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The House met at 9:30 a.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, our Speaker is held up in County Assembly Service Board meeting. As we proceed, I believe that you are energized after our recess. Next item!

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, COHESION AND LEGAL

AFFAIRS ON THE STATUS OF PENDING CASES IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Chairperson - Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs or member! Hon. Metrine Wilson!

Hon. Metrine Wilson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to table a report by the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the status of pending cases in Bungoma County.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wilson. Honourable members, a report by the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on matters of pending cases in Bungoma County having been laid before this House now becomes the property of this County Assembly.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, COHESION AND LEGAL

AFFAIRS ON THE STATUS OF PENDING CASES IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wilson!

Hon. Metrine Wilson: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs on the status of pending cases in Bungoma County.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wilson Metrine Nangila. Honourable members, a notice of motion having been issued in a procedural manner, I therefore direct that it be circulated to all the Honourable members of this House for their perusal and forms part of the business that will be considered by this House.

MOTIONS

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE STATUS OF KOICA I AND II PROJECTS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Chairperson sectoral Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources or any member! Hon. Zakayo, what is the point of information?

Hon. Jack Kawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to inform through your Chair...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Whom do you want to inform?

Hon. Jack Kawa: The House Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, proceed!

Hon. Jack Kawa: Honourable Speaker, I want to request our secretariat and committee clerks, if there is a document that should appear on this floor then let them be informing the relevant committee Chair and members in advance other than ambushing the Honourable members on this floor. I have just seen the document being given to our Chair by the secretariat, which I think is not good. I am also seeing the report that should be read on the floor about Tourism, our Sergeant at Arms is going around with the report looking for who to read. I want to plead that let us do things rightfully.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, I want to believe that the concerns raised by Hon. Zakayo are valid notwithstanding the fact that the members of the committee had the report. They were prepared and the circulation of the weekly program was done, so it is only that you may not be aware that is the issue at hand and everything is well taken care of. Let me now allow Hon. Meshack Museveni to say something before we proceed! Hon. Meshack Museveni!

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Yale yenye Mheshimiwa Kawa ameongea, siku hizi sijui tuko tofauti na ile *regime* ilikwisha lakini nataka vile umeongea nakusihhi ya kwamba *committee clerk* siku hizi ukiangalia kazi yenye wanafanya...wanaambia tu mtu chukua hii karatasi nenda usome hata hawajamtayarisha. Kwa hivyo hii kazi haiendelei vizuri kwa hili Bunge. Yale yenye umeongea kwa sababu ile yenye nilitaka niongee na ukaongea nafikiri wameskia na tunataka *Assembly* iwe na njia mwafaka.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Museveni. Nitampa Mheshimiwa Makari nafasi ya mwisho, ili tuweze kusonga kwa swala jingine.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To just add on what my colleagues have spoken, I do not know the circulation of these reports, nowadays or it is my gadget that is outdated because I do not know if members get these report circulated on their gadgets. We come here, a report is being read, no point of reference completely. You are just there passively listening and you cannot even refer anywhere.

If you want to contribute, you must have a very good memory to remember what that person read. I think it will be better that we revert to where we were. The reports were being circulated for example the reports that will be read tomorrow that is the motion for Justice, today members have the report they go through it then tomorrow when they come, they have an idea of what the report entails.

Chairs should monitor the activity of your committee for example today there is no Chair of Tourism and there is a motion here and what I gather is, he already had a report and went with it. He has not even delegated to the person that is supposed to read the report. Chairs, please track your activity of the committee so that you are not left out.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wasike Makari. Honourable members, I think we have had a session where we have got information from Honourable members and I beseech you that we proceed with the agenda. Hon. Namunyu, I will not allow you! Kindly Mheshimiwa Leader of Minority *kwa ufupi nitakupa nafasi hiyo na tukimalizana na Mheshimiwa kiongozi tutaenda kwa mwenye kiti au mwana kamati atusomee ripoti hiyo.*

Hon. Antony Lusenaka: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. What Honourable members are raising is very valid and serious and as a Government, you need to wake up because you are letting us down especially the chairs

(Applause)

This is just the seventh month after elections and the way things are going, I think we are heading the wrong direction. I do not know what will happen in 2025/2026. As a Government, you have to be serious so that we serve the people of Bungoma.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members Order! Chairpersons of various committees must be aware and members also because in the absence of a Chairperson, any member of the committee takes responsibility. I think there is no vacuum when it comes to the report especially that is going to be read here. The membership had been prepared sufficiently. Let's proceed with the member who is going to present the report. Chairperson or member sectoral Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources! Hon. Ndasaba!

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ON THE STATUS OF KOICA 1 AND II PROJECTS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to move a motion on a report on the committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources on the Status of KOICA 1 and II projects in Bungoma County.

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PREFACE

On behalf of the members of the Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural resources committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to this House the Report of the Committee on the KOICA I and II projects in Bungoma County.

THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Sectorial Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural resources is constituted pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 217(1) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders and executes its mandate in accordance with Standing order 217(5) which provides as follows:

- a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations, coordination, control and monitoring of budget;
- b) Consider quarterly reports of the assigned departments and report to the House within twenty-one (21) sitting days upon being laid;
- c) Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- d) Study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- e) Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- f) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;

- g) To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the House to approve, except those under Standing Order 209 (Committee on Appointments); and
- h) Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural resources as currently constituted comprises the following Members:-

1. Hon. Edwin Opwora Chairperson
2. Hon. George Tendet Member
3. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa Member
4. Hon. James Mukhongo Member
5. Hon. Meshack Simiyu Member
6. Hon. Antony Lusenaka Member
7. Hon. Isaiah Busolo Member
8. Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba Member
9. Hon. Bernard Kikechi Member
10. Hon. Orize Kundu Member
11. Hon Benjamin Otsiula Member
12. Hon. Allan Nyongesa Member
13. Hon. Florence Juma Member
14. Hon. Alice Kibaba Member

TERMS OF REFERENCE

It is envisaged in Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 that a County Assembly while respecting the principle of separation of powers may exercise oversight over County Executive committee and any other Executive organs. It is on this basis that the committee undertook the exercise of fact finding on the status of water projects in the County with a view to address the following;

- To ascertain the status of KOICA phase I and phase II

- To ascertain if implementation of the projects is in accordance with the agreement with the donors from Korea
- To ascertain some of the challenges facing the execution of the projects.
- To ascertain the time frame of the completion of the project

METHODOLOGY

The committee set out to carry a fact finding exercise to ascertain the implementation status of KOICA Phase I and II water projects for Chwele area and Chepyuk Ward in Kibabii Complex in Bungoma County respectively.

The committee sought the input of department in charge of the water projects in the county to get more information on the status of the project. Further, the committee has made observations and recommendations on the fact finding which are part of this report.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the report writing as it executed its mandate.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Honorable Members of the Committee for their resourceful input that informed the content of this report despite majority of them being new Members. My sincere gratitude also goes to the members of the Secretariat for their technical advice and dedication in compiling this report.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, and on behalf of the Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources to table this report on KOICA I and II projects in Bungoma County and its Recommendations to this Assembly for deliberation and adoption.

Signed by Hon. Edwin Opwora, Chairperson Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources

CHAIRPERSONS FORWARD

Water is a necessity for all forms of life as well as industries on which humans are reliant, like technology development and agriculture. This global need for clean water access necessitates water resource plans and management policy to determine the means of supplying and protecting water resources.

As water scarcity increases with climate change, the need for robust water resource management will become more prevalent. An estimated 57% of the world's population will experience water scarcity at least one month out of the year by 2050.

Bungoma County is faced with water shortages, and many still must walk some distances to their nearest water points, especially women. Currently, the main sources of water are seasonal rivers, boreholes, few shallow wells, earth dams, and limited tap water. Water production is low against a high demand per day.

The County faces a number of challenges with regard to water resources development and management. The main challenges include the following:

- 1) The catchment degradation is affecting both surface and ground water resources in terms of quantity and quality;
- 2) Limited assessment and monitoring of the water resources in the County, making it increasingly difficult to make informed decisions on development and sustainable management of water resources;
- 3) Increasing pollution of both surface and ground water resources due to urban and agricultural development;
- 4) Lack of proper sewerage and sanitation facilities as well as poor planning, and
- 5) Poor drainage further aggravated by an increasing population;
- 6) Increasing water demand due to increasing population and expansion of agricultural and economic activities across sectors;
- 7) Low practice of harvesting and storing water due to low investment and financing of requisite infrastructure;
- 8) Limited investment and financing for the water sector due to lack of clear national and County investment plans and inadequate public financing; and
- 9) Limited capacity and lack of effective coordination mechanism among actors. Additionally, there is limited sensitization and awareness of water harvesting and storage techniques as well as poor governance and management of existing water infrastructure.

The County therefore requires development of a framework to improve the sector's service delivery and realign it with constitutional environment as well as to ensure adaptability to meet the needs of a changing environment. The County Government and the department should develop a water policy in line with the Sessional Paper No.

1 of 1999 National Policy on Water Resources Management and the spirit of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Kenya's Vision 2030.

The Policy will also address a framework for an integrated approach to planning, sustainable development and management of water resources, and progressive realization of the human right to water, sanitation and environment.

SUBMISSIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER ON KOICA I AND II WATER PROJECTS

The committee requested for a status report from the department of water on the two projects and the department submitted as follows:

General objective of the water supply project (KOICA)

The main goal of the water supply project is to increase the water coverage, access and reduce the walking distance to water collection point in the areas concerned. But the main objectives as espoused in the agreement between the government of Kenya and the Republic of Korea include:

- 1) Improve the water situation in the area through constant and reliable supply thereby improving health, social well-being and reducing poverty.
- 2) Improve the basic water needs in the institutions i.e schools, university and health centers within the project area.
- 3) Reduce the walking distance to the piped water point to maximum of 500m within the project area.
- 4) Eradicate water related infections/diseases, improve health status and facilitate savings on money spent on treatment of waterborne diseases.
- 5) Stimulates growth in other sectors of economy and improve socio-economy status of community which is in line the COIL 2010, National SDG goals and the County Government Strategic objectives and the Government of Kenya's Vision 2030.
- 6) Convert time wasted in drawing domestic and livestock water to more economic use in other sector.
- 7) Promote peace and harmony between the neighboring communities living in Bungoma through equitable distribution of quality drinking water.

Water Project Brief

The department of water has had one major donor in water infrastructure development since the advent of devolution. This has been the Republic of South Korea through its implementing agency the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Kenya Office where they are implementing two major water supply projects within the county.

Project financing and management

It is important to note that besides financing the projects, the Donor (through its implementing Agency KOICA) also directly oversees all contract and project management aspects of these projects and there after hands over the project to the county government when completed.

The county government on the other hand has an undertaking of doing all the necessary land acquisitions and compensations, ensure access to the project area and installation of supportive utilities such as power-lines, acquire all the relevant permits from concerned bodies, and do all the necessary compensation and negotiations on way-leaves. The County is also supposed to provide information and technical input that helps in planning, design and implementation of the project. (Find Annexed)

From both projects, KOICA majorly undertook the main infrastructural works with the county government looking to carry out last mile connectivity by extending water distribution networks through both departmental and CEF funded projects.

KOICA PHASE 1 (THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROJECT IN CHWELE AREA, BUNGOMA COUNTY)

The project followed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Republic of Korea through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Kenya Office and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources jointly with the Lake Victoria North Water Works Development Agency (VNWWDA) on the 28th March, 2014 with the sole purpose of supplying water to Chwele area and its surroundings

The implementation period of the project was as from 13 June, 2016 to 18th August, 2018 with the total sum of Ksh 500,000,000 which was awarded to Nanchang Foreign Engineering Company (Kenya) Limited.

Scope of works and coverage

The works involved construction of a water supply system starting with unit of 2,000 m³/day. The project area covers Kapkateny in Mt. Elgon Sub-County and Mukuyuni, Chwele/Kabuchai and West Nalondo Wards in Kabuchai sub-county, Bungoma County. The constructed infrastructure includes the following:

- i. An intake structure on Kuywa River at elevation of 1832.5 mean above sea level (MSL). This intake structure makes consideration and provisions for water demands up to the ultimate year of 2035.
- ii. Raw water gravity main from the intake structure to the treatment plant. The treatment works will be located approximately 1320mm from the intake.
- iii. A new water treatment plant of 2,000m³/day comprising of the following facilities:

Treated water transmission main from the Treatment Plant to Busakala Reservoirs for a distance of 9,849m..

Construction of off-takes to 5 off- takes upstream and connection to the villages upstream.

Rehabilitation of existing 6 reservoirs for supply to the villages upstream

Rehabilitation of 2 Terminal Reservoirs at Busakala Hill.

Rehabilitation and connection of 2 reservoirs; one at Kabuchai of 90 m and another at Nalondo of 50m

New main Distribution Mains to Mukhweya Junction of 12.0 km.

Construction of Branch line to Sikata Junction of 6.54 km.

Construction of another branch line to Kisiwa Centre of 3.66 km.

Replacement of existing distribution in Chwele town to reduce currently high Non Revenue Water.

General measures for improvement of revenue collection.

Population served

The project is estimated to be serving approximately 60,000 residents within the project area.

KOICA PHASE II (DETAILED DESIGN OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR CHEPYUK WARD-KIBABII COMPLEX AND MASTER PLAN OF WATER SUPPLY FOR BUNGOMA COUNTY)

The project followed a Records of Discussions signed between the Republic of Korea through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Kenya Office, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and the County Government of Bungoma on the 28 May, 2018 for the project

The contractor executing the project is SHANXI Geological Engineering Exploration Institute Limited. The project total grant was of Ksh. 600,000,000.

Scope of works and coverage

The giant for KOICA phase II involved doing a detailed design and construction of a water supply system from Chepyuk to Kibabii Complex covering Chepyuk, Kapkateny Wards in Mt. Elgon Sub-County, Mukuyuni, Chwele/Kabuchai Wards in Chwele/Kabuchai Sub-County and Tuuti Marakaru Wards Kanduyi Sub-Counties and developing a County water supply master plan. The works are ongoing and the contract period is from May 13, 2021 to May 12 2023 for a period of two years.

It is worth noting that the county water supply master plan was completed and handed over to Bungoma County. The goal of the Master Plan is to identify a robust, flexible water sources development strategy that ensures security of supply to areas within Bungoma County and meet the expected growth in water demands over the next 25 years from the year 2020 to 2045.

Population to be served

The project is estimated to serve approximately 86,000 residents within the project area when completed.

Current status

- a) Construction of 800m' reinforced concrete tank at Kimkung'i is complete.
- b) Clear Water Pipeline has been laid from Kibabli to Masaek in Kapkateny wafd with the stretch from Masaek to Kapkerwa Treatment plant at 80% completion.
- c) Raw water pipeline of 3.8km is complete.
- d) Major equipment and materials mobilization and construction of contractor's temporary camp at the water treatment plant done.
- e) Construction of staff houses is ongoing and is currently at 80%. Q Construction of the water filter gallery is at 50% completion.
- f) Construction of administration block and offices is ongoing and the works currently stands at 50% completion.
- g) Construction of 500m³ reinforced concrete tank at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) done.

SITE VISIT AND COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The committee visited the two sites where the project was carried out. The committee found out the following on the two KOICA projects.

KOICA PHASE I

The committee made the following findings on KOICA phase I:

- a) The project was indeed complete, commissioned and currently operational under the management of NZOWASCO
- b) The intake structure on Kuywa River at elevation of 1832.5 mean above sea level (MSL) was done and is in place.
- c) The raw water gravity main from the intake structure to the treatment plant with the treatment works located approximately 1320mm from the intake were done.
- d) A new water treatment plant of 2,000m³/day comprising the following facilities was in place (Find Annexed photo III):
- e) Treated water transmission main from the Treatment Plant to Busakala Reservoirs for a distance of 9,849m
- f) Construction of off-takes to 5 off-takes upstream and connection to the villages upstream.
- g) Rehabilitation of existing 6 reservoirs for supply to the villages upstream Rehabilitation of the 2 Terminal Reservoirs at Busakala Hill
- h) Rehabilitation and connection of 2 reservoirs; one at Kabuchai of 90 m' and another at Nalondo of 50m'

- i) New main Distribution Mains to Mukhweya Junction of 12.0 km. Construction of Branch line to Sikata Junction of 6.54 km Construction of another branch line to Kisiwa Centre of 3.66 km
- j) Replacement of existing distribution in Chwele town to reduce currently high Non-Revenue Water.

KOICA PHASE II

During the site visit for fact finding on KOICA II, the committee found out as follows:

1. The project is currently at 44% completion point:
2. The construction of 800m' reinforced concrete tank at Kimkung'i is indeed complete.
3. Clear Water Pipeline has been laid from Kibabii to Masaek in Kapkateny Ward only a stretch of 6 Km from Masaek to Kapkerwa Treatment plant is remaining.
4. Raw water pipeline of 3.8km is indeed complete
5. The works of intake facilities commenced after rehabilitation of the access toad from the river to the intake point, and mobilization of major materials, equipment had been done.
6. Major equipment and material mobilization and construction of contractor's temporary camp at the water treatment plant was complete.
7. Construction of staff houses is ongoing and is currently at 85% completion.
8. Constriction of the water filter gallery is at 50% completion.
9. Construction of administration block and offices is ongoing and the works currently stands at 50%.
10. Construction of 500m³ reinforced concrete tank at the water treatment plant is done.
11. Review about the locations of kiosks is underway for Water Points. The locations will be discussed with Bungoma government and NZOWASCO.
12. For distribution Pipeline, review about the route plan including site survey is underway. The route will be discussed with Bungoma government and NZOWASCO.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECCOMANDATIONS

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The committee made the following observation

The KOICA I and II projects covers the main infrastructural development of the plant which is the construction of the water supply system including; intakes and off-takes facilities, transmission pipes, rehabilitation of old tanks, but the County Government was to undertake the distribution of water to residents.

The KOICA I:

1. The main distribution lines have been vandalized and water tapped into residential homes for domestic use.
2. The Wash-out lines were not done at the treatment plant hence dirty water runs off into nearby road and farms and it damaged the police camp and the dispensary forcing them to relocate.
3. Several water points and valves have since been either closed, vandalized or have illegal connections done on them.
4. The project was complete, commissioned and is currently under the management of NZOWASCO.

There exists a dispute between the community and NZOWASCO management over the distribution of water to homes, especially at Terem area.

KOICA II:

1. It is worth noting that the county water supply master plan was completed and handed over to Bungoma County.
2. Permits and licenses from Water Regulatory Authority, Kenya Forest service and National Environment Management Authority (WRA, KFS, NEMA) have been acquired so far.
3. The County Government is in the process of acquiring the private (4 private lands) lands identified for the implementation of the project.
4. The County Government has connected power at the plant and also done the extension lines.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT, the County Executive Committee Member to liaise with his counterpart from Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works and fast track the rehabilitation of the road to Terem water treatment plant for ease of accessibility.

1. THAT, the Department, in collaboration with the National Government, Ministry of Water should ensure that KOICA phase II project is successfully completed by October, 2023 as per the agreement.
2. THAT, the County department should expedite in carrying out sensitization meetings on the need to pay for water services provided in the water source regions. This will promote peace and harmony with the communities living around the water treatment plant and will eliminate vandalism and illegal connections on transmitting pipes.
3. THAT, there is need for the department through the management of NZOWASCO to control the massive backwash of water that has caused mayhem around Terem area by constructing the wash-outs at the

water treatment plant.

4. THAT, a clear guideline should be developed by the department to guide renting of Kiosks by locals interested in water provision services to reduce on cases of non-performing water kiosks.
5. THAT, some water tanks used under KOICA-1 should be renovated instead of constructing new tanks in distribution of water to residents in the Wards enlisted in the project.
6. THAT, the KOICA management majorly undertook construction of the main infrastructural works and the county government should immediately embark on carrying out the last mile connectivity by extending water distribution networks through both departmental and CEF funded projects as is in the agreement.

I beg to move the motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well Hon. Ndasaba, you can now call the seconder.

Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba: I now call upon Hon. Florence Juma to second the motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Florence Juma: Honourable Speaker, allow me to congratulate and appreciate Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba for reading the report. Water is life, and as a county we are faced with water scarcity. I will analyze few things being major problems affecting this county that is; water management, poor planning and poor drainage as well as water investment. We haven't invested so much in water, but I would like to appreciate the elected MCAs who have allocated some funds to water in the various projects done in the wards. I appreciate and congratulate you and humbly request that you may allocate more funds towards the same.

We all realize that clean water will help us curb the percentage of illnesses and when people are healthy, they are able to perform their duties. Somebody once said that a hungry man is an angry man, because if you are not able to get water, it will also affect our productivity in matters Agriculture. Then it means that we will also face scarcity of food and when we are hungry believe me you most of these activities, we might not be able to perform them so well.

KOICA has played its role and it has handed over the projects to the County Government. It now has become the County Government's responsibility to be able to distribute this water to its residents. I rest my case and second the motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Florence Juma. Honourable members, the motion having been moved and dully seconded I now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Asante Mheshmiwa Spika kunipa nafasi. Kwanza nataka kushukuru Mheshmiwa Ndasaba kwa kazi nzuri amefanya kwa kusoma ripoti. Nataka nishukuru KOICA kwa kazi yenye imefanya, wamepeana *phase* ya kwanza kwa Kaunti ya Bungoma ili watu wetu wapate maji, lakini shida iko kwa kampuni inaitwa NZOWASCO. Kama wadi yangu ya Mukuyuni maji inapita hadi Chwele, Kibabii, wanaweza kupeana maji kisha kama kwangu. tunaweza kupeana watu waanze kunywa maji lakini shida iko kwa NZOWACO kwamba watu wakuhitaji maji walipia pesa ya mita lakini hawapewi maji. Kwa mfano jana nilienda *na Chief Officer* wa maji na wakati nilifika huko, watu walikuwa wamelipia pesa ya mita na walikuwa wamefungiwa maji. River Kuywa kwa sasa ambapo mvua inanyesha maji si safi. Naomba Ndugu Spika kwamba iwapo wamemaliza na kuwachia majukumu serikali ya kaunti, naomba NZOWASCO inapeana mita kwa watu ili waanze kutumia hayo maji. Kwa hayo machache naunga mkono yale yamesomwa na mwenzangu.

Hon. Franklin Simotwo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me first appreciate the mover of the motion Hon. Nandasaba who was eloquent in the report that she has read today. Also to appreciate all members of the Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

First the issue of water in Bungoma County is one of the issues that is making the people of Bungoma not to live comfortably. The KOICA phase I and phase II as Hon. Meshack has said; the issue of NZOWASCO is an elephant in the House. As we speak, areas under phase 1 and we who fall under phase II; when you see your neighbor crying you know that there is a problem coming. As a county, we need to have a solution over this issue of NZOWASCO because we cannot subject our people to suffer while we are watching. NZOWASCO should be able to tell what efforts they are making because people cannot pay bills yet they cannot get water. They need to come out clearly and tell us where they are taking the taxpayers money that they are collecting and why our people are not getting the services. I was the chairman of this committee in the last regime and the issues surrounding NZOWASCO were there and nothing has been corrected up to this time. We need to be told once and for all so that people of Bungoma can benefit from the multi-million project and should translate to what the people of this county want.

I want to comment on KOICA phase II which runs from the falls running across 5 Wards and it can be extended in future; I appreciate that the project is around 80% complete. This project could have already been completed but there are a few challenges and issues which the county has already responded to some. Looking at the gravelling of the road that leads to the source of the water, still there are challenges. As a county, we need to respond on a serious note to necessitate the works under KOICA phase II to be able to complete the project. I know that water project will be able to answer many questions because that is purely gravity driven water to Kibabii and many people will benefit from this project.

I want to appreciate the Korean Government because this is a multi-billion project. This is a real partner because looking at phase I and Phase II it is important that we appreciate that government for partnering with the people of Bungoma to solve issues pertaining water. It should be clear that as stakeholders, we really appreciate the Korean Government and what we urge the government of Bungoma is to give our donors a good environment so that in future, other donors will be attracted to Bungoma to get more funds to develop our county. We urge that the department of water through Committee of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources should be able to push the department to make sure that this project is completed within the timelines set. We wish that issues of Kiosks should be clarified so that in future such Kiosks are put at a central place to capture many people. I rest my case by wishing the Korean Government the best as they work with the people of Bungoma.

Hon. Metrine Nangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me opportunity to contribute on this motion. First I want to appreciate the mover of the motion Hon. Ndasaba for taking time to read eloquently and I can recommend her as a best reader of the day and she has done it well. I would like to contribute on the same because we all realize that water is life and without water, some of us would not be appearing the way we are appearing. Therefore, I would like us to put more effort on it and if possible allocate more funds to make sure that more people have access to water especially in the rural areas. We have all the women and old mothers who suffer a lot travelling far places seeking for water. I also want to encourage our elected members to allocate more money so that our rural areas can have water at their door steps. I appreciate my area MCA Hon. Meshack Museveni for allocating money for water projects and our people are happy because when they have water, they are settled and they can do other things to build our nation.

I want to encourage NZOWASCO that as they make sure the kiosks are well done and place at the door steps of our rural areas, they should also look at the treatment of water especially during the rainy season like now. Water comes from the mountain and it is not clean, therefore, as they release it to the kiosks, let them make sure it is treated. I will prefer that the treatment should be done once per week so that our people can be safe from diseases like Cholera.

I would also like to appreciate KOICA for making sure that Bungoma has life by bringing water to our people. I support the motion.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me the opportunity to support and contribute over the same. First of all, I thank the member who read the report Hon. Ndasaba; she was bold and courageous. Mine is to support the report by saying that water is an essential commodity that we need in our day-to-day life. It is a timely project that will help our people because as you realize in our County today, we don't have running waters because of poor service delivery from NZOWASCO. We need to come up with other service providers other than

having one that is not doing the work as it is required. How I wish that the KOICA water project would not only just serve the people of Mt. Elgon and Kabuchai but that water also should be extended to Kanduyi and may be other regions. As we speak today...

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: *(On a point of information)* Mheshimiwa Spika nataka kueleza Mheshimiwa Caleb ya kwamba mradi wa KOICA hauko katika maeneo mawili pekee;. Mradi huo inanzia eneo la Mlima Elgon kwa Wadi ya Mheshimiwa Simotwo, inakuja kwa Joan, Nangulu, Museveni, Barasa Mukhongo hadi eneo la Tuuti/Marakaru kwa Mheshimiwa Joseph Nyongesa. Kwa hivyo haiko katika maeneo mawili pekee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mheshimiwa Caleb nafikiri umeelezwa bayana kwamba mradi huu hauko katika Kaunti Ndogo mbili pekee bali pia Kanduyi ambapo unatoka imenufaika na mradi huu kwa usaidizi was Serikali ya Korea.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: How I wish that this will spread to all other wards not just a few; that is my plea. Additionally, a lot of our people in the County are addicted to cheap liquor in pretense of treating Typhoid because of the unclean water that they have been taking. I know this is going to help a lot. In this regard, I conclude by supporting the report.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Asante sana Ndugu Spika japo nasumbuliwa kidogo na Mheshimiwa akinieze kwamba nisizungumzie mambo ya Chwele. Mheshimiwa nasimama kwanza kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Dorcas Nandasaba kwa kusimama wima na kuweza kupeana ripoti ambayo imetaja mipango mizuri ambayo Kaunti yetu ya Bungoma na wafadhili wetu kutoka Nchi ya Korea...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mheshimiwa Ipara, anaitwa Ndasaba bali si Nandasaba kwa sababu ya uhakiki wa ripoti rasmi ya Bunge.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Asante sana, Ndugu Spika. Nimeona mwenyewe akiniangalia huku akitabasamu kana kwamba amefurahia sana. Hata hivyo, nilikuwa nasema naipongeza serikali yetu ya kaunti na serikali rafiki ya Korea ambao waliweza kutoa pesa na kuanzisha huo mkradi.

Uliposikia mnenaji akisema ya kwamba maji ni uhai; nataka kusema ya kwamba tukiongea mambo ya mimea yetu katika mashamba, wanyama na sisi binadamu wenyewe tunategemea maji. Inaonyesha ya kwamba maji ni rasilimili moja ambayo kila mmoja anafaa kushughulikia. Inatosha kuanza na sisi waakilishi wa wadi tuhakikishe ya kwamba maji yanapatikana katika milango ya watu wetu.

Napongeza zaidi kamati yetu mhakikishe kwamba hizo pesa zinatumiwa kwa malengo yaliyowekwa kwa kuhakikisha maji yanawafikia watu wetu haswa wale wako sehemu ambazo mradi huo unalengwa kutokea Mlimani unasambaa eneo la Namwela, Chwele, Mayanja hadi

Kibabii. Msambao huo wa maji haujawekwa kwa sababu ya watu wa Chwele au watu wa Sirisia bali umewekwa kwa sababu ya wakaazi wa Kaunti ya Bungoma.

Kuna Mito mingine ambayo ningeomba serikali yetu kupitia kwa idara ya maji iangalie, eneo unaloakilisha Mitua/Soysambu kuna Mto unaitwa Nzoia ambao una maji kuanzia Januari hadi Desemba. Tukiweka sehemu kutoa hayo maji yatafaidi watu wanaokaa katika sehemu ya juu katika Kaunti yetu. Kuna Mto unaitwa Kiminini una maji ambayo yanateremka hadi Ziwa Victoria na Sisi hatutumii hayo maji ilihali watu wetu wanateseka na mali yao kupotea kwa sababu ya ukosefu wa maji.

Naomba wakati wowote tunaanza mradi wa maji tunatosha kuangalia hio maji inatoka wapi, wale ambao maji inatoka kwao wanafaidika, tusiweke mambo ya pesa mbele tuweke maji ipatikane kwa watu wetu. Kama Mlima Elgon nataka kuona ya kwamba tunaweka vituo vya maji katika kila sehemu baada ya kilomita 2 au 3 wawe wanapata maji. Watakapopata maji watajitambulisha na huo mradi na makosa yeyote ambayo inatokea watasimamia, lakini tukikosa kufanya hivyo italetata matatizo.

Ninaomba idara husika wakuje pia na mikakati ili mito zetu zinakakuka kwa sababu tumeruhusiwa kulima kwenye ukingo wa maji. Tunatosha kuomba wale wanakaa karibu na mito hio idara ikuje na mipango ambayo inapeana zawadi kwa wale watu ambao hawalimi mpaka kwenye ukingo na wanapanda miti.

Naomba pia idara husika penye kuna chanzo cha maji pale ichungwe na wale wanakaa pale wapewe majukumu ya kuhakikish hawatiharibu ukingo huo, kwa sababu tukiharibu inaonyesha wale wanakaa sehemu ya chini watapata matatizo mingi sana na sisi tutakua tunalia kila wakati. Namalizia nikisema serikali yeyote ambayo inataka kutambuliwa ni serikali inayohakikisha kwamba watu wanapta maji kila wakati. Ukipata serikali watu wake wanateseka inaonyesha kwamba hatuna mpango maalum wa kusaidia watu wetu kwa kupata maji waeze kufanya maendeleo. Mimi naunga ripoti.

Hon. Alice Kibaba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. First, I also want to congratulate the mover of the motion who is none other than Hon. Dorcas Nakhumicha Ndasaba. Maybe you don't know how well the Ndasaba takes 100 litres of water in a day and that is why she is very strong. That is why she could manage to read the report for all that time

Mr. Deputy Speaker: And she didn't take any water here.

Hon. Alice Kibaba: She had already taken 50 litres of water in the morning. So water is life, as you are aware, Honourable members when we lack water, it is women who suffer as they have to walk long distances in search of water and that is why you see most of our women in Bungoma County, they are not so beautiful because they are burnt with rays from the sun just looking for water, while our men are just seated at home waiting for water. So our elected Honourable

Members, kindly pump more money in water so that we can have enough water in our county. We want our women to look beautiful. I support the report.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Alice Nanyama Kibaba. Hon. Kharakha Wekesa.

Hon. Linda Kharakha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to weigh in also and first by congratulating my colleague *Mheshimiwa* Dorcas Ndasaba for reading this beautiful report on this floor of the House. I would like to say that the KOICA 1 and 11 was a beautiful foundation laid down to ensure proper access of water and coverage in our County. I wish to say that the relevant stakeholders in the water management that is the NZOWASCO and others that they may pick up what KOICA had put in place yet to ensure proper access.

It is in this regard that we will be able to reduce some of the problems that are related to water, for instance, outbreak of water related diseases that are caused by inability of our people in Bungoma to access water. This will also help in improvement of our revenue collection. If the procedures are put in place to ensure that water is accessible, you realize that as much as there are procedures, some are so strict to the people that forces them to vandalize water pipes.

Hon. Martin Chemorion: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also want to commend the mover of the motion for giving us well-documented findings after the visit. I believe is a South Korea funded project in collaboration with the Kenya government and the Bungoma County Government; having this project, I know is going to help a lot of people as it is intended to reach more than 86000 residents. I believe such a kind of companies or such kind of arrangement of projects that are funded by these Government Agencies, they must be having something on corporate social responsibility but I'm not seeing anything. The people surrounding that area may be financing a school or a dispensary because these are major project, which is supplying water all over the County.

What kind of project is being made or constructed to help the people that surround that place. So maybe moving forward in the next phase, I would suggest that a project that can assist the surrounding people.

Additionally, Mt. Elgon ecosystem is a very sensitive ecosystem. Water is tapped deep inside the forest, whereby we have sensitive plant and animal species. So sometimes you can even curtail the movement of elephants from reaching maybe particular resources there. I would suggest that maybe this project also provide for annual environmental audit to assess the impact on these sensitive ecosystems. I support the motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cheseto Chemorion. There is another member who wants to contribute; Hon. Isaiah Busolo Sudi Deputy Majority Whip.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also want to add my voice on a well-documented report by the Committee of Water and Tourism. Looking at the areas where KOICA 1 and KOICA 11 has covered, I wish to urge my colleague elected MCAs that they also think outside the box and to last mile connectivity by using their CEF so that we our people in those areas get clean water. Pipeline should be extended to areas like Malakisi/South Kulisiru and even Lwandanyi Ward so that the perennial cases of water shortages is addressed.

Our colleagues where the KOICA 1 and 11 has passed and when you talk of a rig in this House, everybody wants it. What about those areas like now your Mitua/Soysambu... I don't want to mention a particular ward, and we are still on the forefront of demanding for a rig and yet you have a well-funded programme passing through your Ward.

We as elected leaders, we need to sit down and see how important it is because you see, I don't want to mention a Ward.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You can mention Mitua/Soysambu.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Surely, if you are from Mitua/Soysambu or South Bukusu which has no KOICA 1 and 11 and you still want a Rig that it must start from my ward again. Let's be sincere and realistic. We were elected not just to represent your ward, but you represent the whole of Bungoma. I want to urge you that the KOICA 1, the wash out is reconstructed well, so that when water is discharged, it does not affect the communities living around. Even the County government of Bungoma should put some money to correct that, so that the people can live in harmony with the colleagues from Mt. Elgon. Why do you allow your people to vandalize the infrastructure that costs a lot of money?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Sudi, Unfortunately when you are saying that there are no elected members from that area, we have one Chemorion here.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Let's be friendly. You see this is an infrastructure that is helping them. Then you vandalize and you know if you look at the writings, this money is from the people of South Korea, who have donated their taxpayer's money so that we can clean water for people of Bungoma. I think that is a barbaric act that is not supposed to be there in this modern era.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Sudi, you are hitting very hard. Can you be softer.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: I'm not hitting but I am only trying to make some sense. You see for the last few months how our people have suffered; especially our women and young children looking for

water. Luckily I am a man, nobody can tell me to go and fetch water, but I will sit in the House until my wife arrives. Even if she takes two days, she comes with water, but...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Sudi, we have men who fetch water like me here, so kindly be softer
(Laughter)

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Honourable Speaker, I have used the word I am lucky, you are lucky you are a man halfway. You can fetch water but you see personally even if it takes three days, I will just sit in the house waiting until water will be brought by the gender that God gave them authority to water for us. You know why I am saying this is when you put up a project; you need to add on another one but when you vandalize then it means next time instead of moving forward, you will again go back to correct the vandalism was done.

I will repeat this that where KOICA 1 and 11 has passed in various Wards, when we arrange for a rig, you support me then they must come last so that areas like Mitua/Soysambu, Ndalu/Tabani and in Niatiri/Kabuyefwe can also enjoy water.

So that we balance because you see 500 million in just few wards then the same wards have 600 million in terms of grant for water that is 1.1 billion then you still want to compete a Honourable Member for Kamukuywa who wants just a rig to make one point of water, you know one point of water in a ward of 20,000 household is like a drop in the ocean but you still want it and yet you can make a line you can do last mile with the 2 or 4 million to give your people water.

You know we are desperate and that is why we cry for a rig but if I get it in my Ward, you will never see me crying for a rig. I will put money to connect with my people with clean water instead of crying for a rig all the time. Like my good Leader of Majority has come because the KOICA 11 even the bigger tank is in his Ward. Can he really still again start crying that he needs a rig. He should put money to connect his people on clean water on this KOICA mile connectivity.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Sudi, I asked you to be softer, so the majority is just coming in and you are trying to hit him before he even settles.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Because he is my friend, I don't want to use someone who is not my friend. I am using him as an example because he is soft on me.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: So you are hard on him so he can be soft on you?

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Yes, we are just using him as an example. You know that KOICA 1 if it is complete, then instead of him getting a rig, let him connect his people to KOICA 1 and 11 lines,

so that the areas where KOICA cannot reach, we are given an opportunity to have a rig and also allow our people to drink clean water. I support the report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Isaiah Sudi you have seen his contribution and he was almost left out. I think because of Hon. Isaiah Sudi's passionate contribution, he incited other members but I will only give Hon. Waiti Wafula Waiti, so that we can call the mover of the motion to respond. I know the mover of the motion is preparing to respond and he is taking notes of the concerns of Honourable members.

Hon. Waiti Wafula: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sincerely I was provoked by the sentiments from Hon. Isaiah Sudi. Foremost, I want to take this opportunity to thank my sister Hon. Nakhumicha Dorcas Ndasaba; a very wonderful volley baller.

Indeed it is very sad to compete for a rig when you know very well that there is already life people are enjoying while others are suffering. The Chief Executive of this County who is non-other than His Excellency the Governor while selling out his manifesto to the people across the County, he did mention everywhere that if elected, he will provide water for people. By good luck, the donors came in the name of KOICA 1 and 2 as it has been mentioned here and our good people are enjoying water elsewhere. How I wish that through our good leadership of this House chaired by our Majority Leader, to sincerely give us a list of the wards that are enjoying the KOICA 1 and 2 so that we don't compete on the rig.

How I wish that water engineers in different parts of this county; when quantifying for a rig or one point of water; that is a borehole; it is my humble submission that they give us the full bill of quantity right from digging the borehole and upgrading the system so that in my ward for example; if I can manage through CEF to allocate money for water then I will be in a position to supply water. If we move out; even if we managed to walk today to a Ward called Mitua/Soysambu; you can get a borehole dug some years back but it has never been useful to the community. They just allocate funds or they quantify. The only thing that they can do is to dig that hole and they leave it there. The community will just see that there is water there but they are not enjoying. I wish that we insist as the Honourable House that they quantify up to the maximum for the people to enjoy. Otherwise, I support the motion as it was moved.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Waiti. I now call upon the mover of the motion to respond. Yes, Hon. Ndasaba. You can do it from there.

Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Honourable members for their contributions and concerns as per the committee recommendations. I am so happy and applaud them so much and may God bless you.

Secondly; on the issue of NZOWASCO, the committee has had some meetings with the NZOWASCO department and I hope things will be in place.

On the recommendations, I know the committee is going to discuss about it and elected members will get the information through the Committee Chairperson. I want to thank you all and may God bless you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndasaba Nakhumicha Dorcas. Honourable members, the motion having been moved and dully seconded and debate having ensued, I now put the question that a report of the Committee on Tourism, Water and Environment and Natural Resources having been moved to be adopted by this Honourable House.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

The report is adopted and the table clerks will convey it to the various departments for implementation.

Honourable members, there being no other business on the Order Paper of the day, we adjourn to the next sitting in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

(House adjourns)