

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 10th August, 2021

The House met at 10.39 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

PAPER LAID

REPORT ON THE ASSEMBLY BROADCASTING POLICY

Hon. (Ms.) Luka: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today Tuesday 10th August, 2021; the report of the Committee on Broadcasting and Library Services on the Assembly Broadcasting Policy. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jacinta.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT ON THE ASSEMBLY BROADCASTING POLICY

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by Hon. Jacinta Luka.

Hon. (Ms.) Luka:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that the national values and principles of governance bind all state organs, officers and persons when interpreting the Constitution and when making or implementing public policy decisions. The values include rule of law, participation of the people and transparency;

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that Article 35 of the same Constitution recognizes that every citizen has the right of access to information, which is held by the State or another person which is further effected by the Access to Information Act No. 31 of 2016;

Aware that Standing Order no. 215(3)(a) of the Machakos County Assembly Standing Order mandates the Committee on Broadcasting and Library Services to Consider and report on all matters relating to broadcasting of Assembly proceedings. These include reporting on rules, policies and procedures and any other matters relating to broadcasting in plenary, committees and events;

Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the fact that the said Committee considered the Assembly broadcasting policy which provides guidelines on how the Assembly proceedings shall be regulated both internally and externally. This is in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 County Governments Act, 2012 Access to Information

Act, 2016 and the Fair Administrative Action Act, the County Assembly Standing Orders, Speaker's Rules and other written laws;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Broadcasting and library services Committee Report on the Assembly Broadcasting Policy.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jacinta Luka.

MOTION

REPORT ON COUNTY ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT, 2019/2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business to be transacted by Hon. Cosmus Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker. that aware that Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that the County Executive Committee shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular report on all matters relating to the County;

Further, aware that Article 185(3) of the Constitution provides that a County Assembly, while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and any other County Executive organs;

Further aware that, Section 47 of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides that;

1. The County Executive Committee shall design a Performance Management Plan to evaluate performance of the County Public Service and the implementation of County Policies.
2. The plan shall provide for among others:
 - a) Objective, measurable and time bound performance indicators;
 - b) Linkage to mandates;
 - c) Annual performance reports;
 - d) Citizen participation in the evaluation of the performance of county Government; and
 - e) Public sharing of performance progress reports

Hon. Speaker, noting that the County Annual Progress Report was compiled by the Department of Economic Planning after external resources mobilization with input from departmental monitoring and evaluation champions in collaboration with sub-county, ward and village administrators who provided key data on status of projects;

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that the 2019/2020 C-APR was subjected to Sectoral committees' interrogation, which involved presentations by the respective Chief Officers and the reports presented to the committee on Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of Committee on Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on the Annual Progress Report, 2019/2020 FY.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to call upon Hon. Mulu to second the motion.

Hon. Mulu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to second.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kieti, you may read the report please.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker it is a report on committee on trade, economic planning and industrialization on a report on the Annual Progress Report 2019/2020 financial year.

Committee composition

The committee has 13 Members as follows:

1.	Hon. Cosmos Kieti	-Chairperson
2.	Hon. Antony Mulu	-Vice-chairperson
3.	Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku	-Member
4.	Hon. Judas Ndawa	"
5.	Hon. Betty Nzioki	"
6.	Hon. Christine Koki	"
7.	Hon. Brian Kisila	"
8.	Hon. Josphat Kasyoki	"
9.	Hon. Joseph Wambua	"
10.	Hon. Mark Muendo	"
11.	Hon. Mohammed Ali	"
12.	Hon. Peter Mutiso	"
13.	Hon. Moses Mitaa	"

3.0: Sectoral Committees' interrogations

Hon. Speaker, the 2019/2020 CAPR was subjected to sectoral committees' interrogations which involved presentations by the respective Chief Officers; the emerging reports were presented to the committee on trade, economic planning and industrialization. The reports covered the following:

1. Analysis of the departmental performance and scrutiny as to whether the said achievements were actually realized.
2. Drawing of observations and recommendations regarding departmental performance.

*3.1 Department of agriculture**The quarter acre program*

7,500 targets for farm ponds were set but only 707 farm ponds were constructed translating to an achievement of 10.6 per cent. Two back hoes were targeted for purchase with the department reporting nil purchases sitting insufficiency of farms.

Under the same program the department targeted to purchase 1,600 pond liners reporting actual performance of 78 pond liners translating to an achievement of 4.8 per cent. 2,000 farmers were set to benefit from horticultural seed crops; the seeds had been purchased for the target group but not distributed at the time of reporting. For agrochemicals, 2,000 beneficiaries were targeted and purchases but not distributed at the time of reporting.

ii) Motorcycle for extension services

The department set a target of 20 extension motorcycles and managed to get 13 which was an achievement of 65 per cent, free tractor program the department had a target to plough 9,000 acres and managed to 407 achieving a performance of 5.5 per cent. You can see the earnings of the APR for beneficiaries allocation.

4. The free seeds

The department targeted to distribute 160 tonnes of free seeds and managed only to 60 tons of beans and green grams which is 38 per cent since the budget allocated was insufficient, for beneficiaries see annex 2 of the APR.

5. *Fruit seedling*

The department targeted to distribute 80,000 fruit seedlings and managed to distribute 20,000 seedlings which is 25 per cent of target.

6. *Subsidized fertilizer*

The department target to issue 150,000 bags to farmers but only 10,473 bags were distributed which is 70 per cent target.

7. *Kenya Cereals Enhancement Program and Climate Resilience*

This program was set to benefit 16 wards in Yatta, Mwala and Masinga sub-counties. It targeted 3,032 farmers but benefited 753 farmers at a cost of Ksh. 140,000,000 a performance of 225 per cent surpassing the set target.

8 *Free Chicks program*

The department targeted to issue 100,000 chicks but issues 29,932 chicks translating to a 30 per cent performance. (For beneficiaries, you can look at the annex 3 of the APR)

9 *Free livestock vaccination*

The department targeted to vaccinate 140,000 livestock but managed only 110,445 which is an achievement of 79 per cent (For beneficiaries, see the annex 4 of the APR)

10 *Artificial insemination*

20,000 heads of cattle were to be inseminated, but the department did not attain this. The Chief Officer indicated that the procurement process was ongoing at the time of reporting.

11 *Pasture distribution*

The department targeted to issue 6 tons of pasture but managed 1.3 tonnes, translating to 22 per cent performance rate (for beneficiaries refer to annex.5 of the APR)

1) *Dips construction*

This program was meant to benefit Mwala, Athi River, Kibauni, Kyeleni, Kangundo East, Matuu, Kathiani Central, Kivaa, Kithyoko, and Kalama wards .The Chief Officer reported that it had not been undertaken as it was not in the CIDP.

13 *Aquaculture*

The department maintained one hatchery at the Machakos Agricultural Training Center and set a target of 200,000 fingerlings for distribution to farmers out of which 93,160 translating to a performance of 47 per cent.

14. *Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project*

The department projected to enhance resilience to climate change risks through 12 projects within Kalama, Ikombe, Matungulu north and Kangundo Central. The 15 per cent performance achievement was reported having completed Kitambaasa dam and with Kilaatu water pump with 50 per cent completion rate two other projects were awaiting World Bank clearance at the time of reporting.

15. *Small Holder Irrigation and Value Addition Project*

The program said to develop 15 water-harvesting structures within Kivaa, Kithyoko ward hydro-geological survey and Environmental Impact Assessment had been done for six boreholes and livestock market construction locations identified. These translated to a 10 per cent achievement rate.

16. Co-operative marketing and value chain

1,000 tons of coffee was milled within a target of 1,200 tons which was an achievement of 83 per cent.

17. Growth and development of co-operatives

The target was to register 25 new cooperatives and 24 were registered which is 96 per cent achievement.

18. Cooperative audits and inspection

The department set a target to conduct 50 audits but managed to achieve 79 surpassing the set target.

19. Cooperative governance

The department targeted to increase compliance to cooperative legislation in 98 cooperatives and held 83 annual general meetings translating to an achievement of 84 per cent.

20. Co-operative capacity development

The department set to train 150 cooperative members but trained 2,995 member which is over 100 per cent of the set target.

21. Co-operative societies, ICT infrastructure

The department targeted to develop one cooperative database which was achieved. Two data collection exercises carried out.

311 OBSERVATION

Hon. Speaker, the committee observed the following:

1. Preparation of the Annual Progress Report and the implementation of the targeted projects were in line with section 125 of the Public Finance Management Act of 2012.
2. The report did not include an annex showing beneficiaries of the quarter acre project.
3. Insufficient budget allocation was cited as the reason the department did not meet many of the targets. It appears that the department set high targets because 70 per cent of the projects did not meet the set targets.
4. Under cooperative marketing and value chain, the target was planned equipment procurement and installation but reported on coffee production indicating a discrepancy in reporting.
5. Some projects like the small-holder irrigation and value chain have never picked up; the project is still at service stage.
6. The project on dip construction is a critical project that was omitted from the CIDP hence not implemented.
7. The overall performance for the department was only 42 per cent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The department should set targets proportional to the budget allocation for the year to avoid setting targets that cannot be met.
2. The department should strategically align the procurement process with the timelines implementations so that projects can be initiated and completed by the end of the financial year.
3. There should be strict monitoring of the projects funded by the World Bank alongside observance of implementation timelines to avoid donors withdrawing their support. The de-

partment of agriculture should ensure that a report on all donor funded project is submitted to Hon. Members for information and awareness.

4. All the projects that relate to the quarter acre initiative, smart climate and Kenya climate change resilience programs should first address the water harvesting program which will propel other agriculture and food security programs.
5. The economic planning department should review the CIDP 2018/2022 in the mid-term to ensure that left out programs such as cattle dips construction are included.

ROADS, TRANSPORT, HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS

1) Road network development and maintenance

Hon. Speaker 20km of roads were year marked for tarmacking the 2019/2020 financial year. The targeted projects were projected to benefit Muthwani, Masii, Muthetheni and Mua wards. The department only managed to tarmac 7.8km at a cost 71.2 million which is 23 per cent of performance. The department also targeted to mark 4.3km of roads countywide but only managed 3.2km at a cost of Ksh. 900,000 which was an achievement of 75 per cent.

Hon. Speaker the department also undertook grading of roads across the county and managed to grade 1,684km at a cost of Ksh. 23 million. 90 km of road were targeted for gravelling in the 2019/2020 financial year. The department managed 211km at a cost of Ksh. 191.2 million translating to Ksh. 906,000 for every km graveled.

Hon. Speaker, on construction of drips, the department had a target of constructing 1,000 meters of drips and managed 786 meters at a cost of Ksh. 69.4 million which was an achievement of 76.8 per cent.

On construction of culverts, the department had a target of 1,984 meters of culverts. The department installed 1,086 meters at a cost of Ksh. 26.8 million an achievement of 54 per cent.

On installation of gabions, the target was 893 installations with the department managing to install 840 gabions at a cost of Ksh. 12.6million and achieved 94 per cent of the target.

2) Fleet expansion and maintenance

Hon. Speaker the targets under this program were to maintain machinery, plant and vehicles, construct workshop and fit county vehicles with tracking systems. In maintenance, oils, lubricants and repair parts were purchased at a cost of Ksh. 30 million. No funds were allocated for construction of the workshop and purchase of vehicle tracking systems.

3) Transport sector improvement

Hon. Speaker, the department had targeted to improve three bus parks in Matuu, Mavoko and Tala. This was not achieved as there were no funds allocated for the projects.

4) Public works

a) The Machakos conference facility superstructure was at a 100 per cent completion rate, the roofing at 100 per cent, internal and external finishes going on at the time of reporting. The report however did not show the amount spent.

b) County office block at Machakos was at 90 per cent completion rate with the west wing completely finished.

c) Construction of county office Matuu was at 97 per cent completion rate with the sub-structure and roofing done at the time of reporting. Staff housing and VIP washrooms works were going on.

d) Commercial development mixed use building in Machakos at stalled 18 per cent of the time of reporting with the contract termination process ongoing.

e) Office block 12 storey scored at 10 per cent sub-structure level.

5) KRB roads

The overall completion of KRB roads is annexed on pages 89 to 96 of the APR was at 97 per cent of the time of reporting. Members of County Assembly were not aware of the scope of the work thus making oversight challenge.

OBSERVATIONS

1. For the 7.8km of road that were tarmacked at a cost of Ksh. 71.2 Million, there was no break-down on how many kilometers were done in the four beneficial wards of Muthwani, Masii, Muthetheni and Mua.
2. On development of road network, the report said that 33.2 kilometers of road had been marked at a cost of Ksh. 900,000 million against a target of 4.3kilometers an achievement of 75 per cent. There was no elaboration on the specific roads marked.
3. On grading of roads across the county, 1604 kilometers were done at a cost of Ksh. 23 Million. No details were given on exact location, the money spent translating to almost 13,000 per kilometer was also too high.
4. Insufficient budget allocation was cited as a cause of why the department did not meet set targets.
- 5) Contractors abandoned sites due to lack of payment was observed while other contractors completed the project but had not been paid at the time of reporting.
- 6) The committee noted that a number of graders had not been maintained for the last one year.
- 7) The department set high targets which were not achieved within the available resources.
- 8) Some projects like transport sector improvement such as bus parks had not taken off
- 9) The Covid-19 pandemic interrupted most of 2019/2020 third and fourth quarter programs.
10. Some projects especially in the public works have taken more than three years to complete and others have stalled.

(3.22) RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The departments should set targets proportional to the budget allocation for the year to avoid setting targets that cannot be met. This is because of the roads, transport and public department is key in economic growth.
- 2) The departments should strategically align the procurement process with the timelines of implementation so that projects can be implemented at the end of the financial year and also enable them to pay the contractors on time and avoid projects spilling over to the next financial year.
- 3) The departments should first complete the ongoing projects before starting new projects in the subsequent financial years.
- 4) The Members of the County Assembly should be made aware of the scope of work on the projects undertaken by the department to be able to undertake proper oversight.
- 5) A thorough report is sought to explain the status and funds already utilized on the commercial development mixed-used building in Machakos that was reported to have stalled a 10 per cent at the time of reporting.
- 6) Report is sort regarding the 12 storey office block which is stalled at 10 per cent substructure level.
- 7) The committee on transport and roads seeks and interrogates a report indicating the amounts spent on each of the KRB roads.

Committee on environment, Lands, Energy and Natural resources Department of water and irrigation, boreholes

Hon. Speaker the committee undertook random site visits on 30th September, 2020 in different places to establish the status of borehole drilling, reticulation and powering. The committee divide themselves in three clusters to collect information on boreholes projects that were mentioned in the 2019/2020 Annual Progress Report. The sampled boreholes are allocated in Kagundo Central

Ward, Tala ward, Kangundo East, Kangundo West, Matungulu East, Matungulu North, Mua Ward, Machakos Central, Kinanie, Kathiani, Mutituni, Matuu, Muthwani and Muvuti Kiima Kimwe wards

Tala ward

1. Mukalwa primary school borehole
Reticulation was done to 0.9 km as indicated in the annual progress report for 2019/2020.
2. Katine HGM primary school borehole
Powering and reticulation was completed and the borehole is in use.
3. Kyeleni Athi dam
Surveying was done. However, the works had not started at the time of reporting.

Matungulu North Ward

1. Kwa Mwaura community borehole
Reticulation was done to 1.2km. However, the pipes were removed during the construction of the Tala-Oldonyo Sabuk road and plans are underway to restore the pipes.

Kangundo East Ward

Manyatta primary school borehole

Reticulation was done as reported in the annual progress report for 2019/2020. However, there is need for more pipes to complete the remaining section. The borehole uses hydro-electric power for operating the pump where the bills are paid by the county government and there are four quarter distribution lines connected to the borehole which serve the community with water.

Kavilinguni water project

In this borehole, reticulation was done as mentioned in the report; the borehole uses an hydroelectric power and borehole is in use

Kathome dispensary

Reticulation was done as reported in the Annual Progress Report for 2019/2020. However, at the time of reporting, the machine was faulty and required pump testing.

Kamanzi secondary school borehole

Reticulation was done as reported in the Annual Progress Report for 2019/2020.

Kangundo Central ward

- 1) Kangundo police borehole
Solar panels installed and the borehole is in use.

Matungulu East ward

Maembeni borehole

As indicated in the Annual Progress Report, the borehole was installed with power and a distribution to 500m was undertaken.

Kangundo West ward

i) Kwandeto primary school

Reticulation to 1km was done as reported in the annual progress report.

ii) Kithini borehole

Reticulation to 1km was done as reported in the annual progress report and four stand pipes were installed.

iii) Syanyamu primary school borehole

Reticulation to one kilometer was done towards Kakuyuni tarmac road and additionally reticulation was done 1km to Ndeini.

iv) Mbusyani community borehole

More than 0.3km reticulation was done in different directions; 1km line to Kikondeni and 1km to Mbusyani Catholic church and about 800m to Mbusyani dispensary.

Mua ward

Kyumbi slum borehole in Kinanie is drilled and works completed.

Kathiani Central ward

Kathiani central hospital borehole drilling was done to completion but was dry at the time of reporting.

Muvuti Kiima Kimwe ward

Kyeni primary school borehole, Kakinduni borehole and Kalumoni borehole are reticulated halfway as stipulated in the progress report.

Machakos Central ward

Machakos primary school borehole reticulation is done as stipulated in the progress report. Kenyatta stadium ward is drilled, powered and reticulation is ongoing almost to completion.

Mutituni ward

Kivutini borehole is drilled powered and reticulation is ongoing almost completion.

MEETING WITH THE CHIEF OFFICER

Hon. Speaker, the committee engaged the chief officers for water energy, Lands and urban development on the following concerns:

1. The titling program
The target for title issuance was 2,000 and managed to issue more which is 100 per cent. The Chief Officer informed the committee that 50,421 titles were in the registry ready for issuance, 8,942 had already been issued, at the time of reporting the exercise had halted due to Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Awareness creation and promotion of alternative energy sources such as clean cooked stuff, bunker technology, briquette making and solar energy program. The department of energy set a target of 60 per cent but managed 30 per cent. The department cited to lack of finances as the reason for slow implementation.
3. Development of Climate change policy program.
The department targeted 1 program which was already done awaiting public participation therefore scoring 75 per cent. The committee tabled a report on the same.
4. Issued restoration orders on pollution by companies, estates and churches.
The department issued 84 orders against the targeted 124 which is satisfactory. The committee did a report on pollution and quarrying.
5. The Digital Topographical Mapping and the preparation of a regional and integrated strategic urban development plans for the Machakos County and its 16 selected urban centers (2012-2030)

On this program the department is at 99 per cent and this was sufficient since a report on the same was tabled in the House.

6. Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan for Machakos (2012-2030)

On this program the department is at 99 per cent.

Observations

1. The committee was informed that several boreholes were not in use because of faulty motors. For instance, some boreholes such as Kilalani Primary School borehole in Kangundo Central ward were not functioning due to faulty motor.
2. Kyaaka borehole which was sunk by CDF and handed over to County Government requires pump testing and power installation.
3. Some boreholes such as Kathiani hospital borehole were drilled but dry.
4. In most places reticulation seemed to be going very slow thus beating the logic of drilling the boreholes.
5. Insufficient budget allocation was cited as a cause as to why the department did not meet targets.

Recommendations

1. Before drilling any borehole, there should be proper hydrological survey to avoid wastage of public money.
2. The Department should set targets proportional to the budget allocation for the year to avoid setting targets that cannot be met.
3. The Department should strategically align the procurement process with the timelines of implementation so that projects can be implemented at the end of the Financial year.
4. There should be strict monitoring of the projects funded by World Bank alongside observance of implementation timelines to avoid donors from withdrawing their support.

DEPARTMENT ON EDUCATION

Hon. Speaker, according to information provided by Education department 97 ECDE classes were constructed in the period under review at a cost of Ksh. 60 Million. Members could not conclude on the matter since it was not clear whether the funds used in construction of the 97 classes was separate from the ten million set aside for projects in each Ward.

Based on the aforementioned, Members therefore resolved to invite the Chief Officer to appear before the Committee to shed light on the issues relating to the constructed ECDE classes

Response by the Chief Officer

Hon. Speaker, during sectoral interrogations of the APR, the Committee on Education was informed that implementation of projects as provided in the Annual progress report for the FY 2019/2020 was guided by the allocated budget.

In addition, the Chief Officer informed members that there have been issues by the Auditor General demanding explanations to why some wards had more ECD Classes than others.

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer acknowledged that some wards have more ECD Classes than others. He justified his answer by stating that the request made by Members of the County Assembly in relation to the utilization of the 10 Million for ward projects differed thus resulting to such variations in terms of the numbers.

Committee Recommendations

In future, there is need to have fair distribution of resources like the ECDE classes in all the wards.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Medical Services

1. The department intended to put up an isolation wards/critical care units for Covid 19 patients at Machakos central which at the time of reporting was done to 98 per cent at a cost of 9.8 Million and one at Kangundo Central, done to 75 per cent at a cost of 7 Million.
2. Covid 19 Mass testing and isolation centre at Machakos Central done at a cost of 6 million with Dome tents and a 300 bed capacity erected.
3. Doctor's call rooms in Machakos town 3 done to completion and construction going on one translating to a completion rate of 90 per cent.
4. Construction of operating theatre at Mwala done to 100 per cent with equipping done awaiting commissioning at the time of reporting.

Public Health and Community Service

1. Upgrading of level 3B health facilities in Mlolongo/Syokimau and Kithimani both at 95 per cent completion rate, Ndalani at 100 per cent completion rate, Matuu at 90 per cent, Kalama at 80 per cent, Muthwani at 100 per cent, Tala at 95 per cent, Matungulu at 40 and Kibauni at 80 per cent at the time of reporting.
2. Construction of new dispensaries: Kangudo east and Ikombe were indicated as ongoing, Kathiani completed at a cost of 2.5 Million, Matuu completed at a cost of 2 Million, Lower Kaewa completed at a cost 2.4 Million, Tala completed at a cost of 2.2 Million, Kibauni at a cost 3.6 Million, Wamunyu at a cost of 3 Million, Matungulu West at a cost of 2.9 Million and Kangundo west at a cost of 4.7 Million.

Committee interrogation

1. Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Health and Emergency services interrogated the department on the expenditure done in Katani at a cost of Ksh 14 Million and was informed that the facility name is Kinanie Level 3 in Katani Ward and the breakdown of the works done are as follows:
 - i) Part demolition of existing buildings, electrical works, walling and windows at Ksh. 6,840, 920.00
 - ii) Walk ways and water installation at Ksh. 6,737,000.00
2. The Doctor's call room at Machakos Level 5 was done through funds from Covid-19 grants.
3. The Operating theatre and Kitchen at Mwala level 4 Health Centre was funded by the County Government normal budget at a cost of Ksh. 10 Million.
4. The Committee conducted a site visit to Kenyatta Stadium isolation and noted the following:
 - i) There were two doom tents and during the peak of the Covid 19, only one tent had been in use. 115 patients were admitted in the isolation facility.
 - ii) Initially the isolation facility had 340 beds but as at the time of the site visit 140 beds had been moved to other facilities Kathiani level 4, Kimutwa Health Center, Machakos Level 5 and Kangudo Level 4.

DEPARTMENT OF ICT

1. The department had enhanced communication across the Machakos County Offices through creation of 813 active emails out of a target of 1, 000 and therefore achieving 81 per cent.
2. Installation of 1 fully operational Call center at the County Head Quarter in Machakos town enhancing 24-hour customer service in line with H.E. The Governor 's directive.
3. Implementation of a Wide Area Network infrastructure which entails provision of Internet to all Machakos County Departmental Offices and Sub Counties through the NOFBI (National Optic Fibre Backbone Infrastructure).
4. CCTV surveillance within the County in Kyumbi-Machakos town road, Machakos Town and Athi River town. At the time of reporting upgrade projects in Mlolongo, Wamunyu and Mwala were ongoing.

*Committee Interrogation**1. CCTV vandalism*

The Chief Officer informed the committee that vandalism of the CCTV was a great impediment to the effectiveness of the program; He cited several scenarios where the installed CCTVs had been vandalized. He further proposed having Vandal proof security cameras that fitted with metal housings to prevent the lens from becoming damaged when there is physical abuse.

2. Roads infrastructure

Recent roads infrastructure upgrading had negatively affected the CCTV program in that communication masts that were erected on the roads reserves had to be removed and also the underground communication cables were cut during the excavation process.

3. Battery power back up

In blackout conditions the CCTVs were not be operational as a battery power back up was not available. Having a battery backup for the surveillance system can help keep the monitoring system running during short-term power outages and provide much needed security at that specific time.

4. Lack of personnel

The Department did not have adequate personnel to effectively conduct routine maintenance of the CCTVs. Regular CCTV maintenance reduces the risk of system malfunction or failure to deter theft.

Recommendations

1. That the Chief Officer, ICT should come up with a CCTV policy that will foster the efficient and effective management of the CCTV, the draft policy should then be forwarded to the County Assembly for consideration and approval.
2. The department of ICT should endeavour to ensure that all urban and peri-urban towns in the County are fitted with these surveillance cameras so as to foster security, further the department should ensure that all CCTV are operational and have a power back up.
3. The Department should revamp the CCTV program with current technology in a bid to foster achievement of the set objectives
4. The Department should set targets proportional to the Budget allocation for the year to avoid setting targets that cannot be met.
5. The Department should strategically align the procurement process with the timelines of implementation so that projects can be implemented at the end of the financial year and

also enable them to pay the contractors on time and avoid projects spilling over to the next financial year.

6. The Department should complete the ongoing projects before starting new projects.
7. The members of the County Assembly should be made aware of the scope of work on the projects undertaken by the department to be able to undertake proper oversight.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INNOVATION

1. Establishment of a Jaw Crusher plant in Katangi Ward. The project was on going with the following accomplished:
 - a. Geological and hydrological survey completed
 - a. Environmental impact assessment by NEMA completed
 - b. Numerous Public engagement forums conducted
 - c. Site perimeter fencing is almost complete
 - d. Electricity connection ongoing
2. The Department managed to Distribute 500 outdoor parasols to support roadside traders.
3. Department oversaw the Construction and completion of 5 Market sheds in the following areas:
 - a. Wamunyu cloth market in Wamunyu Ward.
 - b. Ikalaasa market shed in Kibauni ward.
 - c. Kayole market in Ndithini Ward.
 - d. Ngoleni market in Kathiani Central Ward
4. Fencing of Livestock Markets in Tala and Masii.
5. Construction of perimeter wall in Athi River open-air market
6. Construction and rehabilitation of 42 *boda boda* sheds across the County.
7. Trade related Events Machakos SME Summit - The Summit provided entrepreneurs a platform experience sharing, knowledge exchange and business linkages with commercial financiers and investment partners.
8. Machakos Business Community Meeting- the Forum was meant to encourage increased collaboration between the County Government and the private sector as well as provide an avenue for constructive reforms in business environment in the county.
9. Stakeholder Engagement Forums - Organized quarterly forums with industry stakeholders and Associations.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

1. The Department intended to construct curio shops at KyaMwilu scenery but they were not able to get land around. The matter is being pursued in the Current Financial Year by the Department of Lands.
2. The Department initiated signage of the existing tourist attraction with the matter being at Contract award.
3. Most of the set projects in the Department like construction of curio shops, renovation of existing tourist attraction sites were not actualized because there is no budget allocation.
4. The Department renovated three existing monuments in Machakos and Mavoko Sub Counties at a Cost of Ksh. 3.2 Million
5. Ksh. 2 Million was used to inspect liquor selling premises but the Committee felt that the implementation of this was questionable since most of these premises were not in designated places. Most of them were near learning institutions, Hospitals and residential areas.

6. The Department had indicated that Ksh. 764,000.00 was used to sensitize the public on effects of liquor abuse but the impact could not be justified nor evidence provided of such campaigns.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

1. The Department conducted Talent development forums and supported 3 youth groups including Mkenya Mchizi, Link crew and Band 67. The youth groups were trained and given work during Machakos youth conference.
2. The department conducted Community and youth empowerment (mentorship volunteering programme) 2 out of 40 wards benefited in sensitization forums. The Wards include Kola and Matuu.
3. The youth where benefited as follows:
 - a. Applications to youth fund for entrepreneurship funds.
 - b. Training on youth group dynamics
 - c. Registration to free vocational training centres
 - d. Networking with different CBOs
4. The department Empowered youth in entrepreneurship in 2 out of 40 wards that is Matuu and Kola Wards. Training on empowerment and business creation, employability, registration of youth groups, application and award by youth fund. The department achieved 15 per cent success through sponsorships by CBOS who supported them.
5. One Youth empowerment conference was held in 2019/20 with a budget of Ksh 7,000,000.00 financing the following:
 - a. Dome, Exhibitions tents and VIP tent.
 - b. Food and beverages for 5000 participants.
 - c. Entertainment Dj, 3 entertainments groups, MC, Sound system.
 - d. Media adverts on social media and main stream media (radio, Newspaper and TV)
 - e. Event Branding.
 - f. Buying and branding parasols for activations in 247 villages.
 - g. Staff Facilitation (airtime and lunch during preparation for the event)
6. The department distributed sports equipment and uniform to 7 teams namely Kabaddi team in Masii Ward, Uvaini football team in Kola Ward, Golden soccer Academy in Athi river ward, Razorbacks academy in Athi River ward, Mlolongo Stars in mlolongo/syokimau ward, Katoloni Fc- Machakos central ward and Machakos United Fc – Machakos County Professional team
7. The department undertook repairs and renovations at Kenyatta Stadiums and social hall at a cost of 3.2 million.
8. The department conducted Capacity building for sports men, women and officials. Members sought to know whether the department had included PWDs in this activity.

Committee Observations

1. The committee noted that the department has good programmes as highlighted in the Annual Development Plan but poor implementation of such programmes.
2. Most of the funding as observed in the programmes was from donors.
3. The department was not been able to carry out certain programmes in all the wards since the partners give funding with certain conditions and the department has to adhere so as not to lose the opportunities.
4. The youth docket has been neglected by the County Government, noting that empowering them is key to ensuring economic stability of the County in future.

Recommendations

1. The department should finalize on the Youth policy and Sports policy that were reported to be at drafting stage and forward it to the County Assembly for interrogation and approval.
2. The Department should set targets proportional to the Budget allocation for the year to avoid setting targets that cannot be met such as the Youth innovation centres and the Community and Youth empowerment framework program that were targeted and never took off.
3. The Youth empowerment bill should be expedited and forwarded to the County Assembly for consideration and enactment.
4. The Department should strategically align the budgeting and planning process with set targets and timelines to avoid non approval of projects such as the Machakos Governor's cup championship that was proposed but the budget for it was not approved.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. 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, Hon. Speaker. I wish to stop there.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Cosmas Kieti.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Thomas Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for this opportunity and let start by thanking the Chairman and his committee for a job well done and say that it is a good report and it will guide us to see the budgets we have approved in this House are going a long way in helping our people.

However, I would wish to note the following; when you look at the department of Agriculture, you have seen the issue of cattle dips and I have heard somewhere in the report which says that the cattle dips were not in the CIDP but Mr. Speaker I remember in this House, I do not remember very well whether it is in the Assembly or a Committee of the Whole House where, the report came that the department of agriculture could not do the repairs of the cattle dips because they did not get contractors to do the work. So this House is now getting two answers on the same thing because now in the report the answer comes that it was not in the CIDP. So, there is a conflicting issue whether it was the issue of CIDP or contractors but all the same like in my ward, I had them in the CIDP.

So even if they were not able to do it in those other wards, there are wards which its people had requested for the cattle dips. That is an area where a clearer report should come to this House on the issue of cattle dips. Remember we are still fighting the issue of tick-borne diseases which are becoming a challenge to our farmers and we have to empower them by reducing the problems they are facing as they go along in their day to day activities.

Mr. Speaker, there is also the issue of the performance of many functions which have been brought where we have heard of 50 per cent performance on some issues on the ground especially in that department. The report did not show clearly where they were performing like the quarter

acre program; what was the budget allocated to that program. Because when we are doing budgets we know there are the works to be done, the budgets and the work plans and you have to match the three. If we do not match the three, we will not be getting clear information. If 10 per cent was for the performance then what about the remaining budget of 90; how was it utilized for the benefit of the people of Machakos County?

The issue of artificial insemination should be made clear because I have heard the extension officers were provided with motorcycles which were intended to be used in that area which would be supporting farmers in upgrading their cows and improving the milk yield. A lot has to be done and I call upon the relevant department to dig deeper and see it to it that they have clearer reports to present in this House.

Mr. Speaker, in the department of education, you will note that the issue of ECDEs, the current CBC program which is now coming in that sector requires two classes for PP1 and PP2. Those are two classrooms and in Machakos County we have over 1,100 schools or thereabouts, so we are talking of 2200 ECDE classrooms. In the current year, we improved because the budget intended to make 40 classes and we improved to 80 so that each ward can get two. But now going in that route if we are making 80 classes in a year, how many years do we need to do 2200 classes. The same also goes to the teachers; how many ECDE teachers do we need for those classes. So it is the high time we identify a problem and see how we are going to mitigate them and if we are not able to, what other ways can we go about it because education is key and we cannot have the wrong start for our children.

In the health sector, you will find that for example in my Wamunyu ward, we have a maternity which was completed with the funds of 2019/2020 which is now operational but the staff quarters for the nurses are incomplete and they have to move from Wamunyu town to the health centre even when the patient comes at night. Some of the staff quarters were started and I know it is not only in Wamunyu there are so many of that nature and completion is crucial so that we have quality treatment in the health sector. So, the report is helping us and a lot has to be done. The sectoral committee should help the Assembly and the County government and people of Machakos achieve some goals.

On roads, they are in pathetic situation and something should be done; we have the challenges of the graders but all in all even when the graders are not able to make our roads, our people can make them manually and make money. Now is not the time to wait for the graders to be repaired because the budget is there; let our people be given the money. The engineers can go and supervise those programs and we have enough people to do the work and the roads will be in good shape

With those few remarks I support and say it is a good report and we should have an overview of the coming year 2020/2021 so that we can see the performance. Otherwise, in an entity like this one, when we give budgets it should operate as performance contracting where you have so much budget you do so much work and if there are works not done, then the monies can be seen we have those balances and the challenges faced for not doing that should be identified and resolved.

Lastly, it is still on the issue of health where we have Level IIIs and I think every ward has one; it is important we have X-rays in them because of the *bodaboda* people because accidents are frequent and the Level IVs we have for each sub county it is important that where it is situated there is a Level III so that the Level IV becomes a referral. In Machakos County where we have a Level V, it is important that we have its own Level IV so that it becomes a referral for all Level IVs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kalumu.

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me say that this is one of the comprehensive reports that this Assembly has received. It gives an overview of several years of implementation of

the budgets that we pass in this House. However, it has also indicated that some of the projects given here run from the time we entered this House raising a question to the implementation arm; what happens to each financial year budget implementation status. Because according to the Chairman, he has given clearly what each and every department has done since inception of the Second Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, in the department of roads, you will bear me witness that in our wards, the only budget that has been at work every time we pass a budget is the KRB budget. The other for example if we pass Ksh. 600 million for rural road works, you ask yourself; does that money go only to grading because what happens in our wards is only grading and you find that any road in the ward which is being murramed is being murramed by money coming from KRB. So where does the Ksh. 600 million according to the latter budget that we had go.

Also we ask ourselves, when we grade our roads continuously, year after year, are we not creating gullies because we are getting soil from the other side, lumping it in the centre to make sure that we have passable roads but the grading does not sustain the mobility of the road for five years but when it is murramed, it can give mobility of the road several years because it has been compacted well..

I would also urge the concerned department to make sure that every year in every department, although we are in the last year, I think the government is a growing concern to make sure that when they grade a road they make serious intervention measures to make sure they have murramed the road so that they can be sustainable.

Again Mr. Speaker we come to the department of agriculture; there is what we call free tractor for cultivating the *shambas* of our mothers and our people. That programme has gone, it is not there again although it is been shown here it happened those years that is why am saying this report has given several years of implementation of budget several budgets several budgets not one because us in 2019/2020 that is the year, we were given the projects which were worthy Ksh.10 million. In most of the wards like mine you will find that the impact of implementation of any people tax money was only felt on that certain year because Mr. Speaker, after the implementation on Ksh. 10 million projects nothing else has been done. So you ask yourself again; in all those several years of allocation of funds, where does that money go?

Like for example, Mr. Speaker, you find that in every year we allocate money for water and that money goes for borehole drilling and you will be witness that when we were been given projects for the wards every borehole was going for Ksh. 928,000 and you ask yourself; my county has equipment for drilling boreholes, does that Ksh. 928,000 go for that?

Again of you allocate Ksh. 928,000 for borehole drilling, is it not possible for any other contractor to come and do the borehole? Because the implementation status the slow uptake of borehole drilling is been derailed by using our equipment unlike that if the Ksh. 928,000 was given to a contractor within a period of one or two months, we could achieve the number of boreholes that we want. We ask ourselves; are there people there sitting in those offices and they don't see that we are not giving our people value for their money, value for their taxes? That is the biggest question, Mr. Speaker.

So, I would also go to something that we call subsidized fertilizer which only came once or twice and then every time we allocate money here Mr. Speaker we hear that we are allocating money for subsidized fertilizer and if you go where it used to go like in Kithimani, we used to go to those National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) stores and it is not there again we only bought there subsidized twice but in the later budget we passed budget for the same.

Our people are suffering; we want to make our county food secure and unless we continue with the same programme we will not achieve what we want. We want our people not to be hungry may be for the next one or three years because once we have sustainable rainfall and then you subsidize fertilizer, then our people will have enough food for the period between the other rainfall season.

Mr. Speaker, I won't take much time on agriculture but I will go again to the department of education. I have heard several wards been mentioned that there are several classes which were done but most of them were done by those Ksh. 10 million projects. You ask yourself again; where does the main allocation for the department for the construction of ECDEs go? I totally wonder why Mr. Speaker, they don't implement their budgets in fully and again where does the money go, Mr. Speaker? Because in my ward for example, since inception of the Second Assembly, when I came, I was elected we have only done four classes ECDE.

During that year of allocation, we were told there were other two classes which were to be done by the department. Unlike the other allocation of any member who requested for ECDE classes so and if you ask Mr. Chair here for education will tell you we have been following for those classes where they are and when you follow you are not given clear information what happened to them. So, we would also try to follow up on what happens with our budget because that is the main issue of this County. We pass allocations for money for several departments but the money is not seen where it goes.

Mr. Speaker, there is another issue of ICT where I belong as Chair. I think the investment cost this County a lot of money. Actually it was a very good idea for the Governor to initiate the same programme for this County because it has saved that time and made this County very secure for any investor to come and invest in our County. You remember the other day, money was stolen from Matuu Equity bank and there is no information from all the cameras that are in Matuu town those were put those other days that we could get from those cameras so what was the intention. Was the intention just to invest and let it go and not maintain the cameras? Was, it just to be seen as if it is a cinema which you be seen you have good ideas you invest and you don't follow?

What we are requesting Mr. Speaker is that any investment that has used public money should maintain and should be made sure that it is sustainable, Mr. Speaker. The issue of tourism and culture has been taking a lot of money and if you compare the budget and results you find that we have not been getting any results any impact. When we have evaluated the budget that is allocated to them you find that there is nothing which we get from tourism and culture. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start by congratulating the committee for giving us very elaborate report which has shown us the way the departments have done previously and it has really analyzed very well. Mr. Speaker, we have seen from the report that almost all departments did not achieve the targets and they are very much far below.

The only department which according to the chairman which over which had overdone by 100 per cent it is only the department of lands whereby according to the Chairman they had over issued the title deeds. When we go to the other departments, be it agriculture whereby even the issuance of seeds, chicks even the maintenance of dips and so forth have not been too satisfactory it has really performed below the expectation.

Mr. Speaker, when we also go to the department of energy, you see it has lacked the power transmission or power sharing and that is because of lack of transformers which have been budgeted for and which we have not got. There are no *mulika mwizis*, there are no street lights and that department and I am also the chairman has also not performed very well. Mr. Speaker, when we also go to the department of sports and I want to talk of my case where throughout those financial years which have been mentioned, I have a stadium which has been then budgeted for for the last two financial years and there is nothing which has been done. If only we compare the work which has been done to that stadium it cannot go 10 percent of the money allocated and money has been budgeted and it has not been done.

Mr. Speaker, when you also go to education you will see that the allocation we get for the issuance of bursaries is far below and it does not meet the expectations for the demand for the people whom we are supposed to give bursaries and also even the ECDE classes and so forth and so forth. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate again the committee for speaking of the plain truth of status of each department and for sharing with us and sharing with the House what is the position of each department as at that financial year of 2019/2020.

Not forgetting the Ward Development Funds and the amount we were allocated through the Ward Development Fund through all the wards whereby through all those projects which we suggested like in my case all the latrines were not done and they stalled and they were not complete. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to say the departments have operated below what was expected and there was a budget even the roads as Hon. Kalumu has said is only the KRB roads which have seen when we go to the other roads and the programme of grading; we only grade but we don't put murram Mr. Speaker.

Where does the murram go and it is budgeted for? Even the allowances for the staff it is not there? So, Mr. Speaker, I want to say thank you for the committee and I finish up by saying they should up their game and do as the budget requires thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Johana.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to applaud the committee on trade, economic planning and industrialization for report on Annual Progress Report for 2019/2020. Mr. Speaker, I just want to quote two specific areas which I have noted; one on CCTV. Mr. Speaker we know that CCTVs are supposed to offer 24-hour surveillance and I was shocked to realize that the department lacked backup battery or power system which was supposed to support the 24-hour surveillance. To me that is a very serious anomaly which I wish was factored in this year's budget and hope to see it may be implemented in the other report.

Mr. Speaker, on tourism, I have also noted that Kyamwilu has featured on so many budgets in the name of creation of a mini-park maybe enriching that tourist attraction site so that it can attract more tourists and maybe create some wealth for this county. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked also to see on the same that the issue of land coming up then one wonders when budget was been set aside for such works in that area, why was consideration of land not taken on board before even allocating funds to propose to do such works on that area.

Mr. Speaker, this site has been used now for several years to allocate budget and nothing is happening. The issue of signage has been done but to me that is a very low percentage of the works which were proposed to be done on that area so I still insist that we need to do what is required to be done especially from the budget which we passed because Kyamwilu still featured prominently so that it does not now become an avenue for allocation of funds which are not seeing the light of the day in terms of how they are been spent on the said projects.

Mr. Speaker, the committee of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization is supposed to receive such reports and the reports are supposed, among other things, to show measurable key performance indicators. I have noted some inconsistencies in the reporting from the various departments because I want to believe that we should be able as we present the progress report to address the ADP.

People can be very busy working on projects to find and realize if you are not careful, we have in a way set aside the ADP and we are looking for other works maybe to justify the spending of the budget. I have seen some departments which have started by giving their intentions; we were intending to do 1-2-3 and at the end of the financial year we were able to do 1-2-3. In other committees or in other departments, for example, the department of trade, industrialization and innovation, their reporting starts by just mentioning the establishment of a jaw crusher and then whatever has been accomplished under that.

If you look at the department of health and emergency services, the department starts by saying it intended to put up an isolation critical care unit of this, it intended to do this. In other words, there are departments which are not giving the targets whereas there are departments which are starting by giving the targets. I expect a uniform report which shows what was the target for the departments, what was actualized and generally what was the percentage performance for that department.

On the other hand, still on the same the department should be able to also as I said feature within the targets whatever they are implementing, was it within the ADP for that year and during the implementation when we say we have been able to perform 40 percent of our expected performance, what were the challenges? I have never seen any department which sighted the challenges and possibly the mitigation measures so that we can see the improvement of performance in the subsequent years.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to still request our department on trade to insist that a report from each department should capture what was in the ADP, it should also capture what has been actualized it should capture on the overall what the performance percentage for a particular department and possibly as I have given the challenges and the mitigation measures. Otherwise, it is a very detailed report capturing all departments and I want to say that if now the report is used to push where we need improvements, I am sure the county is going to prosper in the cause of time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johana. May the mover of the motion respond please?

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to start by thanking Members actively participating in the motion and I want to take all the advice given by the Hon. Members positively because that will help in improving performance in reporting at every departmental committee. I think all the departments the Chairs have noted where we need to improve in reporting; like we have that omission those some departments sighted the issue about Covid-19 as one of the challenges other departments have sighted little budget as some of the challenges that they faced but all in all they have not given the mitigation measures that they are putting in place so my request is that all Chairs, committees and the respective Clerk Assistants have noted that we need to improve when interrogating the Chief Officers we need to improve in that area.

We also need to link the observations that we are getting from the Chief Officers on implementation status of projects, we need those reports to be linked with ADP and where possible CIDP so that we can be able to follow the implementation of the programmes.

Otherwise, we have some issues we want to report the issue about jaw crusher under the department of trade; at the moment there are issues that came up concerning the jaw crusher, there was public outcry and it is as if that programme has been moved from Katangi to Mlolongo area. So we need to note that that programme was moved from there because of public outcry as if there are issues.

The other thing is that Hon. Speaker, I have noted that proper survey is not done by hydrological engineers as far as surveying of underground water is concerned and we have ended up with very dry boreholes and that has resulted to loss public funds. Some of Hon. Members have said it its good we can adopt the idea of contracting the drilling of boreholes and even the grading of our roads when contracted we can get better services than what we are getting today.

More so like that area of grading it is a very big shame because the graders that we are given cannot work for more than two hours without breaking down and a lot of time is wasted in the process when that grader gets to your ward it becomes a nightmare because even the staff depend on you for lunch, for transport, for everything and when the grader breaks down is the Hon. Member

who caters for the repairs of that grader. So, I wish to suggest that that programme be contacted so that we can get better services because we are losing a lot.

(Applause)

Then we have an issue about implementation and have discovered that Hon. Members are handling Standing committees; we need to note that money is(*inaudible*) in some departments so that that money can be transferred to other accounts of interest and tracking becomes a challenge. So when we are handling the budget and the budget implementation process, some money is put on your department for transit to another department of interest and track of that money gets lost on the way and then there after you meet the Chief Officer crying over little budget was allocated while some money was moved from his department to another department of interest.

Lastly, we have the issue about setting targets that are proportional to the set budgets; that is very clear in most of the departments so these are issues we need to follow up so that in future our dream is to see budget that we approve as House been implemented 90 percent if not 100 percent so that our citizens can get proper services from the County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Hon. Members for your contribution.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmas Kieti.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I just want to make one comment before we adjourn and that is on the report which the Chair has just read. A few issues which have been brought up which I think are of importance. Hon. Thomas Mutinda talked about cattle dips which have not been done and which excuse is that they have not been put in CIDP like you have rightfully pointed out there is a report which was brought here which said nobody responded people went to tender and the tenderers did not respond. These are some of the issues which are low-cost high-value and I don't understand why the County government cannot prioritize on something like a cattle dip.

To repair a cattle dip honestly you know it cannot take half a million to repair a cattle dip cannot take half a million but the impact is huge. It will serve hundreds and hundreds of families will benefit from that. I would therefore request the Chair of agriculture to follow up with his department to ensure that this money is budgeted for or is included in the next supplementary budget which we are going to do to ensure that these dips are done immediately before we can even finish our term.

I mean we have come here for five years and we have not been able to do something as simple as re-install dips which were among the first items we identified when we got to this Assembly. So, I don't believe that CIDP is an excuse; CIDP is a living document it is not cast in stone and can always be reviewed and items can be included and anything can be excluded from it so I believe if that is done that will be good.

The other thing is the issue on the artificial insemination at 0 percent; no artificial insemination was done. If you look keenly at the importance of artificial insemination, the amount of time you spend or people spend grazing that *kienyeji* cow for it to (... *inaudible*) is the same amount of time they would spend grazing an upgraded cow through insemination which would give them 20 litres or 15 litres. So when we talk on artificial insemination is talking about converting the kind of cows that we are having today into something which can be able to be beneficial to our people, because they spend the same amount of time.

When a farmer goes to graze a cow, he will take the whole day grazing that cow and at the end of the day that cow is a poor quality cow so it comes home it gives them two litres *moja anakunywa* the other one they sell they would spend exactly the same amount of time on a cow which is giving them 20 litres if it is upgraded. So, I think those are some of the things which have said have low-costs insemination is a low-cost item but the impact is very high cause will be changing our people.

Somebody had talked about the youth docket has been ignored which I agree totally. When we talk about sports the only thing we are hearing are huge stadiums been put up; when it comes to youth empowerment itself funding youth to ensure that they can be able to come out with their programmes. Who is doing that? There is no monetary provision which is been put to fund our youth even these uniforms which you have seen here they are very few. Do you know how many teams we have in the whole county and how many have you seen counted here as having benefited from uniform? Yet 70 percent of our population right now is the youth.

So, our budget ideally should be skewed towards provision of resources for the youth for them to feel appreciated, and therefore it is important to ensure that the department of youth and sports takes this issue up and ensure that our youth especially in the area of enhancing them in sports and also financing them is taken. Sincerely speaking, since I came to this Assembly all the budgets, we have had have not seen any intention by county government of enhancing youth activities. It comes as a bypass even when you go to the department itself you find the Chief Officer does not have money for tea yet that is the Chief Officer who is in charge of youth. Those are things which need to be taken care of and catered for.

On sub-contacted boreholes, there is no way a borehole equipment which we have here is going to do the kind of boreholes we want done to the county yet the money is there and remember when you budget for money for Ksh. 1 million there is an Hon. Member Kioko asked you budget Ksh. 1 million for drilling and you drill using your equipment and that equipment only uses 400 litres; what happens to the rest of the money which had been budgeted for in that caption?

So it will be better if we went out and contracted so that now if we contract. I will have a contractor in my ward, you will have a contractor in your ward and they will be doing these boreholes at the same time and when it comes to powering them they contract and you see how quickly they do the powering because it is contracted because the contractor comes in puts the pump puts everything and it gets finished quickly. They just finished powering one in my ward; it took a day they came in the morning in the evening water was there. So, if you contract the action is done much faster than when we try using our own equipment.

I saw how many millions were spent on the issue of liquor yet when you come to my liquor surveying and all that liquor surveying and those other items; when you come to my ward you go to a place called Ivumbuni and you find the primary school is where I am here and there is a bar at the gate and it has been licensed and you tell me you have spent Ksh. 26 million or several million in the process of ensuring that you are doing survey to ensure that liquor facilities adhere to the set rules. There should be no liquor facility anywhere near 400 metres from a school.

So, if you have a liquor facility 20 metres from a gate of a school then you see such money has been spent and this not far Ivumbuni its five kilometres from here it puts to question what that money has done and I challenge a committee to ensure that they go and see to it that specific people are doing what they are supposed to do. I have reported that issue of Ivumbuni and said that that license should be withdrawn; I have gone all the way to the respective department but up to today I still see that person trading in liquor right outside the school. Those things need to be changed and I believe we can be able to do it.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: With that Hon. Members, the House is adjourned, to resume again on Tuesday the 10th day of August, 2021 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you, Hon. Members.

The House rose at 12.30 p.m.