I think as I said I think we need now to be talking about 2021.....No. I think I am confusing myself, I think 2021/22, Madam Speaker

**Hon. Speaker:** Remember the financial year 2021/22 is ending in June, next year.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Okay, then we are in half year.

**Hon. Speaker:** Now we are 2021/22 which is ending in June, 2021. Yes you may be having a point *Mheshimiwa*. This is 2020/21? So 2021/2022 is okay.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Okay. I stand guided, Madam Speaker. I was confusing that we are handling the previous one because we need to take matters on the right time, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** On the previous one may be you would be asking 'has it been implemented.'

**Hon. Mitaa:** So, thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you for that guidance. Madam Speaker, my main point is that we seem to have deviated from priorities to just undertaking any project and every year we are doing public participation. My ward has priorities how I wish Madam Speaker that the executive would follow that issue because they also do their own public participation and as much they are not following what the local *wananchi* are requesting for.

Hon. Speaker, as I wind up there is a challenge which I have been facing. It involves this Assembly. Our ICT department seems to have failed, Madam Speaker. For the last three weeks, I have been unable to use my iPad, Hon. Speaker and whenever I seek assistance, nothing seems to be forthcoming and we agreed to go paperless. So, we would not want to fail a committee which did an excellent job and we introduced the iPads and yet we cannot utilize them. So, Madam Speaker, I request that issue to be sorted as soon as possible. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Hon. Katumo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support this good report by the committee of Trade for the ADP for 2021/22. Let me say that I was involved in the report-writing and a lot of work has been done. I want to thank the committee and the Chair for that good job they have done and presented things very clearly. I want to say this Hon. House and the Executive have been at loggerheads in terms of what has been presented procedurally as the wishes of our electorates and what actually is done.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, on my interest, I have gone through the report and especially on that sub-sector of social welfare and education. If you go to Education you will see the good proposals that have been done. There are recommendations which have been given which appear to capture the interests of our young ones and especially this is one of our County functions and its says "the department should embark on developing of complete ECDE centres as provided in the Basic Education Act, 2013."

It then it continues to say down there, in B, actually begins with B instead of A so the C should be B and the report says "implement school-feeding programmes in all public ECDE centres to make sure that this one takes care of the young ones and the same time increases enrollment." I think these are good proposals if captured going forward, I think we would have done our part because this is our function. We have been so much engaged in other functions that are not part of what we should be doing.

Then of much interest is when you go to social welfare sub-sector where you find that, very sadly, but the committee saw this that in this department there were no programs that have been proposed for the PWDs. There were no programs at all being proposed in this ADP as he came to this House and it remains very sad up to this day that they do not recognize persons with disabilities and I think we have been singing this song and reminding and I think it leaves a lot to be desired.

But I thank the committee at the end of the day, of course, in this report; the committee recommended that the budget allocated for the construction of gender-based violence be reduced to Ksh. 20 million and the balance be allocated for PWD programs. Madam Speaker, why I have just narrowed on this is because it remains of great interest why the drafters of this ADP from the other side would not have in mind any program to deal with PWDs. You will understand I should think together loudly that there were no PWDs in that meeting and this is the thing we have been saying that we should consider.

I thank the committee because they have said here Ksh. 15.2 million should be allocated to PWD programs. Madam Speaker, I think going forward it touches in every sector of our county government that we should now think and involve PWDs in every committee, in every sub sector so that they are not left behind and that things that are important to them because they are a part of this great society of Machakos County that they will feel part of it.

Actually, I understand most of the time they do participate in public participation forums and also they express themselves in terms of what they would wish to be done to them and it is very important we make sure we involve them and we capture their desires and priority issues to make sure that they feel part and parcel of the program. As Hon. Dominic has said, this ADP will be translated into the Budget Estimates and therefore if you miss in the ADP and the CIDP then of course that program will not be there and will not have money. Therefore I thank the committee for the work well done and I support. Thank you.

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

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to contribute a bit on the programs which have been put in the ADP this year specifically for Muthwani ward. It is sad what I have seen, it is not what the people of Muthwani spoke about because what is this Paper is not what the people of Muthwani asked for and therefore they will get a raw deal when it comes to implementation of these projects.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, it is also in order for me to say that what we need in Muthwani is more comprehensive development and therefore what we should do is try and improve this document to see to it that everything is captured in each and every ward because what is there is not even what can be made in a full budget of a year, Madam Speaker.

On another point, Madam Speaker, I have noticed that the executive have big projects like the one of the new city yet we have proposed a budget to build an airstrip yet it has not been implemented. They have paid Ksh. 150 million for feasibility studies to start the project for .....(*inaudible*) but Madam Speaker, there is nothing in return we have seen. So I wonder why we should spend so much money which is not even been put under public demand because people in the public I have not heard anybody asking for those big projects to be done.

What is the meaning of devolution? It is not to mean that the executive have the powers against the common *wananchi*; it is sad to see that all those projects we have put in the budget maybe 90 percent of them have not been done yet the money has been released. I wonder why we should always pass a budget and have public participation yet there is nothing being implemented on the ground. It is also sad for the executive to use lame excuses that the money was not disbursed yet we know very well how money is being disbursed right from the beginning to the end and all the procedures that are used.

It is sad also to see that we stand to lose, us as an Assembly and Machakos Government when projects which had been proposed by the public are not done. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. King'ori. The problem you Members have and I have always told you every other time and I am addressing all of you. You are given all the powers in the constitution, you are given all the powers in the County Governments Act and you just keep on lamenting. Do you know you go to the public out there and they read this law and they know what you people are supposed to do. Then you go telling them oh we gave budget it is not implemented. So who is failing other than you Members? I mean why don't you do your work?

Have been receiving reports on the implementation and if you have not, have you summoned? Have you invited? Have you gone to the extent of even wanting to do those summons? So this bit of oh we have done this and the executive should do this or this is another story and I am telling you Members you meet the public and the public is very enlightened. You will not get away with it; they tell you failed to do your work when you were supposed to have done it.

So Members when you contribute and start lamenting and the public is watching on the YouTube just to know whether you are doing your work or you just come here and start saying oh we wish, oh we wish. It is not about wishing it is about implementing. It is about questioning and the Constitution requires quarterly reports and when they do not come, what do you do? Hon. Kalumu Francis? Sorry Hon....I will come to you. Hon. Kalumu?

**Hon. Kalumu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to start by thanking the committee for elaborate and comprehensive report that they have brought on the floor of the

House. Madam Speaker, I will start with water. Madam Speaker, we have seen that the plan is so ambitious across all the sectors and what is lacking, I would repeat again also the implementation is the key factor which is lacking in our plan. The plan is very good in some sectors like water where they are saying that we shall drill 60 boreholes and money I think to them is available.

We have seen that they will construct several mega (??) dams that is very good and also we have seen what is lacking is that the public now has iron sheet houses which can now help us in collecting and harvesting rain water which is not given a priority in this plan and which I would request if it can be done.

Another thing is certified seeds for making our county food sufficient and having food security in our county. We have been having fertilizers which is sold and subsidized by the County Government although some of these fertilizers find their way in those shops which sell seeds in our county. Others like local *wananchi* in our wards are not able to purchase a whole sack of fertilizer so if there is anything that can be done for *wananchi* to be able to purchase at least half of the sack, it will be good for them so that it may be made available and cheap for them, to purchase.

On ICT, it has been an issue; if you go to our streets of Machakos town, you find that there are cameras and those cameras are said to be maintained and according to them they are working. I am the Chair of labor and ICT Committee and I am sure that whatever we allocate to this ICT department does not do any job. Why? Because there is only one person who is employed by ICT department to man all those cameras in Machakos County. So what I request the executive is to be able to employ more people who are qualified to be able to maintain the cameras so that they can be operational.

Again control rooms which they are saying are there, they are not there and we have cameras around across the County and they do not have control rooms. You just see the cameras on the roads and streets but there are no control rooms. Control room which is working is only in Machakos Town. The others are not working. So I would request the ambitious plan they have for ICT to be able to have the budget that was given to this people to have it used well. Let the cameras and ICT and everything that has been put there be working so that we can receive services from that investment.

The community hospitals across the county which were there even before we came, some of them have not been completed, Madam Chair, and I would also say they have an ambitious plan of completing 16 of them this financial year which is a good plan but the question is; we have been giving money since inception of this Assembly but they have not completed. The reason is not availed to us when we ask so I would also say we have a very ambitious plan to give services to our people but the work is not being done.

We are not complaining but there is what we call separation of power. Ours is to make sure that we approve the budget for them and then they do the other work although we are not able to go to their offices and implement what they should implement, Madam Chair.

Stadiums across the county were constructed and I have seen that the chairman and the committee have reduced some of the money to go to..... re-allocation to reduction to climate change and also implementation of climate change through planting of trees. We know that climate change has been a problem across the world and particularly in Machakos County we are having areas whereby rainfall is not enough and what we request is if we allocate money for planting of trees so that we can mitigate that issue because this world is not for us ourselves; there is a future generation which is coming and for us to be able to make sure that our generation in the future will enjoy the climate we need to plant trees, Madam Chair.

Also there is something which lacked although they are saying they have constructed stadia and what; the stimulation of the county economy through empowerment of youth, women and men is not there in the ADP. Although the plan is ambitious, we are not having that small thing in that sector whereby we can have at least a kitty or a fund and this Assembly I think it passed something called Co-operative Fund which should be enjoyed by our people and if possible I would request it to be implemented. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kalumu. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi?

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I want to start by thanking the committee under the chairmanship of Hon. Kieti which has tried to balance this ADP in all sectors, Madam Speaker. As I start with the finance department, I have seen allocation of funds being made for automation of county revenue collection. Madam Speaker, we are working on having our single Paybill in the county so that we may check on the issue of corruption. I believe the time we will have a single Paybill in the County we will have evaded a lot of corruption areas that we have been witnessing within the County.

Madam Speaker, they have also mentioned the issue of Mlolongo, whereby we have up to over 80 percent of the construction going on there and the County Government has not been collecting anything from those buildings. Some of the buildings are too risky for our people because even there are no approvals in those areas and a lot of work needs to be done there because it is risky for our [people].

I will also go to the education sector Madam Speaker, and as you know, we have changed our education system. It is a requirement that in each and every ECDE institution there is a need of two classes and up to date we have never achieved that. We have been passing budgets here, for the last three years now this is the fourth one which I believe is the only implementable ADP for this House. It is the last one and now if we have not yet achieved to have two classes for the ECDE classes then that is a great failure.

As an Assembly we have been allocating funds for construction of the same. I have seen here they have indicated that they constructed 92 classes which I do not believe it is true and each and every year we allocate money for construction of new classes and it has been just like a song year in year out, talking of employing extra ECDE teachers. Madam Speaker, up to date, I am very sure over 50 per cent of our ECDE schools still have one teacher. It is quite funny when we have a single teacher when we have two classes in the same ECDE schools.

So, I believe it will be prudent if as an Assembly now we move out and push for implementation of these projects that we have been passing. I would wish each and every committee would be going round and making sure some of the projects being indicated in these ADPs and budgets are implemented and push different departments to make sure that the projects being mentioned have been done. How I wish I could be calling various Chairs of various committees to table a certain project that was passed and its implementation status as at now, Madam Speaker.

If we go to water, we have been allocating funds for boreholes every time and on this one, they have also requested for 60 more boreholes but we do have the 80 boreholes that we allocated last year, have they been implemented? Madam Speaker that has been a challenge; and last year we passes the ADP and a budget of over 110 market toilets, on this one they want to construct 62 others. Through my own research, Madam Speaker, we have not constructed even a

single one according to the information that I have. Now here they need 62 more; where are the 110 that we had allocated last year?

How are we going to achieve all these? It is a question now that needs all of us to move out in site visits and make sure that various committees push for implementation of these projects that we have always been passing. Otherwise, time is not on our side and if we do not move out and make sure some of these projects are implemented, I think we will end up failing. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Munguti we are not hearing you; just bring the microphone closer.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to applaud the committee that has done very good work on the issue of ADP. It goes without saying that as an Assembly, we must ensure that all that has been done; the oversight committees have gone and seen whether the work has been implemented.

On the issue of development plan, it is not good to bite what you cannot chew; therefore I am requesting this Assembly, as we do the ADP for 2021/2022, we ensure that we do little but in a standard way. Instead of doing so many projects which will not be implemented at the end of the year. Therefore, my plea to this Assembly is that, as we plan and propose, let us give what is required and which can be done within our financial year.

Also, I understand that as we plan for the ADP, let us put a budget that is there so that what we have budgeted for can be implemented because we have been budgeting for things and the budget is mutilated and we do not understand where it emanates from because the budget we give to the Executive comes back the opposite and you hear the Executive saying their budget was mutilated.

The other issue is about schools; as Hon. Katumo has said, Madam Speaker, we need to have a school for the people living with disabilities. I had proposed in the last financial year 2019/2020 that in each sub-county we get new schools for PWDs. I had proposed a school called Kyaume where we have available land and if we can budget for that school it will help our people. Majority of PWDs in Muthetheni ward have been going to different and far places and if we can have a school which will cater for them, then it will be a good plan for us.

On the issue of other development, Madam Speaker, I would say that what we need to do is to see whether we have pending projects, we implement them and each projects be completed before we plan for another project. For instance, in my ward we have Muthetheni Level III hospital, the projects have been done 85 per cent but it is not completed. So for the pending projects, we must ensure that we allocate money in this ADP so that we can finish all the pending projects so that from then we can start new ones.

Otherwise, I support so that we can support the ADP and make sure it has been implemented in the right way. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Kieti, the mover of the motion please reply.



**Hon. Kieti:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity thank all the Members who have contributed and given audience to the report and say that one thing that I have observed is that it is as if some of us did not understand the origin of the ADP. It originates from the Executive, the planning department and all the sectors and it contains issues that have been raised through public participation by the Executive and then they compile the report and bring to us then we also go back to the ground to confirm the same.

Otherwise this is not originating from the Committee of Trade and economic Planning and Industrialization. I want to emphasize that every committee had time to interrogate the report from the respective departments and every committee had an opportunity to cross-check what was achieved in the previous ADP and what is contained in the current one. Every committee had an opportunity to do that and we have captured that in our report; what the committee observed in the achievements and on the plans that the respective sectors are planning to do.

In future, we need to be very vigilant when handling this document because the Executive; I don't know, we have some people who do not know that there is God, because when you look at some sectors, starting with agriculture; when you are talking about the department of social welfare, when you talk about the committee having helped two people or 100 or 200 and we are talking about the county, I think that we are not sincere in that area. The Executive needs to plan very well and implement as planned.

The budgets that we have always passed based on the planned projects, the implementation has never attained even 30 per cent of what we have planned from the time we came and that is a very big failure on the side of the Executive. My humble request is that, any budget that we pass, us as representatives of the electorates, need to see that budget being implemented.

Like in my sector, we have been talking about toilets and markets and I want to say that it is very unfortunate that we are planning to bring a Statement because we have observed that a lot of money is being re-allocated after we pass the budget. The money does not settle in that department for the projects that were planned for; it is transferred to another department and spent in most cases on recurrent expenditure and by so doing, we are denying our people development.

That is why one of us has talked about us passing a budget of 110 toilets but on the ground up to now we do not have them because the budgets have been moving after we pass them. I do not know whether they are moved from the IFMIS or at what level they are transferred from a department to another that caters for recurrent use. By so doing then when you go to the ground you will find we have no markets sheds or toilets and even the roads.

So, let us be realistic after we have passed a budget, we need the Executive to execute it the way we have passed it. Otherwise, I want to thank each Member for the support they have given us through the process of bringing this report. Madam Speaker, I beg to stop there and thank you so much for that opportunity.

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

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, at this point the sitting is adjourned to continue on 9th March, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.15 p.m.