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CLERK TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY  
**BUNGOMA**

Dear Sir,

**RE: STATUS OF NAMANJALALA DAM PLOT NUMBER BUNGOMA NAITIRI /147 IN NAITIRI /KABUYEFWE WARD**

The above subject refers.

Following your letter Ref: BCA/CC/SECT/2 VOL..II (30) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023, the response is as follows

**Introduction.**

Namanjalala dam is located in Naitiri/ Kabuyefwe Ward. It is a colonial dam established in the mid-50s but has since silted completely.

**Observations.**

- (1) The dam area has been encroached heavily. Currently only 1.75 acres are available for rehabilitation out of 7 acres as per the community perspective. The neighboring farmers have planted maize and sugar cane on the land earmarked for the dam
- (2) The dam is completely silted
- (3) Earth embankment completely eroded.
- (4) Auxiliary facilities missing
- (5) Locals have planted arrow roots where the dam water reservoir used to be.

**Issue no. 1:**

**Which plan does the County Government have for the encroached dam?**

**Response:**

In cognizance of the fact that dams are a very valuable resource, the CIDP

- 1) Survey to determine the boundaries.
- (2) Carry out public participation.
- (3) Fencing.
- (4) Put in place an effective dam management committee.
- (5) Rehabilitate the dam if finances will be allocated.
- (6) Develop irrigation infrastructure to assist farmers to grow high value crops.

**Issue no. 2:**

**How much allocation was earmarked for desilting and demarcation of the said dam**

**Response:**

So far the irrigation department was allocated Ksh. 1.8M For designs and pre-feasibility studies and some amount for rehabilitation Magemo dam.

There is no specific allocation for the Namanjalala dam in the forward budget of 2023/24. We shall ensure that the dam is planned for in the FY OF 2024/25.

**Allocation for rehabilitation of the dam**

Based on our inventory of 73 dams assessed by the directorate, the estimated cost of all the 73 dams is to the tune of ksh. 576 million. This is a colossal sum and therefore immediate interventions can only be done gradually and commensurate with financial resources that can be availed.

Our plan in the CIDP is to have at least 4 dams rehabilitated every financial year at an estimated

**Issue no. 3:**

**What future plans does the County Government intent to implement in the dam to assist the locals around it**

**Response:**

The plans we have as a department are as follows:

- (1) The survey department to carry out a demarcation exercise to establish the actual size of the dam using cadastral maps.
- (2) Fencing off the surveyed dam land.
- (3) Put in place an effective dam management committee comprising of locals and the administration.
- (4) Carry out public participation exercise.

cost of kshs.5 million each. The 4 dams will therefore cost kshs.20 million.

Our assessment will prioritize which dams to start with.

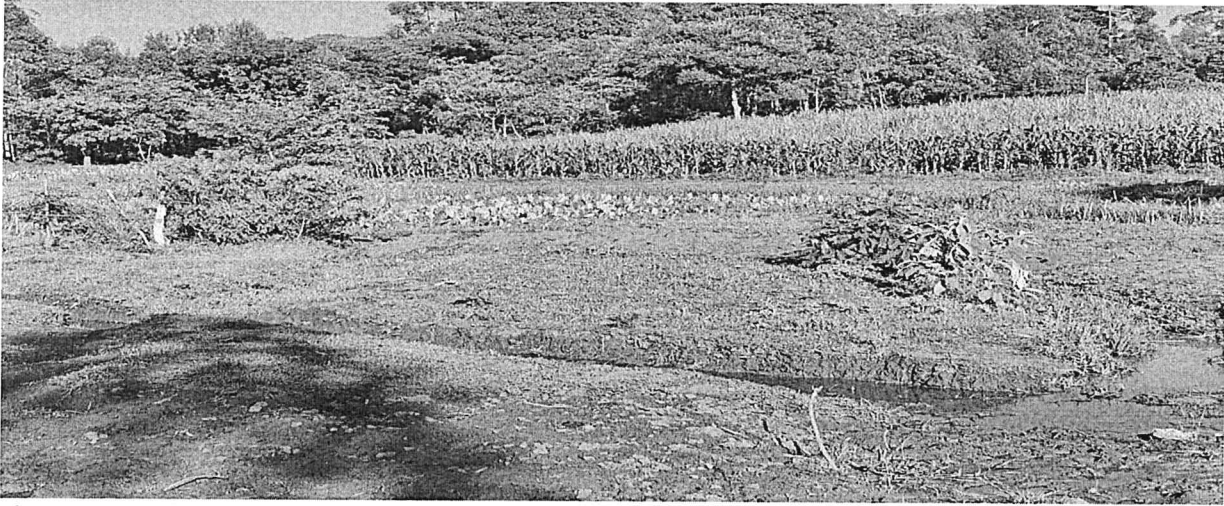


Photo 1: Namajalala Dam silted and encroached

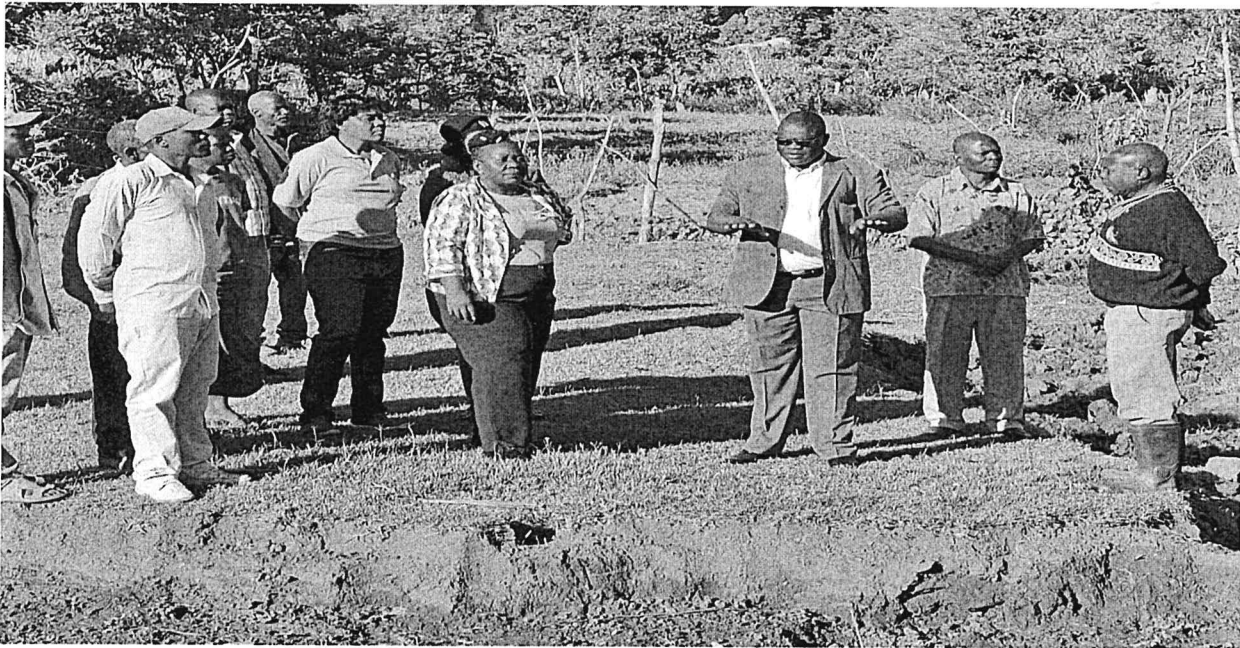


Photo 2: MCAs Hon. Nandasaba and Hon. Wafula Waiti with CECM Agric. And community mebers at the Namanjalala dam

Thank you

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Hon. Speaker of the County Assembly

