

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 11th November, 2015**

The House met at 2.38 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Yes, let us proceed, Clerk.**STATEMENTS**

LAND ISSUE IN KITANGANI

(Referral to another committee)

Hon. Nduva: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to issue a statement on a petition that was referred to the trade, planning and industrialization committee on 3rd September, 2015. The petition was on land issue in Kitangani Market, Masinga Sub-county. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee felt that the matter squarely lies in the Environment Lands, Energy and Natural Resources Committee pursuant to Second Schedule of Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the committee, I wish to request that the petition be referred to the committee on Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The prayer is granted. Proceed.**IMPLEMENTATION COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS SINCE 2013**

Majority Leader (Hon. Joshua Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to issue final statement on implementation of projects by the County Government since 2013. Mr. Speaker, Sir, two statements concerning projects implemented by the County Government since 2013 following a motion moved under Standing Order No. 227 on 30th September, 2015 by Hon. Felix Ngui which urged the Hon. House to suspend its business for one week to discuss the state of *El-Nino* preparedness and also projects implemented by the County Government since 2013, have been tabled in this Hon. House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the reports have been coming bits by bits and up to now three departments namely: irrigation, agriculture, livestock and fisheries and Special Programs and Projects were yet to submit their reports even after three reminders. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this statement contains analysis of the department of finance and revenue Management, department of public works and housing and that of health, environment and emergency services. Mr. Speaker, Sir, analysis of the above departments is as follows:-

Department Of Public Works and Housing

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department of Public Works and Housing implemented three projects since 2013. The department carried out extension and renovation to unknown number of offices in 2013/2014 financial year. In 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, the department was constructing an office block for department of Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing and Police housing in Athi River respectively.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department has provided scanty information on the projects undertaken as shown below. Mr. Speaker, with the leave of the House, I don't want to go through the table as members can see for themselves. I want to go to the next item.

Department Of Health, Environment and Emergency Services

Development Projects 2013/2014 Financial Year

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Department of Health, Environment and Emergency Services implemented two programs since 2013 which involved various works on 40 health centers, one facility per ward, and upgrading of four health facilities to level hospitals. The works in the 40 health centers included; construction of new health centers, wards, theatres, extension of maternity wards and staff houses. Work on all these health centers was on-going except for Mitaboni which was reported as complete.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department was upgrading four health facilities to Level Hospitals namely: Masinga and Kimiti health center and Mwala and Matuu hospitals. The department was doing mortuary at Matuu which was at roofing stage; X-Ray and maternity for Kimiti which were ongoing, theatre, maternity and wards for Mwala which were at sub-structure. The work for Masinga health center was not disclosed but excavation work was in progress. The department plans to spend Ksh. 461,484,334.80 on all the projects.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the report from the department had list of contractors and BQs of the projects accompanying the report. A summary of the projects is shown below. With the leave of the House, I beg to skip that for Members can go through it.

Department Of Finance and Revenue Management

Development Projects 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 Financial Years

The department of Finance and Revenue Management implement 20 projects. In 2013/14 financial year, the department implemented seven projects, most of which were to do furnishing offices with furniture, computers and air conditioners. The department also purchased unknown number of vehicles and conducted feasibility study. Most of these projects were complete except purchase of vehicles which was partially done.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the financial year 2014/15 the departments implemented six projects and they were on-going. The projects were on construction of unknown non-residential buildings such as offices, schools etcetera and refurbishment of buildings, purchase of furniture and computer software. Further, in 2015/16 the department was planning to implement the following projects: purchase of motor vehicles, refurbishment of buildings, purchase of computers and software as well as implementing ward development fund.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the information provided by the department was very limited and most of the projects given did not amount to development projects. Analysis of the projects is as shown below. Again, Mr. Speaker, with the leave of the House, I do not want to go through that table. The Members have the list with them.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I request members to take their time to go through the three statements to inform themselves of the projects undertaken by the County Government. Further, the Chief Officers, who did not submit their reports should be compelled to explain why they were not taking the Business of the House seriously. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Any other matter Clerk? Hon. Members, I hope each of you has a copy of that statement? You need time to go through it and raise issues in the next session. Then we can proceed to the next matter, motions.

MOTIONS

EL-NINO PREPAREDNESS AND PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED SINCE 2013

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I wish I could get some guidance here before I move this motion, because in my earlier statement, Mr. Speaker, I have requested and you have directed that Members be given time to go through the three statements and here is a motion with me, Mr. Speaker, which I wanted to move so that the Members can discuss the statements. Mr. Speaker, I think I need your guidance because already you have given a directive.

Hon. Speaker: Just move the motion then I will give directions of that.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that motion under Standing Order 227 was moved in the House on Wednesday 30th September, 2015 urging the Hon. House to suspend all other business of the House for one week to discuss *El-Nino* preparedness and projects implemented by the County Government since 2013. Aware that a directive was given by the Hon. Speaker, that the Majority Leader issues a statement in the House on the matter to form basis of debate. Informed that a statement on projects implemented in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 Financial years was issued in the House on 29th of October, 2015, further aware that Members need to interrogate the projects reported by the Executive as implemented and that the report will help further discussions from development projects.

I wish to move the motion that this House discusses the El-nino preparedness and projects implemented by the County Government in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years as laid on 29th October, 2015 and 5th November, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to call upon Hon. Joseph Muli “Ndithini” to second my motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndithini, say something more. Something more in support of this motion.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to put to attention that I was caught unawares---

(Laughter)

Also Mr. Speaker, as the seconder of the motion, I have seconded the motion and I believe you have heard. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndithini, are you in order to say that you were unaware and you proceed to second a motion that you do not know? Know that, perhaps, if this House rejects your support of the motion, then the motion fails.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is only to say I was caught unawares and it does not mean, Mr. Speaker, that I did not know what was supposed to be brought in the floor of the House but there are procedures whereby I am supposed to consult the mover of the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Let me call the mover of the motion. Maybe I will give you an opportunity to find a seconder to your motion.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I will not waste that opportunity. I want to call upon the Chairperson, committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources, the able Chairperson, Hon. Ngunzi to second.

(Applause)

Hon. Ngunzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I wish to second the motion on *El-nino* preparedness and Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the Members to the adverse effects that accompany the heavy rains that is being experienced in many parts of the County.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker, the document before the Members, needs time for Members to look at it. So Mr. Speaker, I second the motion as it is.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunzi, when you say that the matter before us needs some time, what do you exactly mean? The matter is not yet referred.

Hon. Ngunzi: I think Mr. Speaker, as per the request of the mover of the motion, the motion is fully seconded and can proceed.

Hon. Speaker: Let us take the point of order. Yes.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, this Hon. Member is misleading this House. Is it in order to seek for further time to discuss this document while it was tabled here almost two weeks ago and the date of this document is 8th October, 2015? What more time do we need to go through? I do not think whether there is any Hon. Member who does not have this document unless that Member possesses the highest degree of negligence. So, let the document be discussed, if it cannot be discussed today then we can throw it over the window because it is a show that Members are not willing or ready to discuss the report. It was tabled here, more than three weeks ago and this is putting the Majority Leader in a state which is not good. If we sought a question and he has brought the answers, so what further time do we need, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry but the document I have here is dated 11th November? Clerk? You said your document is dated what date Hon. Maitha?

Hon. Maitha: This document Mr. Speaker is dated 8th October, and if given time, I can proceed to my car and bring the same document which was circulated in this House, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Just a minute.

(Low consultations)

I think for the purposes of the Chair, the motion is before the House for debate. Now, let us hear you. Yes, Hon. Raphael.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Although, I was requesting to inform the Hon. Member that, the motion which has been moved by the Majority Leader, is two in one, it is a motion to discuss *El-Nino* preparedness, and projects implemented in the Financial year 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. Mr. Speaker, from what Hon. Dominic is saying, the statement of *El-Nino* preparedness is the one that is bearing the date of 8th October. But there is another statement concerning implementation projects that is now bearing the date 11th November. So that is where the confusion is coming in.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Raphael. I think what he is trying is to clarify a point. Yes, Hon. Rachel.

Hon. (Ms.) R.Nduku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to support that we discuss or debate this motion because *El-Nino* preparedness is affecting my ward and I think this motion is timely as far as my ward is concerned because as we all know that the *El-Nino* which kicked off on Monday, swept away three residents in my area. So Mr. Speaker, I am requesting whether we can continue debating this report instead of taking much time to see what we can do because in

the report which I went through which was given by Majority Leader last time, I was on No. 7 of the report.

If we are going to debate on the report, I thought when Majority Leader brought this report in this House, and I read through the report, No. 7 of the report says ‘that there was need for urgent planning to ensure that Machakos citizens do not suffer due to heavy rains’ and much more on that paragraph. So my worry is Mr. Speaker, because we have gone through this report, and I am believing that what was written in this report, is something which was planned to be undertaken in all the wards and I am wondering because what caught up in my ward was a surprise to all of us because people were living in flooded areas, nothing has been done. So I think today is a good day and this motion is timely to be debated by this Hon. House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. As the mover was moving this motion, you remember he said that, he indicated that he wanted directions and directions that I will issue are that we proceed and debate the second limb of the motion on the matter of *El-Nino* rains because the report and statement had been issued earlier, the one of 8th October, 2015. But for the statement that he issued on the projects, perhaps Members will want to go through the statement, and then that second limb will be debated in the earliest. Maybe will be returned to the House Business Committee for balloting, perhaps next week. So, Hon. Members, let us proceed and debate on the report of the 8th October, 2015. And therefore contributions are welcomed. Thank you, Hon. Raphael. Let us hear Hon. Festus Ndeto.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute towards this very important motion. First, when I go to No. 2, the Government has set aside Ksh. 300 million to help mitigate the effects of the heavy rains and which may include flooding, displacement of households, waterborne diseases, food decay, aflatoxin among other calamities. My concern over that point is the amount of money which is allocated, the Ksh. 300 million and the question is; in which account is this money? Is the money readily available, the way we call for ambulances when there is an emergency and they respond immediately? Because some of the effects of *El-Nino* are things that need immediate effects like what the Member from Mlolongo was talking about. The day before yesterday, the rains pounded in her area and a bridge was swept away and I do not think up to date it has been made though she will respond to the same. So my question is, in which account is the Ksh. 300 million and is it readily available in case of an emergency which may occur any time?

Number three, the County Government is in the process of constructing 500 weirs. You know, Mr. Speaker, for those of us who may understand a little bit of construction of weirs, when the rain is ongoing, I think this is like putting money somewhere where you know you will not.....I do not know which term to use, but let me state this, this is like wasting money. Because the rains that are ongoing, if the weir is built today, the rain comes at night, there is no possibility of that weir surviving, the way the rains are raining right now. I have in mind my ward. The few rivers in which this is earmarked to be constructed, it may be very difficult for those weirs to survive right now when the rains are ongoing. So we need a clarification on how, if these weirs are constructed right now, how do you prevent them from being swept away by the rains that are ongoing?

No. 4, 'the County Government will spend Ksh. 30 million for procurement of disaster relief items and emergency response gear as part of the department of health budget for 2015/16. The County Government will spend. At what point will they spend this money because right now, these are things that should be in place? I remember the emergency team was trained almost a month ago under this department of Emergency services. During those trainings, I tend to believe it was the right time in which some of these response gears should have been bought but the tense that is used here, is present, that is the County Government will spend 'will spend', that is future tense, that is, I do not understand when it will be done.

Hon. Speaker: The report is dated 8th October, today is a month ago, isn't it?

Hon. Ndeto: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed. Let us proceed.

Hon. Ndeto: No. 8---

Hon. Speaker: Let us get the point of information.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Ngunzi: Mr. Speaker, the point that Hon. Ndeto is driving on that the Government will spend. The writer of the document before us must have made a mistake in saying that the Government will spend. The Government only sets aside money to be spent, in case of a need. You cannot go to the shops buying tents when you do not know how many you will need. You only set aside the money. So, I think there was a mistake from whoever drew the document.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed. Thank you, proceed, Hon. Ndeto.

Hon. Ndeto: I was on point No. 8, 'the Government will hire helicopters and four wheel drive vehicles on need basis to help evacuate people trapped in areas hard hit by the rains.' The point I have under this is that, in future, when we are doing things, we need to take a lot of time. We bought the 70 ambulances and here we are talking of buying four wheel vehicles that will help---

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to use a vulgar language but this matter the Hon. Member seems like to be drunk. This says 'the Government will hire helicopters and four wheel drive vehicles'. Mr. Speaker, I want to testify, last year, when the rains were heavy while we were at Kilaguni somewhere, in my own ward there were people who were rescued by helicopters. So, this matter....we are not buying Hon. Ndeto, we are hiring. Please, it is very clear and on another point there is somewhere where you are asking where the money is coming from. It is saying this is part of the larger water program that will see homes at the village level

equipped with piped water. Sub-locations across the County are part of the water budget for the current financial year. So it is hiring not buying.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you, for that information---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndeto, kindly I can give you a moment to study the report then I will allow you to talk later. Let us hear Hon. Alice.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Nimesimama kuunga mkono hii ripoti ya kujitayarisha kwa ajili ya *El-Nino*. Mwanzo nashukuru kaunti ya Machakos. Ukiangalia ukurasa wa kwanza sehemu ya pili, kaunti ya Machakos imetenga ama ilitenga shilingi milioni 300 ni kwaajili ya kujipanga na kujitayarisha sababu ya *El-Nino*. Bw. Spika, mama mwerevu ni yule mama ambaye ukiwa mjamzito anajipanga kwa ajili ya mtoto ambaye atazaliwa. Kaunti ya Machakos iliwaza kama kaunti zingine ili kutenga pesa ni kwa ajili ya *El-Nino*. Bw. Spika, ni wakati mzuri ambao umefika kaunti ilitenga pesa, ukiangalia wametenga pesa kwa ajili ya wanaanchi wa Machakos. Nipeane mfano, sehemu ya Syokimau/Mlolongo, juzi wakati mvua ilinyesha ni shida kubwa pia na huzuni sababu kuna watu ambao walipoteza maisha yao sababu ya maji, nyumba zao zikafurika, wako kwenye shida kubwa.

Bw. Spika, Mlolongo ukiingia ukuta, mitaro ya maji machafu, hayo maji mengi yanaingia kwenye nyumba za watu. Mheshimiwa wa sehemu ya Syokimau/Mlolongo amekua na shida maana, wengi ambao walifurishwa na maji, na mvua wamekita kambi kwa Mheshimiwa wa Syokimau/Mlolongo. Hao ni watu ambao sasa wanahitaji usaidizi. Ni wakati mwema kwa kaunti, hizi pesa ambazo walitenga, sasa ni wakati mzuri hizi pesa zitumiwe maana kaunti ilitenga ili kuangalia tusipoteze maisha ya watu.

Bw. Spika, hizi pesa zimefikia wakati wakitumiwa. Kaunti ilipotenga hizi pesa, wameweka mahali wanajua kwamba wakati ukifikia watazitemia. Bw. Spika, sisi kama bunge, tupitische kwamba wakati umefikia na wakianza mwanzo waanze sehemu ya Syokimau/Mlolongo ili tuone hao watu wamekita kambi, wametengenezewa hema mahali wanaweza ishi watafutiwe chakula, watafutiwe mavazi, malazi, mahali wanaweza lala maana matarijio yao yote yako kwenye kaunti na walienda mahali ambapo waliona wanaweza pata usalama.

Sisi kama Bunge pia, tushikane pamoja na Mheshimiwa Syokimau/Mlolongo tushikane pamoja tuwasaidie hao wananchi. Na pia ukisikia sehemu nyingi, mvua imevunja madaraja, vivukio, tuangalie ndio pesa zitumiwe. Kwa hivyo, mimi naunga mkono kwamba hizi pesa ambazo zilitengwa zitumiwe ili tuangalie maisha ya wananchi wa Machakos yawe salama salmin. Asante.

Hon. Speaker: Asante. Yes.

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, I want to stand to support this noble motion and Mr. Speaker, as a Hon. Alice has said, it is a time to consider and take care those people who were affected by the *El-Nino* rains. While supporting this motion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say, most parts of this County, has been affected by the heavy rains that are raining. A good example is the Mlolongo and Mr. Speaker, I would also like these Members to be informed because they are the persons who are representing persons down the villages where most of the cases are happening.

My plea, Mr. Speaker, from the Majority Leader who is the representative of the Government in this Hon. House, for these Members to be informed how to channel these cases.

Mr. Speaker, last Monday, a case happened in my ward in an area called Mamba, most of the members know where Mamba is. The heavy rains rained and the road was swept so kids could not go to school, people could not access from one area to another one but unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I tried to call the department of roads, I tried to call the office of the Governor through his Chief of Staff but no one could respond to my phone. The outcry was unbearable, Mr. Speaker. I had to mobilize people and traders that went to mobilize culverts, cement, and gravels to construct a culvert so that an access can be out for the road.

So, Mr. Speaker, my plea is for the Leader of Majority to tell this House, because he is the representative of the Government, the channel in which these matters should be reported to the concerned persons so that when these cases happen, people are rescued and matters are sorted without delay, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Maybe before we move on, we can hear the Majority Leader. I think the issues raised by that Chairperson are very pertinent. He is really asking is there a crisis center, is there a hotline?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I want to agree with what has been raised by that Member. For now Mr. Speaker, I do not want to give a lie to this Hon. House but given time Mr. Speaker, I can issue that statement on Tuesday afternoon to know when these calamities happen, Mr. Speaker, how the Members can get in touch with the officers or the offices concerned. Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: But the Chair finds Tuesday a little bit too luxurious because people's lives are in danger? I would think that if indeed your statement reads right, that we should have an answer by tomorrow.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, if Tuesday is far away from today Mr. Speaker, then I can issue it tomorrow.

Hon. Speaker: Tomorrow, afternoon.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Afternoon. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear from Hon. Mueni

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the motion and thank the Majority Leader for working hard to bring the report. Mine is to ask him to have a Committee and he becomes the Chairperson of the committee to knowing how the money will be reaching the people. You can have a committee of some Hon. Members and they call you or they call the Members who will be in the committee, because if you tell them to call the Executive, they will be in darkness. So, I think the Majority Leader and you should know where the money will be coming from because you be given the account where you will be withdrawing the

money to do that work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. *El-Nino* Mr. Speaker, Sir, does not wait because---

Hon. Speaker: I think, Hon. Mueni is in order. Proceed, Honourable.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Yes, protect me Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Laughter)

Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir, you know *El-Nino* does not wait even when we go out, it might start and the Members here can sleep in the lodgings but those people cannot go anywhere. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the Majority Leader, take that advice, vital advice. Hon. Kalunde.

Hon. Kalunde: Mr. Speaker, this motion is timely because the *El-Nino* does not spare anyone but the preparedness was not properly organized because when this document was issued on 8th, the County Government started issuing materials for constructing weirs. But the kind of materials which they were issuing, even up to today, you cannot construct a weir because they started by cement, irons but still they had not supplied timber and also gravel and sand. So, we can discuss this motion and I stand to support it, but the Majority Leader should caution the Executive that they are giving things haphazardly because if it is a matter of constructing a weir, knowing that *El-Niño* was coming, they should have started by supplying all the materials which were supposed to be supplied or are supposed to build a weir.

So, I also think that it is necessary for the Majority Leader to know, to ask the Executive to tell us, where we can report when the calamities happen. I wish that this matter of Mlolongo, where people are losing lives, can be handled as quickly as possible. I stand to support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I stand to support this motion in regard to the preparedness of *El-Niño* in our County, I would start by appreciating the Executive for identifying the source of the funds to take care of that particular scenario. That around Ksh. 300 million, to mitigate the effects of heavy rains has been received. So, Mr. Speaker, you realize and if you can all remember, that during the budget-making process, we gave a lot of money to the department of water and that is now we can see now if you minus Ksh. 300 million, we know now we have a balance of almost Ksh. 1.65 billion.

Mr. Speaker, some of the weirs where they have been identified where to be constructed, especially in my ward, even the material has never been able to be delivered to that particular point because of bad infrastructure. So when we talk about the delivery of the sand, the stones,

the gravel and cement and even the iron bars, we need to make sure that the roads are well-made and some of our areas, the roads are muddy and in fact when we had some exams for KCSE, there were some problems with communication and our children going to school.

When you go to page 1, Mr. Speaker, item No. 3, you realize that there are some things we need to make some observations and clarification for us to understand why the Majority Leader should have also questioned or will be able to question when he is reporting back to this House by tomorrow. That, the County Government is in the process of constructing 500 weirs, when you do a simple calculation, you will find almost around 12.5 weirs per ward. But bearing in mind like some wards in Machakos Central, they do not need such facilities. These need to be re-distributed back to the Masinga and Yatta sub-counties because, especially in my ward and for your information, yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I was lucky to host Our Excellency, the Governor, but we were forced to go all the way round, along the tarmac road. We could not crisscross inside the ward because of the unprepared state of the roads. You cannot move.

Imagine I take more than three hours to travel from my home to here. Those are the scenarios whereby we are seeing and we need to be keen on that. So, when you read in part, that 'this part of the larger water program that will see homes at the village level equipped with piped water by June 2016'. Again Mr. Speaker, when you see at the top, the date of this document and you see there is another timing of June 2016, the timings of the County Government of Machakos to indicate that this particular program will start and end, I think this will bring a lot of problems to our operations because now we are almost on 11th November and in my ward I have not seen any single weir constructed.

Only cement was brought, 280 bags and 80 were stolen. I am lucky, some officers were sacked by His Excellency but I think we need to do something. These are things I am raising in this floor of the House to make sure that things are done appropriately. Two per each, protect me Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I am taking the point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, is it in order for Hon. Kathinzi to say that some 80 bags were stolen and that is why some officers were suspended by His Excellency the Governor when it is clear that the Governor's statement was that there was an intention, Mr. Speaker? He did not say 80 bags were stolen but he said that there was an intention to steal, Mr. Speaker. Is he in order to impute that the officers stole the cement or could he be having more information, Mr. Speaker? Because this was to happen or was it happening in his ward? Can he clarify that, Mr. Speaker?

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Kathinzi perhaps before you even address the House, I rule that you are practically out of order when you impute improper motive. I think stealing is a judicial conclusion and on the part of the Majority Leader, the Governor was not recorded in the proceedings of this House. The statement by the Governor doesn't form part of the record of the House. He is again out of order. May you proceed.

Hon. Kathinzi: So, thank you for that particular correction but Mr. Speaker this happened in my ward and in our language the vernacular says 'vai king'ei na musyaisya (committing and abetting theft are the same). This happened and these bags were transported to someone's home.

(Laughter)

Anyway, to get out of that, I am saying it is in order that I get that particular correction from the Majority Leader. However, we need to make sure that any program which has been set aside by the Government to make sure that our people are getting services, Mr. Speaker, it is in good intention that we speak the truth because the truth will remain truth until even we die, it will be the truth.

Mr. Speaker, when you go to item No. 4, which says that 'the County Government will spend Ksh. 30 million for procurement of disaster camp equip items and emergency response gears, as part of the department of health budget for 2015/16. Mr. Speaker, it is my expectation that, we should be having at least one camp ready to rescue our people especially one camp per every sub-County. I do not see the sense, where like a scenario which happened in Mlolongo, Mr. Speaker, if there was a rescue center somewhere, I think Hon. Rachel should not be worried, because some people could have been rescued but we cannot sit here in this Assembly purporting to wait until when things happen then we go start a fresh a procurement procedure to start buying those things to make sure people are safe---

Hon. Speaker: Indeed, Hon. Kathinzi that is why I asked the Majority Leader to give a statement on the rescue center tomorrow in the afternoon.

Hon. Kathinzi: I rest my case, Mr. Speaker, but I support this particular motion that, it is good to.....but we need to also try to Honourably request, Hon. Majority Leader, to kindly push with humility, the executive to execute this particular fund. It is very important, especially in my case, I am not able to move even when I am called by the residents to meet somewhere. We need to address the roads which are accessing the homes of our Hon. Members here, Mr. Speaker especially those who are coming from Yatta and Masinga. Those areas are impassable. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. May we can hear the Majority Leader, maybe he can tell us what are the active steps the Government is taking particularly to deal with the Mlolongo issue?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I said I be given some time and Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the immediate contributor that is the Hon. Member for Kivaa Ward that, Mr. Speaker, I do not need to push the Executive. I am just a conveyor belt, Mr. Speaker and a conveyor belt, will only convey what has been put on top of it and that is what I have exactly done. But tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, I think I will be able to answer what he has raised. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Allow us to hear Hon. Collins; we have not heard him in this House for some time.

Hon. Mbithi: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I think the last time you talked to the House you were not properly dressed.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mbithi: I was actually properly dressed but I thought the Speaker does not see but at that particular day he saw.

Hon. Speaker: I fear you may not be properly dressed. You may proceed.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mbithi: Lucky me, because the Speaker does not see, thank you. Mr. Speaker, this statement was sought by Hon. Felix Ngui on 30th September, 2015. As per the paper I am holding, if I am not wrong, the response from the Majority Leader was prepared on 8th October, 2015. Today, is 11th or 12th November, so it is a month down the line since this report was prepared. Mr. Speaker, if you look at this report, my first concern is a countywide cleaning exercise beginning October 16th to 18th. Mr. Speaker, we are in a Government which is very good in giving promises but very poor in implementing and if I am wrong, then I would like to be corrected. Did this exercise take place on 16th to 18th? And if it did, some of the serious concerns, I discovered from the Hon. Member for Mlolongo, is that the floods which were experienced in Mlolongo was due to blocked drainage systems. If this exercise took place, then why did we have those blocked drainage? Is it true it happened and if it did not happen, do we expect all this others to be implemented?

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, the *El-nino* rains started being focused on or rather foreseen, like two, three, four months ago by the weathermen. It is today, we are talking of weirs. It poured heavily yesterday night. Suppose we had some disasters in Masinga and we are talking of Landrovers, we are talking of helicopters, I think those Land rovers, those helicopters should be at standby for the immediate emergency kind of rescue. Suppose it rains today, and we have the report here, we do not have the Land rovers, maybe they are in Nairobi, how are we going to rescue the people of Machakos County?

I think we have to be practical, the Government has to be practical, it has to implement all these reports starting from the No. 9 and if it has not implemented No. 9, I am very much afraid whether the rest will be implemented. So my concern is; when do we expect to start seeing these measures implemented, the ones which can be handled immediately? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, let us hear Hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I fully support the report but I have some few concerns. No. 3, 'the County Government is in the process of constructing 500 weirs, small river dams to hold water in rivers and streams across all sub locations in the County.' Mr. Speaker, Sir, I believe money was set aside for 500 weirs and there was a formula which was used. We have 250 sub-locations in Machakos County and each Sub-location was to benefit with two weirs. I wanted a clarification from the Majority Leader, when did they reduce from 250 maybe to 80 because now they are talking of two weirs per ward? I understand that is the communication which is there and that is what is happening. So, Majority Leader, that is one of them. Another thing, Majority Leader, which I want a clarification---

Hon. Speaker: Address the Chair, Hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Sorry, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is another clarification I need. We are talking of emergency here and when something happens, the person on ground representing the Government is the Sub-County Administrator. Something happened in my ward and when you report to them, they seem not to be aware of what they can do. They have no measures to mitigate on that, they just tell you to see what you can do. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I will never stop wondering in this House, how can I see what I can do when money was set aside in this House, Kshs. 300 million to mitigate on those?

There is a drainage which needs to be done in my ward and I have been talking to the Sub-County Administrator about it for the last one year. Now it is a menace, it is blocking water, going into shops, doing all sort of things, what is the County Government doing and the Sub-County Administrator is aware? The engineer who was in charge if that sub-county was aware. The engineer who was in charge of that Sub-County was aware. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we would like to know, where can we report these things? If the Sub-County Administrator is not able, we will be forced to go to the DC's because once you go to the DC, something will be done and this is a County function. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, I hope the Majority Leader you are taking notes. There are specific issues that you may have to respond to like that is one of them and discussions of this kind, whenever an issue is raised, it needs to be candidly answered. So, you take up and we expect responses tomorrow. Yes let us hear Hon. Muthwani.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I just want to make some comments or some certain observations I need to make. Mr. Speaker, as the report says about equipment being dispatched to the ward levels to undertake emergency projects, Mr. Speaker, there is one major challenge that each and every Hon. Member who is present here and on whose ward those machines have maybe been seen there for a day or two, will say that they have experienced. There is a serious problem of fuel delivery because, fuel has to come all the way from Machakos and go to Masinga and go to Mavoko and go to every sub-county. Mr. Speaker, one, I do not think we are economical enough because the same car using to supplying fuel in Machakos is actually almost like one car which is supplying fuel in almost all the eight sub-counties and it is not economical and it does not even serve the spirit of devolution where you decentralize services, Mr. Speaker.

So, I would request Mr. Speaker, if the Government is seriously committed to this course, we do not want to see fuel being availed from January or February next year when it is not raining. As at that time it is going to be useless, it will not serve the purpose that is intended for, and then all over sudden we are brought a budget here to approve a budget of like supplementary budget of Ksh. 300 million, being told that, this is what you discuss in the floor of the House, to undertake the El-Nino project yet I only received a 100 or 200 litres of fuel. So, Mr. Speaker, I am requesting the Majority Leader to advise the Government to see on the need of using the most, if possible the most nearest petrol station which is available in every ward. I do have to come for fuel in Machakos, while there are so many petrol stations within Mavoko Sub-County Mr. Speaker, Sir.

So, that is one major challenge that we are facing because at times the equipment is even taking a full week before we even have them fuelled. It is a challenge. When you call the pick-up that is meant to do that work, it is in Muthesya, when you call the same pick-up, it is in Wamunyu, when you call the same pick-up it is in Masinga. I do not think it is fair, Mr. Speaker. So that is a matter that needs to be addressed.

The other issue and that really is my concern is about the cleaning that has just been spoken by Hon. Collins, about those people who are supposed to clean the culverts, Mr. Speaker. I am speaking with practical experience, Mr. Speaker. My ward borders the entire airport grounds, the entire airport compound. All the water that is coming from the airport land drains to my ward. Mr. Speaker, I had to use my own money to see how I can block those waters such that such kind of Hon. Members like Hon. Katela, can tell me to take them to court. You can hear what he is speaking. That is the kind of integrity we have in such kind of Members, Mr. Speaker, when he says I take him to court---

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Dominic. Can you proceed, I did not appear to have heard that, just proceed.

Hon. Maitha: He said I take them to court. Well thank you, Mr. Speaker, but *tunajuana* Mr. Speaker. So what I am saying is this, Mr. Speaker, this is an exercise that the County Government needs to take with a lot of seriousness, Mr. Speaker. When I try to imagine what I saw to my neighboring ward, for Hon. Rachel's Mlolongo, it is unbelievable. It is unbelievable and it is just a simple answer, our drainage systems are totally poor. Hon. Kathinzi who is here, Hon. Muthesya who is here and I wish the Hon. Member for Ndithini could be here, those who traverse through the by-pass. The Nairobi County started clearing its culverts as early as September. No single culvert along the by-pass and I can testify Mr. Speaker and even my neighboring ward, Utawala ward, no single culvert is silted, they have de-silted their culverts.

Water is passing clearly but in Machakos which was supposed to start mid-October, we are still waiting. The issue of the weirs, I called the sub-county engineer who is in charge of the department and all what she could afford to tell me is; cement is available but we do not have sand, we do not have ballast, so I get my local people which is even written in this paper. It is saying clearly 'communities where river dams are being built have been asked to provide labor and locally available materials like sand, stones and gravel. The big question is, they were not willing to pay, they are telling them to provide free of charge. Mr. Speaker, I think we have had past experience and we know very well that, these people cannot provide free materials, if you

are not being paid. They cannot provide free labor even if the service is meant to help them and we have already allocated monies for that, Mr. Speaker.

So, I think it is the high time that the Hon. Majority Leader pushes his Government to expedite what they have put here because I am sure, in the next time we will be discussing this, Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader will be here, his jaws well prepared and his army well prepared to pass a supplementary budget for Ksh. 300 million, Mr. Speaker yet nothing has been done. So, we want to see monies allocated and monies doing the right works and by so doing, the Majority Leader will not have any hard time in this Assembly. He will not have to push his people to pass things. He will only have to see things sail through because what Members are asking for, what this Government has promised has been done.

If it is time for *El-Nino*, we are supposed to open the culverts. If it is time to repair our dams, let us repair our dams because when this rain goes then starting form next year, we will be talking about water issues. So this is the high time that we need to do it even if needs to hire more equipment, Mr. Speaker, let the County Government hire equipment, incur extra debts, they will bring the supplementary budget in this House and because we have seen what has been done, we will be able to pass that supplementary budget.

More so, Mr. Speaker, another concern, when there are rains, it is the high time for crime. Mr. Speaker, I can honestly say that I have moved to quite a number of towns within Machakos Town where the County Government has erected *Mulika Mwizis* (floodlights) but most of them are not lighting up, most of them are already dead. Mr. Speaker, can the Majority Leader.....and I even sought a statement on the same. Most *Mulika Mwizis* (floodlights) Mr. Speaker, which were erected in almost all the wards, in most markets, they are not working. So, what is the purpose of having them there, they are not working, and you know very well history has it that, during rainy season that is when there is a lot crime, that is when thieves take advantage. Because when it is raining, you cannot come out of your house.

So we need to also have those *Mulika Mwizis* (floodlights) lit up so that if we are true to the course, true to what we are saying here, then we protect our people and give the people the services that we want. We do not want to have history in papers and then there is nothing happening on the ground. Let us see actual service delivery and as I over emphasize the issue of fuel, Majority Leader, can you kindly tell your Government to decentralize that service so that if the grader does not have fuel, within an hour or two hours time, even the grader can move and be fueled instead of having to wait for a pick up for a whole day or two to have it fueled. I think we are not true to the calling, Mr. Speaker. So, kindly Majority Leader, whatever has been promised here, let it be delivered, not just mere stories, Mr. Majority Leader. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Majority Leader appears to respond. He wants to answer but not until we hear Hon. Rachel.

Hon. (Ms.) Nduku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me another opportunity to support this motion, and also want to correct Hon. Majority Leader, because somebody has told him that he should push the Executive and what he has said, in fact has disturbed me. When he said that he will convey the message but he is not a stranger in this House. He knows the way the Executive drags their feet in some issues. Mr. Speaker, this motion we are discussing today as the majority of Members have quoted my ward, it needs urgent measures because the *El-nino*

now has degenerated as a killer emergency in my ward because you are aware that I have lost three people in my ward out of this, and I want to concur with Hon. Mueni what she told Majority Leader, because if I look at the report, I have summarized the report in detailed points because I have been liking at it, word by word and I have not seen anything coming out from this report concerning the preventive measure of *El-Nino* effects.

I want to remind Majority Leader, the mover of the motion, that some of the things here put in this report, are very urgent as far as our wards are concerned, one being weirs construction. If Majority Leader will consider what Hon. Mueni has said, forming a smaller committee to look at these issues because if we had that committee looking at these things, the weirs which are planned to be built in every ward, Mr. Speaker, my ward does not need weirs because I do not have dams. When I went to sub-county administrator in Mavoko offices, they told me I was allocated four weirs and I asked them, where the weirs will be built and they could not tell because I was not asked where the weirs will be built.

So, I do not know this number which was put here, 500 weirs. It came from where because I only need drifts, foot bridges, and maybe something to connect my area from one place to another. My area does not have rivers where I can build weirs to have water or that, my ward has drains, and it is not a river. So, I want to ask Majority Leader, as he convenes that committee, if he will, to look at that because if I do not need weir, now what I should need is to be compensated by having drifts and footbridges and I remember I told him when were meeting with the CECs in Governor's offices.

The other point I have noted here is, disaster camp items of which he has said he will answer by tomorrow. The other point I have noted here is about labor and items from local community. Mr. Speaker, something the Executive has not noted in this County is that, the 40 wards in Machakos County are different. We are not equal. They do not consider the factor affecting the wards in Machakos County.

(Applause)

If Mr. Speaker, even the.....it is just that, it was a coincidence that I never raised an issue when we were discussing about ward development fund. It is only that, it was the first fund which was discussed here, I kept quiet because I knew Ksh. 20 million in my ward is not equal but I kept quiet because I knew since we began this Assembly, everything has been equal and the wards are not equal.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, when we talk of disaster camp items, I think this County should consider the urban areas where population is dense and also people are busy and a lot of activities are taking place. Now, when we talk of local materials to be provided by the community. I think the people who were writing this report, they were considering the wards in rural areas where you find a river, where you find stones belonging to nobody, but in towns, everything is money, everything belongs to people, you cannot just go to a community.

(Applause)

My place has no community, we are in cosmopolitan towns, we have Kikuyus, we have Luos. Nowhere will I go and asked Kikuyu to give me free stones, where will I go and ask Luo person to give me free gravel? Mr. Speaker, I think the writer of this report and whoever were discussing to come up with these things, they never considered cosmopolitan areas. The other thing, Mr. Speaker, I want to fraise in this Hon. House, is about standby heavy equipment. We know what is going on in this County as far as equipment is concerned.

On the issue, I will not repeat what Hon. Dominic has said concerning fuel because we are all suffering the same, for the previous days I have been using my car to come for the fuel all the way from Mlolongo to Machakos because when I call somebody to ask for fuel, they tell me if you have means to come for the fuel, buy jerricans, come for the fuel. I have been doing that and you know, Mr. Speaker, we have only three roles in this House. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about another point which in this report they have highlighted that this issue of *El-nino* needs urgent planning. I do not see anything which was done urgently. Mr. Speaker, protect me---

Hon. Speaker: Protected.

Hon. Nduku: Because I am the most affected---

Hon. Speaker: I understand but let me take the point of order. I share grieve with you. Kindly have a seat Hon. Rachel.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, while sharing grief with the Hon. Member, she has just said she has been coming for fuel for the equipment here in Machakos Town. Mr. Speaker, the constitution and County Government Act defines the roles of Members of County Assemblies. Mr. Speaker, could the Member substantiate whether she has become an Executer of the County Executive responsibilities rather than an oversight, legislative and representative responsibility and Mr. Speaker, if so then, would she be implying to mean that the County Executive Arm of Machakos has failed in its executive role, that is why she has been required to undertake a role that does not belong to herself? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I think we have to be honest to ourselves and we want to help this County to grow, let us not hide our heads under the sand. The fact of the matter is Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members have been ferrying fuel using their cars. I met Hon. Kathinzi and Hon. Muli from Ndithini carrying fuel from the National Oil petrol station. Right now, less than 10 minutes ago, I went out, I have been called by the person in-charge of fuel to organize for a pick up to go and pick fuel from Kitengela, Kenol petrol station. Why are we cheating ourselves? Let us be honest to ourselves, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, inform the House Hon. Member for Ndithini.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to enforce the point which Hon. for Mlolongo has placed in this House that, it is true what has been said and regardless, Mr. Speaker, we know our responsibilities. Mr. Speaker, some things are becoming now beyond our measures, you find Mr. Speaker, if you do not take action or you do not react on issues where by the Deputy Speaker, is saying we know our mandate, Mr. Speaker, nothing will be implemented in your ward. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, what has been spoken by Hon. of Mlolongo, is true and nothing but the truth. I am the victim on the circumstances, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you but my worry is; is there anything wrong with taking fuel to your people Hon. Member from Ndithini? Is there anything wrong to find fuel and take to your people? Is that wrong?

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, it is not wrong but in one way or the other, the Deputy Speaker has reacted as if we are not doing the right issue.

Hon. Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Muli: Thanks.

Hon. Speaker: Let us take this point of information.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, as you have noticed now, I have come late because I was ferrying fuel for a grader in my ward.

(Applause)

But I do not see anything wrong with that. That is why these people elected me. If you are getting tired of doing what you were elected for, you better walk out.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Point of order by the Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, I tend to believe that there is something terribly wrong if a Member of this House will commit his time to go and ferry fuel for the public, Mr. Speaker because there is the principal separation of powers Mr. Speaker that demands the Execution of the County Government duties to be done by the County Executive. When a Member gets out of this House, goes and takes fuel from the County Executive and drives with that fuel within their car, what if tomorrow we will find that the fuel that they took did not reach the people? Mr. Speaker, Members should be able to desist from undertaking roles that do not belong to them because this County Government has employed staff to undertake those responsibilities.

We have budgeted for funds to provide vans, to provide pickups, Mr. Speaker, to transport this fuel from wherever point to where the equipment is, Mr. Speaker. If it is the County Executive that is failing, Mr. Speaker, it is the duty of the responsible Chairpersons to take action against the various departmental heads that have not been able to implement the

duties that have been given to them. Mr. Speaker, it becoming a norm of members of this House, going out of their way, leaving their oversight, representation and legislative roles to go and implement County Government programs and plans, Mr. Speaker.

That is jeopardizing the Constitutional mandate of these Members, Mr. Speaker. It is jeopardizing the statutory mandate of the members of this House, Mr. Speaker and in the longer end, some of them even may end up accused of participating in corrupt practices because they may be doing this to appear to impress the people that they are taking the fuel to them and yet that is not their duty Mr. Speaker.

Their duty is to identify the projects that are required to be done and demand that those projects are done to the satisfaction of the people that they represent but somebody purporting to go and do the project on behalf of the people, Mr. Speaker, this itself is tantamount to contradicting the principal of separation of powers that demands the County Executive functions separately but inter-dependently with the County Assembly and inter-dependence, in this case, must not be misinterpreted to mean a member offering to go and transport this fuel, Mr. Speaker.

So my point of concern is; if members are moving out of their way to go and undertake roles that do not belong to them, then Mr. Speaker, we are jeopardizing the institutions that are supposed to guard against the collapse of devolution, Mr. Speaker, and this House, has that duty to ensure that these duties are conducted within the given legal framework.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, but for fear of derailing debate, the matter of who to transport fuel and when will be led to the personal judgment of each Member. I will allow Hon. Rachel to proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Nduku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate. I was on the point of urgent planning so that Majority Leader can help us to gain or get what is required for the emergency cases. There is this issue of hospital equipment, Mr. Speaker, as you are aware now that the floods are all over in our areas, I would wish to request also the mover of the motion to take note of that because most of our hospitals have no drugs and now any outbreak, the outbreak of any disease, is awaiting us. The other is displacement of households which has affected my people but I hope Majority Leader will answer to that tomorrow as he has said. All these points I have taken them from this report also concerning food decay, aflatoxin which also may affect our people.

I would wish to request the mover of the motion or whoever will take care of this report to take it very serious and also to take the urgent measures which are required to help our people not to die again. In fact, it is very sad for people to die out of *El-nino* rains whereby the plans were planned long time ago. It is the issue of implementing the plans which were planned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and as I finish I want to remind Deputy Speaker, that the respect which the leaders of this House they are given by the Executive, it is not the same respect we, as Members from the wards are given.

Maybe, the equipment which are working in his ward, he just picks a call and calls and people come. But in our case it is very different, Mr. Speaker, we take like two to three days for

an officer in the offices to respond to our calls. Thank you. He was speaking like as if he has come from the moon and he is living in this County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the Majority Leader will remind him that he is not in the moon.

(Laughter)

I think with the passionate remarks that Hon. Rachel has made in this Assembly, and given that she has lost three of her electorates, I was on the view that the Majority Leader should form a quick Committee that should visit the site and come up with proposals tomorrow in the afternoon. I do not know. What is your view Hon. Majority Leader? I think the Assembly should go to the site and grieve with the Member and find out exactly what should be done urgently and we have all the day up to tomorrow afternoon.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. But I do not think it will be possible for this committee to visit Mlolongo ward and bring a report back tomorrow. Maybe Mr. Speaker, as other precautions are under taken, we can say the Committee I am going to form, Mr. Speaker, they visit Mlolongo tomorrow, Friday and they bring back the report on Tuesday for the interest of time, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: That will be fine, yes alright.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): I also want your direction and guidance on how many Members the Committee should have.

Hon. Speaker: I propose a committee of 10, maybe.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): I think it should be an odd number, Mr. Speaker, because if they do not agree on some issues they can vote. Can we have a committee of nine?

Hon. Speaker: A committee of nine or eleven?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): The Minority gives four I give five.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, proceed, proceed, yes.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker. With that Mr. Speaker, I want to respond to a few issues which have been raised by Hon. Members and I start by saying that some issues which have been repeatedly raised by these Members, I had earlier said I will respond to them tomorrow in the afternoon. Mr. Speaker, on the issue of construction of the 500 weirs, Mr. Speaker, across the County, where the County Government had budgeted for two weirs in each sub-location, Mr. Speaker, I want to say it is true that materials were provided and others were to be provided by the local community. Mr. Speaker, many a time I have said that as

elected members from a ward, we should be in charge and take responsibility of our ward, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, why am I saying this? Mr. Speaker, the Executive has no duty to talk with the communities we represent, for them to provide the locally available material. Mr. Speaker, I want to give an example of my ward where I represent, other than being Leader of the Majority. I organized two *barazas* Mr. Speaker, and already now two weirs have been done to completion. Mr. Speaker, if you send a committee, they will agree, they will attest to what I am saying here, Mr. Speaker. These two weirs are in Mukusu Sub-Location that is in Masinga location Mr. Speaker. What I did is I sent my PA, the elder man and the Assistant Chief. They mobilized the community, and the community had to provide the local available materials, that is sand, gravel and water.

Those two weirs have done it completion Mr. Speaker. Even if you know your duties, the three core duties, we should go a step further and talk to our community and they know that we are in charge of that community. So, Mr. Speaker, we should not sit and say the County Government should provide the locally available materials, Mr. Speaker. One, if we involve the community, they will own the project and they will take care of the project. But if we just sit and say the County Government should provide all the material, I think we will be misleading our communities, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the other issue I want to raise is the issue of fuel, Mr. Speaker. I want to agree with Hon. Rachel and other members who have raised this issue. I do not see anything wrong with that, Mr. Speaker. If that is wrong, to ferry fuel from your ward from the headquarters, it was also wrong, Mr. Speaker, for this Hon. Members to push the Executive to start projects in our wards which are being done now by the machinery when they had not planned for that, Mr. Speaker. Before we start accusing the Executive, and saying that we are going out of our way, and I wanted to say this to the Deputy Speaker although he has left, Mr. Speaker, he mobilized members to push the Executive that was going out of our way. There is nothing wrong for these Members ferrying fuel from the headquarters for that fuel to be used by the machinery which we pushed for Mr. Speaker and the Government was not prepared for that.

(Applause)

The other issue I want to raise Mr. Speaker, still on that issue Mr. Speaker, Members let us bear with the situation because you know there are issues of procurement, Mr. Speaker. As we speak, some Members of staff in the Executive side also in the Assembly side are not in their offices, they are not performing their duties. Why? It is because of issue of procurement. So, we cannot have the Executive just buying fuel from the available local filling stations because of the issue of procurement. Another issue I want to talk about is the issue of insecurity which has been raised by Hon. Dominic Maitha although he has gone out, about the floodlights popularly known as the *Mulika Mwizi*. I want to say, in all the 16 wards, where the *Mulika Mwizis* had been put, actually now the County Government is waiting for the Kenya Power to supply the meter.

Right now the meter boxes are in place, we have the County Government which has done its work, we are waiting for the Kenya Power to do its duty of supplying the meters, Mr. Speaker. The other issue I wanted to....it is the issue of Committee and I started with that.

Finally I want to empathize and sympathize and grieve with the Hon. Member for Mavoko for losing two to three votes, Mlolongo, sorry for losing three votes and also grieve with the affected families. With that Mr. Speaker, I think the membership of that Committee that has been proposed will be ready tomorrow because we cannot have Members going out, having not been communicated officially on the floor of the House. So that they can start their work on Friday, Saturday or over the weekend, Mr. Speaker. I will let you give a directive that---

Hon. Speaker: Owing to the urgency of the matter, I will allow you to proceed immediately you form the Committee tomorrow.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Then by the time we meet, perhaps, you will have visited and consoled with Hon. Rachel. Hon. Members, the purpose of the day's debate was for us to air our challenges on *El-Nino* and we have done that. We shall continue tomorrow unless there is a must point. Yes. Let us hear Hon. Ngui and then we hear you.

Hon. Ngui: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity because I am the one who sought the statement from the Majority Leader which we are discussing today, and Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Majority Leader for the good work he has done to bring the report to this House. But Mr. Speaker, concerning the preparedness of the *El-Nino*, I want to state to this House that, the Ksh. 300 million that was set for the *El-Nino* preparedness, may turn out to be another CCTV scam in this County or also maybe the Anglo-Leasing scam in this Country. Mr. Speaker, you realize that---

Hon. Speaker: Yes, I will take the point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the Hon. Member for Katangi ward and the Chairperson of transport to impute that, we have had a scam on CCTV cameras, Mr. Speaker? I have never had of it.

Hon. Speaker: (*Addressing Hon. Ngui was standing*) Kindly have a seat. Proceed, conclude.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I had already concluded.

Hon. Speaker: Okay.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): I wanted to know whether it is in order for him to impute that we have had a CCTV scam in Machakos County. I have never heard of that, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: All I know, I have not heard of that. Hon. Ngui is out of order and he has lost his right of audience. Let us hear Hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I had requested something from the Majority Leader. At what point did the weirs reduce from 500 to maybe 80? Two weirs per Sub-Location to two weirs per ward and also Mr. Speaker, report to this Hon. House that, there is also another disaster in Kangundo but not in my ward but in Kangundo Central. Somebody died of a collapsing wall because of the *El-Nino* rains. So, as Hon. Rachel is being visited, they can as well do something in Kangundo Central. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I am sure Majority Leader you have taken note of that?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): On the issue of weirs, Mr. Speaker, I am not aware whether they have reduced from two in each sub-location to two in each ward. I am not aware and I do not want to comment on hearsay, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Then promise to address the issue now that you have some time, Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Tomorrow in the evening, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, the nature of the debate will now require a question and will mark the close of debate today; we will have the matter mentioned again tomorrow in the afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Any further business? Then the House will adjourn until tomorrow afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 4.14 p.m.