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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

PRAYER

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Honourable Members, before the oath is taken, I wish to give the following directives or the procedure to be followed during the oath administration.

Honourable Members, I wish to bring to your attention of the House that we recently lost one of our colleague, the late Hon. James Mukhongo. His passing away did create a vacancy in the representation of Kabuchai/Chwele Ward.

Pursuant to Article 101 (b) of the Constitution and Section 86 of the Elections Act, the body mandated to conduct elections, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission conducted a by-election on 27th of November, 2025.

Honourable Members, kindly take up your positions. Thank you.

Honourable Members, the results of that by-election were duly published in the Kenya Gazette via Gazette Notice No. 17611 of 1st of December 2025 through which the IEBC declared Mr. Eric Wekesa an Independent candidate as the newly elected Member of Kabuchai/Chwele Ward. As required by Article 74 of the Constitution, read together with the County Government Act, in our Standing Orders, no person shall assume or perform the functions of a Member of this Assembly before taking or subscribing to the oath or affirmation of the Office.

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I take this opportunity to welcome the family members and the friends in the Public Gallery and Speakers, kindly be upstanding for recognition. People in the public gallery and speakers, kindly be upstanding, all of you.

(They rise)

(Applause)

Kindly take your seats.

(They resume their seats)

Among them is the father, Saul Wefwafwa Wekesa, and the mother, Metina Simiyu Wekesa and his lovely wife, Anita Anyango Wekesa and the brother, Sam Wefwafwa Wekesa.

Honourable Members, they are all here to witness the swearing-in of the Member-elect and to witness the official ceremony as it proceeds. Honourable Members, kindly take up your positions.

You are kindly reminded to strictly observe the following decorum of the House, including maintaining silence throughout the proceedings, refraining from applause, cheering or gestures of approval or disapproval, keeping mobile phones on silent mode, remaining seated unless directed by the Sergeant-at-Arms and not taking photos or videos or causing disruption. For photos, if you are authorized photographers of your media accreditations, you are allowed to do so because that's part of your job.

Honourable members, I therefore direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Honourable member to the bar of the House. I further request the two Honourable members, the escort of honour, to proceed and bring forth the Honourable MCA once brought to the bar. From there, we will be able to confirm and proceed to have the oath done accordingly. The Members are Hon. Zeddy I think and Hon. Vitalis, whom I was told is the escort of honour.

(The Member-Elect for Kabuchai/Chwele Ward entered the Chamber escorted by Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana)

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It's okay? You give the microphone so that we confirm.

Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana: Thank you, Speaker. Honourable Speaker, allow me to introduce to you the Member elect for Kabuchai/Chwele Ward, Hon. Eric Wekesa of ID number 27408765.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, I confirm that the Member present before me here is Hon. Eric Wekesa of ID number 27408765, as per the gazette notice number 17611 of 1st of December, 2025 by the IEBC. Will you be swearing or will you be doing an affirmation? Be on HANSARD please, so that we are able to know.

Hon. Eric Wekesa: An affirmation, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

So you'll proceed and affirm as per the law. The other side.

(MCA elect for Kabuchai/Chwele ward takes oath of affirmation)

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: You'll equally cite the...

Mr. Charles Wafula (Clerk County Assembly): Under Section 40 of the Leadership and Integrity Act 2012, each newly elected state officer is required to sign and commit to a Leadership and Integrity Code established pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Constitution.

This commitment is a mandatory requirement to be complied with either at the time of taking oath of office or within seven days of assuming state office. Accordingly, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, in consultation with the county assembly, has scheduled the signing of the Leadership and Integrity Code by the incoming Member of the County Assembly to take place alongside the oath of office today, Wednesday 3rd December 2025. The signing of the Code symbolizes a solemn undertaking by the incoming state officer that they shall, upon assumption of state office, comply with all laws relating to ethics, integrity, and public accountability and that they shall not engage in any corruption or unethical conduct.

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The commitment also enjoins the state officer to take proactive measures towards corruption prevention and promotion of ethics in the office to which they have been elected. Therefore, I hereby call upon Hon. Eric Wekesa to sign and commit to the Leadership and Integrity Code as by law established.

Mr. Speaker: He will proceed and sign his affirmation alongside the oath .

(The Member-Elect for Kabuchai/Chwele takes the integrity oath)

Mr. Speaker: You can now proceed and have the signed affirmation alongside the Integrity Oath.

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Charles Wafula (Clerk County Assembly): Honourable Speaker, I now confirm that the Honourable Member has taken his Oath of Office.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Now the Honourable Members who are the Escort of Honour can now escort the Honourable Member to go and take up his position the other side. In the meantime, one of our officers will give him the basic requirements of the Standing Order alongside the Constitution and the County Government Act for use as his daily tools of trade.

Now you can escort him to the bar. He will go then from there you take him. He can sit in the nearest seat available.

(Applause)

Honourable Members, Order! Honourable Members, allow me to allow the officers to go to the next item of our Order Paper. Next item?

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honourable Members, allow me to make the following communications. There are two in number. The first one is the one welcoming the newly sworn in Hon. MCA for Kabuchai Chwele, Hon. Eric Wekesa.

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Honourable Members, following the recent by-election exercise conducted on 7 November 2025, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, IEBC, declared the results and gazetted the Member elect vide gazette No. 17611 of 1st December 2025. In effect, Hon. Eric Wekesa was declared the Member of the County Assembly-Elect for Kabuchai Chwele Ward.

I wish to officially welcome Hon. Eric Wekesa, the new elected Member for Kabuchai Chwele Ward to the County Assembly of Bungoma. On behalf of this House, the County Assembly of Bungoma Service Board, the leadership and the staff led by the Clerk, we extend our warmest congratulations upon his successive elections and his assumption of duties as the representative of the people. This marks a significant milestone both in his personal journey and in the service of the Ward and the County at large.

As Hon. Eric Wekesa joins this House, he steps into a role previously held by the late Hon. James Mukhongo, who served with dedication and distinction. We trust that he will build upon this foundation, carrying forward the aspirations of the people of Kabuchai Chwele Ward. In that regard, I assure him of the full support of the Speaker, the Clerk, the House leadership and the fellow members to ensure that he settles into his responsibilities with ease and confidence.

To facilitate a smooth and seamless integration in the assembly operation, the Clerk is directed to provide Hon. Eric Wekesa with all necessary administrative support and resources. This includes formal orientation of the structure and the services and procedural requirements of this House, as well as formalization of the offices both within the County Assembly precinct and the ward level. We are committed to ensuring that he is well equipped to effectively discharge his legislative and oversight roles.

Honourable Members, I further encourage Hon. Eric Wekesa to adopt a spirit of learning as he assumes his place within this Chamber. He is free to occupy any general sitting position except the one assigned to the Speaker and the House leadership. I also call upon Members to accord him usual cooperation and the guidance that we extend to colleagues as they familiarize themselves with the traditions, procedures and expectations of the House.

Finally, Hon. Eric Wekesa, I encourage you to seize this opportunity to perform with diligence, humility and a commitment to public service. May you attain your impactful, constructive and championing the needs of the people of Kabuchai Chwele Ward and through collective deliberations, contributing to the

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legislative mandate and the broader wellbeing of the citizens of Bungoma County in the Republic of Kenya. We welcome you once again and wish you a productive and fulfilling service to this Assembly. I thank you all, Honourable Members.

(Applause)

The last communication Honourable Members is about the 2025 5th edition of the CASA Games in Meru. I wish to formally welcome you back to this House following a week-long break to attend and participate in the 2025 5th edition of the CASA Games held in Meru County.

I trust you all returned in one piece, although I know some came back with more stories than medals.

(Applause)

From the onset, allow me to thank you for the stunning performance you put up. We fought like true champions, defending our trophies and even backing new ones.

In fact, Meru County is still wondering what whirl wind passed through their fields, courts, tracks and cultural tents. Speaking of whirlwinds Honourable Members, the Speaker has a full brief of your endeavors in Meru.

(Applause)

I can confidently assure you that your secrets are safe with me.

From the Honourable Members, I went strolling confidently towards Isiolo in the thick of the night, to those I found bargaining for merchandise with the seriousness of the Budget Committee hearing and of course championing spotted along the roadside, enjoying the well-deserved miraa break. I saw it all, Honourable Members. But worry not, I shall not be able to table that report in the public domain you are safe.

(Applause)

There was energy everywhere, on the pitch and off the pitch. Especially the one off the pitch was amazing and as you can already see, some of the fruits planted in Meru have already germinated and we

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continue to wait for others to mature. Honourable Members, in a special way, I wish to recognize the unsung heroes of the entire Mission, our cheering squad.

These are the patriots who used every bit of energy, talent and vocal strength to ensure our players never tired. From the shaking specially engineered instrument, blowing vuvuzelas loud enough to confuse Meru livestock, to the dancing and chanting of traditional songs, you outdid yourself. Special recognition goes to the following.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba, the undisputed captain of the cheering squad, Hon. Bernard Kikechi, Hon. Timothy Chikati, Hon. Cornelius Makhanu and the only lady Hon. Alice Kibaba and all other Honourable Members and staff who cheered, sang and danced, shouting as to end the victory.

(Applause)

Now, Honourable Members, allow me to officially present the performance of our teams in Meru.

Volley ball men, captained by Hon. Francis Chemion were Position. 1.

(Applause)

Volleyball Women championed by Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba were Position No. 1.

(Applause)

Netball, captained by Margaret Mukenda, were Position No. 1.

(Applause)

Cultural dance, folk songs, choir and shaking the leg, captained by Lilian Namukhasi. Cultural dance, Borrowed Gishu dance, Position 1.

(Applause)

Cultural dance, own composition, Position 1.

(Applause)

Folk song, Borrowed Gishu folk song, Position 2.

(Applause)

Choir, set-piece, those ones who go for suits and shoes, were No. 3.

(Applause)

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Athletics, captained by Cameline Ngaina. Philip Sinoya, short put, Position 1.

(Applause)

Nicholas Maghas, short put, Position 2.

(Applause)

Sharon Wotia, 100 metres, women, Position 2.

(Applause)

Noah Wanjala, 100 meters, men, Position 2.

(Applause)

Cameline Ngaina, 400 metres, women, Position 3.

(Applause)

400 by 100 metres women, Ngaina, Wotia, Linet Maru, Nancy Cherop, Position 3.

(Applause)

Other disciplines, football men, captained by Noah Wanjala, quarter-finals.

(Applause)

Handball men, captained by Peter Mbito, quarter-finals.

(Applause)

Ajua, captained by Hon. Angeline Rugut, quarter-finals.

(Applause)

Draught, captained by Hon. Okasida Ipara, quarter-finals.

(Applause)

Table tennis, captained by Eric Ngobilo, quarter-finals.

(Applause)

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Darts, captained by Angela Nguve, quarter-finals.

(Applause)

8-ball pool, captained by Kellum Chandai, quarter-finals.

(Applause)

Honourable members, the icing on the cake. Honourable members, I'm only giving those ones who are at that level.

(Laughter)

If they never won anything, how do I announce the results to the Honourable members?

Honourable members, the icing on the cake, the cherry, the sprinkles and the whole bakery is that we were grounded in the best County Assembly overall, CASA, 20-5 as the champions.

(Applause)

Honourable members, these achievements cannot just go uncelebrated. Last time, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa bought 10 goats that we ate. Now I'm wondering how many. My office, together with the office of the clerk and in consultations with the house leadership is organizing a formal ceremony to officially receive and celebrate the trophies here at the County assembly. The date in the programme will be communicated in the due course. Honourable members, once again, congratulations to you.

Once again, you made Bungoma County assembly shine. Thank you. The other thing that I'll be discussing in Kamkunji away from the camera and off Hansard. Thank you. Next item

We now move to the next items in our order paper

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes Hon. Benjamin Otsiula

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Hon. Benjamin Otsiula (Chairperson, Budget): Thank you Honourable Speaker on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee I wish to lay on the table of this House a report on Bungoma County Budget Review and Outlook Paper 2025.

(Paper laid by Hon. Benjamin Otsiula)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members the report by the Budget Committee on Bungoma County Budget Review Outlook is hereby tabled by the committee and formally it becomes the property of the House.

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. THAT, THIS HOUSE ADOPTS THE REPORT BY THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes Hon. Otsiula, issue the notice please, you know he is worried. Proceed and issue the notice please. Get him the order paper.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula (Chairperson Budget): Thank you Honourable Speaker, I wish to issue a notice of motion that this house adopts the report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Bungoma County Budget Review and Outlook Paper 2025 laid on the table of the Honourable House on Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members a notice has been duly issued by the sector committee of Budget and Appropriations committee on the Bungoma County Budget Review and Outlook Paper I urge the Clerks-At-the-Table to share the same with the Honourable Members. It will form business in our Order Paper in the course of the week. We proceed.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

1. RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON SECTOR COMMITTEE ON LANDS, URBAN PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ipara

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Hon. Johnstone Ipara (Chairperson Lands): Thank you Honourable Speaker, this is a response on the statement raised by Hon. John Kennedy Wanyama on the upcoming county executive administration block. I am told Hon. Polycarp is standing in for Hon. John Wanyama...

Mr. Speaker: Can we confirm that the report is from your committee of Lands, Urban Physical Planning and Housing. Who is standing in for Hon. John Wanyama?

Hon. Johnstone Ipara (Chairperson Lands): It is Hon. Polycarp...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kimeta, is it true that you have firm instructions to stand in for him?

Hon. Polycarp Kimeta: Thank you Honourable Speaker Sir, I am standing in for Hon. Kennedy Wanyama.

Mr. Speaker: It is okay, thank you so Hon. Ipara you can proceed.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara (Chairperson, Lands): Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee on Lands, Urban and Physical Planning Housing and Municipalities received a statement sought by Hon. Kennedy Wanyama in this House on 10th July 2025 and referred to the committee for reply.

Pursuant to standing order 47.2.c of the Bungoma County Standing Orders the statement was in relation to the upcoming administration block that will House offices for the County Executive. The committee provided a progress report on 24th July 2025 and sought the leave of the Honourable Speaker to conduct a fact finding at the site of construction.

Mr. Speaker: Order members, consult in low tones please...

Hon. Johnstone Ipara (Chairperson, Lands): and provide a response on 31st July 2025 through the Chairperson. The committee did visit the site on 28th July 2025 to ascertain the presence of the contractor on site, the level of construction and the environmental impact. The findings were as follows;

1. Financial utilization and mobilization.

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The department entered into a contract with the centre line logistics limited which commenced in 2nd November 2025 and completion date being 2nd November 2026. The contract sum was Kshs 498,880,128 advance paid Kshs 97,476,000 balance Kshs 401,404,128.

However, payment was delayed due to a tussle over project management between the National and County Government. At that time, the County Government of Bungoma did not have a County Residential Engineer and wrote to the National Government to provide supervision of the project. Immediately the standoff was settled, the department paid Kshs.97, 476,000 being advanced payment to the contractor as stated below;

First payment was Kshs.50, 000, 000 which was done in February 2024.

Second payment of Kshs. 47,476,000 done in December 2024

This brings the total to 97,000,476.

The advance payment above was guarantee. The bank guarantee certificate was provided to the committee for verification. During the fact-finding, the committee observed the following;

- i) Mobilization activity had been completed including site fencing, machinery mobilized, construction materials were on site and temporary site offices stores had been erected and were in use.
- ii) Timelines. The committee was informed that all factors remaining constant, the contract had undertaken to complete the works within the stipulated timeline which is by November 2026.
- iii) All the supporting documents were provided and interrogated by the committee

2. Technical progress level of completion

Site clearance

The site clearance and setting out had been fully completed as per the drawings.

Foundation

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On the foundation part, the bulky excavation 100% of the foundation were completed. Steel reinforcement was at 97% completion. Framework to column bases was at 87%. Casting of bases was at 90% and stripping of foam work was at 90%

Substructure

The completion of the substructure works includes steel fixing at 97%, foam work at 90% and casting at 95%. Generally, the foundation works were at 70% which represents 10% of the whole construction.

It was clarified that an advance payment is a pre-payment method paid to the contractor before delivery of goods and services. This is a deposit made before the full transaction is completed. It is meant for mobilization and not work done. The advance payment of 20 % made to the contractor had been captured in the contract agreement and it is in tandem with the constitution.

Conclusion

Hon. Speaker,

The committee would like to report that by the time the House went to recess the committee had not received a copy of the bank guarantee certificate and various supporting documents from the department. These documents were later submitted and verified by the committee. The committee and the owner of the statement Hon. John Kennedy Wanyama were satisfied with the response provided by the department. I beg to report.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Polycarp!

Hon. Policarp Wandabusi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to confirm that during the committee meeting, the information provided by the department was satisfactory.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Policarp Wandabusi. We go to the next item!

2. RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON SECTOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Chair Education, Hon. Jack Wambulwa, proceed!

Hon. Jack Wambulwa (Chairperson, Education): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am told Hon. Mulongo is standing in for Hon. Makhanu. I am sure he has the response.

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, can you confirm that you have firm instructions to stand in for Hon. Cornelius Makhanu!

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Yes Mr. Speaker Sir. I have the response with me.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jack, proceed!

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Let me proceed. The committee on Education and Vocational Training received a statement sought by Hon. Cornelius Makhanu in this House on 24th September 2025 and referred to the committee for reply pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders. The statement was in relation to the state of Kanduyi DEB and Mukhaweli ECDE centers. The committee in its letter CAB/CC /4 volume 4 dated 30th September 2025 requested the department of Education to submit the response which was done through letter CG/BGM/Educ/CECM/CEF/VOL376 dated 14th October 2025.

The committee analyzed the response and invited the owner of the statement on 13th October 2025 for a meeting to see if the response was satisfactory. The owner raised pertinent issues that needed clarification from the department and in consideration of the committee invited the department together with the works officer for a consultative meeting vide letter CAB/CC/Volume 4 dated 27th October 2025 to be held on Monday 3rd November 2025 at the County Assembly precincts to provide clarity on the issues that had been raised by the owner of the statement.

The department did not satisfactorily clarify on the issue raised by the owner and resolved that the Works Officer and the Director Community Empowerment Fund be invited to come and provide clarification on the matters that were unresolved.

1. The renovation works at Mukhaweli and Kanduyi DEB centers
2. The Bill of quantities including the adjustments that might have been made.

Hon. Speaker, the committee invited the department to be accompanied by the Public Works officer and the Community Empowerment Officer vide the letters read to you and issues that had been raised by the owner of the statement where the works officer informed the committee that he had prepared the Bills of quantities and submitted them to the department for procurement process to commence as attached and informed the committee that the contractor had been paid for the works done and was going to visit the site and instruct the contractor to complete the remaining works as attached.

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He is yet to submit the status of the remaining works as at now but promised to submit in due time. The committee seeks more time from this House to fully expedite the matter so that as I am before you I beg for the report which is already signed to be given enough time so that we can see if the remaining works are already done.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, for Cornelius

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Since the work that was involving all these was not done and they have begged for more time, I think I have talked with the owner of the statement and he has said...

Mr. Speaker: You are now the owner of the statement, who else again!

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: When you assume this duty, you assume fully. You are now talking to yourself. Proceed!

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I give them more time. Sorry, let them look for convenient time so that they can come up either 14 or 7 days.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, although Hon Aggrey is asking for seven days, he knows that the House will be adjourning for long recess. Seven days is very mischievous.

Honorable members!

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: One day, tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: No, what I am saying is that Hon. Aggrey is not being honest with the time he is seeking. That he wants an answer in one day. Let us be fair. Let the committee take time, invite the relevant people, do interrogation and give us feedback among the statements that will be saved tomorrow because when we adjourn they will end up dyeing. We will be having a motion moved by the Leader of Majority tomorrow to save all the motions, statements before the House as we go to recess so that it does not die a natural death. Hon. Chemion and Kengele thank you for the work you are doing. Now I see Hon. Tendet is happy and the other members like Hon. Meshack are doing well. Let's proceed!

(Laughter)

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Mr. Speaker: Now, Honorable Members at the best time on our Order Paper is the statement hour. Since Hon. Erick has been sworn in. I want to allow Honorable members to make brief remarks in 10 minutes. You are aware that the family and his members are in the in the gallery so that he takes his people home because they are waiting for him. I will allow members to make brief remarks so that he can be able to exit. Are we together members? Hon. Lusenaka, you start!

Hon. Antony Lusenaka: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to welcome Hon. Erick Wekesa to this County Assembly. I have known Hon. Erick Wekesa for ten years. I think people of Chwele Kabuchai made the right choice on 27th November 2025. He will fit in the shoes of the former MCA colleague who passed on and I just want to request him that it's an opportunity that is given to him by the Chwele Kabuchai people. I just want to request you that work for them. Politics has a lot of things...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Allan and Timothy Chikati Order, Order please! Proceed Hon. Lusenaka.

Hon. Anthony Lusenaka: I know it was a tough campaign. I personally went to Kabuchai and got scared of how things were going. I took off because of the environment that was there at that time. So, I just want to thank the people of Chwele Kabuchai for trusting Hon. Erick Wekesa and giving you that chance. I know we are only left with one and a half years. Just try and do what you can within that period so that by 2027 they will still go back and maybe consider you for another term.

The differences that were between the parties DAP we had a candidate who got 52 votes compared to the 6,000 votes you got. In fact when you total the total number of votes of your competitors, they cannot even reach half of what you got. That shows that people of Chwele Kabuchai have a lot of confidence bearing the differences that were there, work with everyone. The moment you get elected, that is a platform you have been given, repair all the fences that were broken, work with everyone because 2027 you never know. May be that person who was your opponent may come and support you.

That has already passed but now focus on the future. In this County Assembly we do oversight, legislation and representation. During this time we are also planning our projects. Make sure that you contact our leadership and the relevant friends at least to guide you on what should be done within these shortest period ahead of us.

As we break, you may not get enough time to interact with all of us but the few that you may interact with may help you in one way or another. Make friends. Here we have the Majority and Minority. Just

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try and work with everyone in this House. If you may decide to work with one side, you may end up not knowing what is on the other side. I just want to wish you all the best as you join this County Assembly. We are friendly people despite our political differences but when it comes to delivery or working for our people, we work as a team. So, I just want to welcome you and wish you all the best Hon. Eric Wekesa.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Anthony Lusenaka. Members, I see you are over 10. Each will speak at least two minutes so that we allow him take the family home. That is my request to you. When you speak, just use common sense like the Friends School Kamusinga

(Applause)

Hon. Allan. I will follow the line,

(Loud Consultation)

You made a request, you are online here. Hon. Chikati, next. Joseph Nyongesa! Since you are requesting, keep on requesting it will come down. Just press and leave it there, you will be picked. Proceed!

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, allow me also join my colleagues in appreciating the newly elected MCA who is Hon. Erick Wekesa and I want to say Congratulations. It was not easy but personally I have known Eric for years because when I was competing in 2013, I was in New Ford Kenya and he was also our candidate on New Ford Kenya in Chwele/Kabuchai. So, he is a friend whom I know. As you have said, it was not easy and in fact we are standing here to wish you all the best. I know the people of Chwele/Kabuchai have a lot of trust and confidence in you. It is you to ensure that the best comes out of you. I know and I am aware the people sitting in the gallery have a lot of expectations even in your allowances and salary which I know you won't share with them so, they should also learn that it belongs to you because in this field, we have lost friends because of following what you are earning and doing.

Hon. Eric, it is your time. We in Ford Kenya fought our best but God knew that you actually deserved it. Welcome and we wish you all the best. Work for the people of Chwele Kabuchai, it's your time.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kikechi, if you do so, it will be very easy for me. Two minutes at most. Proceed!

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Hon. Benard Kikechi: Much obliged Hon. Speaker. Mine is also to congratulate Hon. Erick Wekesa for his resounding victory in the just concluded by-election in Chwele/Kabuchai ward. I won't belabor much because of time. I would just like to wish him well and for him to be aware that this is a House of rules and procedure. I see the members of the Minority side that is DAP, are very happy...

Mr. Speaker: Honorable, we stick to what is supposed to be discussed in here. Wish your colleague well. Other things, behind the tent, are we together members?

I was clear. The only chair reserved for people here is the House leadership and the Speaker's chair. I always see Aggrey sitting with Majority here. So, stick to the issue at hand.

(Applause)

Proceed!

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am well guided. Hon. Eric Wekesa, welcome to this House of rules and procedure and feel at home.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kimeta, then I will have Caleb Peter. Proceed Kimeta!

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi: Thank you so much Hon. Speaker. I want to offer my sincere and huge congratulation to Hon. Eric Wekesa. He has been my friend for quite a long time but because of politics we had to take different directions. I want to thank the good people of Chwele/Kabuchai for voting for Hon. Eric Wekesa on 27th November 2025 and I want to confirm that the voice of the people for Chwele /Kabuchai ward was heard and the voice of the people is the voice of God.

(Applause)

I wish you well in your new assignment but I also try to caution you that the expectations are too high. So, you need to moderate on expectations of our people and we work together as a team. It has been a very long journey; Hon. Eric has been trying to be an MCA since 2013 when he was a young man but today I am standing here in appreciation of the good people of Chwele/Kabuchai because at least they did not vote for a candidate but they voted for a youth and as a person who is moving out of the youth class. I really congratulate Hon. Eric and we shall work together as a team.

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(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honorable Members, I was told that Hon. Polycarp is also a bishop. I do not know since when but I am sorry Bishop.

(Laughter)

Now, I will find out from Majority whether he was ordained a bishop or... proceed!

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to congratulate Eric Wekesa for winning the just concluded election in Chwele Kabuchai. The fact that he has been yearning to be elected for quite some time, now his persistence has bore fruits and we wish you all the best. Just like my colleagues have said, here we work as a team regardless of our political affiliation and the challenges that some of your colleagues face are similar in all our wards. We wish you all the best. Welcome.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Ali Machani then Meshack. We will all speak as long as we spent at most 2 minutes. Proceed!

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First of all, I want to congratulate the elected MCA Kabuchai.

Mr. Speaker: Consultations are too high Honorable members, kindly order!

Hon. Ali Machani: Welcome to this House of debating and I want to wish you, your family and Kabuchai people well. My polite advice is put God first. Serve your people and never revenge in life. Make sure that you be the link of all the leaders across the political divide. You may be independent but you can get friends from different parties. I am in ODM, I have survived all these elections because I know how to link up with leaders. Don't abuse leaders and take care of your family. You are only serving one and a half years in this position then we go to elections. Whatever small thing you do now will make you to be re-elected.

Getting it is very easy but defending is another task but from where I sit, you have the blessings of your parents, your family and the Kabuchai people you are representing. Serve them well, respect the leadership. Here we don't go with parties much. Each member is equal here. Thank you. Serve your people.

(Applause)

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. Simotwo then Meshack then I will have Sheilla in that order. Hon. Simotwo, you have the microphone!

Hon. Franklin Simotwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to appreciate our colleague Hon. Eric...

Mr. Speaker: Then as you are doing so members, just trying to save some situation. There is an issue of my PAIC people and choir coming back .You cannot be in Choir in Eldoret then be in this House. So, with that guidance, if you know you are finishing your PAIC meeting you have arrived early, you understand what I mean, let us proceed! If you know you withdraw. Proceed!

Hon. Franklin Simotwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was saying that allow me to appreciate the MCA elect for the people of Chwele Kabuchai. I knew Hon. Eric when I entered politics, that was 2013. We met when I had lost and he was still vying. I know Eric has been a friend in this town, he has been working very hard to make sure that he leads the people of Chwele/Kabuchai. I want to appreciate the people of Kabuchai for their voice for electing Eric. You know at some point Eric told me that one day I will be a Member of County Assembly and today God has answered. He is sitted here as the MCA for the people of Chwele/Kabuchai

(Applause)

But I want to remind him that the people who elected you at some point may even turn against you again because of the issues of interest. I know that you have the interest of the people of Chwele/Kabuchai that is the reason you are here. You want to serve them diligently. As a friend, I wish you well as you take up the matters of the people of Chwele/Kabuchai. It is difficult but we pray that God guides you through this journey of politics.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Simotwo. I will have Hon. Meshack, Violet, Waiti then Vitalis in that order.

Then I am told some of my Honorable Members came running and forgot home their log in cards. I understand. Hon. Chemion and Hentry Nyongesa, you will be allowed to speak. Proceed Hon. Meshack!

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kunipa nafasi. Mimi mwenyewe namjua Eric. Tulikutana naye 2013 kama mimi nimeanguka kura naye alikuwa anatoka shule na mimi mwenyewe nilimshika mkono. Nilikuwa na kampuni yangu nikamwambia aje tufanye kazi. Tulifanya naye kazi

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mwaka wa 2013 upande wa Brigadier na siku moja akaniambia siku moja atakuwa MCA. Nashukuru Mungu amepata na Kabuchai saa hii kila mtu anaangalia Eric. Barabara, maji, shule, yote wanaangalia Eric. Nataka niambie Eric tuje pamoja tufanyie watu wetu wa Kabuchai/Chwele kazi.

(Applause)

Mimi nilikuwa mchezaji wa Man U naye Eric alikuwa mchezaji wa Arsenal. Wakati tumecheza kiwanja...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Meshack!

(Laughter)

Wind up please!

(Applause)

Malizisha!

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Mheshimiwa Spika ni ukweli. Wakati tulimaliza, mshindi akapatikana. Naambia Mheshimiwa Eric tukae pamoja. Mimi natoka Mukuyuni iliyotoka kwa Chwele. Mimi na yeye tuko pamoja. Nataka tukae pamoja na tufanyie watu wetu kazi nao wapate maendeleo. Ninashukuru sana Mheshimiwa Eric Wekesa. Nakuunga mkono tufanye kazi kwa heshima. Kwa hayo machache, asante sana.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Violet, I will urge that I have two motions before me and tomorrow being our last sitting, I won't take any of them out of the Order Paper. Hon. Violet proceed!

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you Hon. Speaker for...

Mr. Speaker: Being a lady, I will give her two minutes but Waiti and Vitalis one. Proceed!

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this time to also say something on the newly elected Honorable member. Hon. Eric, I want to take this time to congratulate you for being elected as MCA for Chwele/Kabuchai people and I also want to appreciate the good people of Chwele/Kabuchai for electing Hon. Eric.

It has been a tough game but at the end of the day you are a winner of those elections. I want to advise you that don't you ever make a mistake of dividing the people of Chwele Kabuchai. That these ones

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voted for me and these ones did not so that you do not maybe work for those who did not work for you. You will be losing on your side. Just ensure that you bring all of them together. If anything, try to make more friends. Let those who were beating you hard during campaigns come near you and be good friends and work with them so that you are able to secure this seat again in 2027.

Try to ensure that you bring them together and make more friends than enemies then at the end of the day 2027 will not be a very tough year for you. I want to take this time to welcome you and wish you all the best in this Honorable House.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Waiti!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I also want to join my other colleagues congratulating Hon. Eric whom I know. Like Hon. Meshack has said, I met Hon. Meshack and Eric in 2013 when they were doing the famous Misikhu Brigadier road and that is the time I knew him. As others have said, it was a fierce and stiff competition. I was personally there and I want to now take this opportunity and once again congratulate you Hon. Eric because you did your best and floored so many of us including myself in Ford Kenya, even DAP and UDA lost.

(Applause)

We want to join our hands together and congratulate Hon. Eric for his....

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Speaker: Order members! Hon. Aggrey, you are out of order! Hon. Waiti wind up then I will have Hon. Vitalis, Chemion then Hentry. Each a minute please. Proceed!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you Hon. Speaker and I want to remind this House that by the time Hon. Eric was marching from their coming this side, you used your wisdom Hon. Speaker and from where I was sitting, it will only take an old man like me to understand what you meant because you assisted...

Mr. Speaker: I always tell you I am very old. Proceed!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Hon. Speaker, an old man like me understood what you meant by encouraging Hon. Eric to sit to the nearest seat available. It will take him time to understand what you meant but as old men, we are here, we shall advise. Otherwise, as he is here slowly Hon. Eric, you will get old like myself because I served here as a Councilor in 2002-2007 and I rightly sat where you are sitting and it

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took me time to understand the obligation in this Honorable House. With time, I will come to you and lead you to where you should be as time goes.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Waiti. I will have Hon. Vitalis then Chemion and Hentry prepare to use the dispatch. Proceed!

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you Mr. Speaker for allowing me also to join my fellow colleagues Honorable members to congratulate the newly elected MCA Eric Wekesa for winning the Chwele Kabuchai seat. I am meant to understand Eric started his journey of politics in 2013 when he was still a young man and he won the recent one but previously he has been second. In politics we do not have a second person because whoever was second to you is nowhere now in this particular Assembly. We all know you as Eric. God's time is the best. This is your time Eric, I should say congratulations and in the interest of time I want to tell you that politics does not have any miss because from what I have heard from my Honorable members, one of your best friends one time has said it here that there was no friendship during the elections. That is why I now understand that in politics we do not have a permanent friend or enemy. Just understand this was political time and when in politics expect everything. They have talked about expectations from your people. Of course it is there but you should understand and know how to address it in a better manner because they can come back to you again and you might not work very well.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Vitalis, you can do the last bit behind the tent. Thank you. Congratulations.

Hon. Chemion! Then Henry, each one minute please so that we move on.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Speaker, thank you so much, Hon. Erick Wekesa, I just saw you in social media and I listened to you several times and saw what you were expounding in the social media and inside me I could guess who was going to take that seat just by looking at, hearing what you were saying in the radios, in the social media.

As an old man in this House, we welcome you, but I thought, Honorable Speaker, if it were possible, we could have directed him to sit in the Chwele/Kabuchai seat reserved, but because he choose himself, he took that seat.

Mr. Speaker: Let me correct you once again, as per our Standing Order and Rules, the ones reserved are there for the leadership and the one for the Speaker, the rest are free for all.

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Hon. Francis Chemion: Honorable Speaker, I don't want to expound on the issue of outside the tent, we will be talking about it outside the tent, otherwise, we welcome you. Welcome to the County Assembly, we are led by rules, we are led by procedure, and everything is guided here. We will guide each other, so welcome, feel free, feel at home. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Henry Nyongesa, he will be closing up that bit.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First I want to congratulate Hon. Erick Wekesa, and in that capacity, Honourable Speaker, I want to declare that we are the alumni of the Busakala High School. I knew Erick, Honourable Speaker, when he was staying with one of my spiritual leader that is Mwalimu Waluchinga, who was staying with Erick on the compound of the Busakala High School. Honourable Speaker, that's the time we started. After my school, I met Erick when he was in form four, and he was asking how I managed to become a Counselor by that time, Honourable Speaker.

That's the time he started admiring that to be elected. I want to take this chance and welcome Honorable Erick and say that this is not the land of animal farm, but you take everybody equal in your Ward. Honourable Speaker, I'm a brother-in-law in the Chwele/Kabuchai Ward, and hopefully when I walk there, Hon. Erick, I think will be giving me that cordial welcome while walking around. As you understand, I was warming the seat for Hon. Mukhongo, because of the friendship, so take all the mantle that Hon. Mukhongo was exercising in this House. He was too friendly, and we are hoping that you will take that mantle that Hon. Mukhongo was doing here. I welcome my brother Erick as an alumni of Busakala High School. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, allow me now, on behalf of all other Members who haven't had the chance to tell their colleague congratulations and welcome him and say that on their behalf, so that we allow him to exit the House. Thank you, go to the next item.

MOTIONS

1. REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE QUARTERLY REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH OF JUNE, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes, next. Hon. Francis Chemion

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Hon. Francis Chemion: Thank you, Honorable Speaker, I rise to move a report by Education and Vocational Training Committee, which is a quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 30th of June, 2025. So I will skip the table of contents, I will skip preamble.

Committee Membership

The committee currently is constituted by the following members.

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| 1. Hon. Jack Wambulwa | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Stephen Kaiser | - | V/Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Francis Chemion | - | Member |
| 4. Hon. Ali Machani | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Jack Kawa | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Job Mukoyandali | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Christine Mukhongo | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Abraham Obama | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. John Wanyama | - | Member |
| 10. Hon. Jacob Psero | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Angeline Rugut | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. Timothy Chikati | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. Mildred Barasa | - | Member |
| 14. Hon. Everton Nganga | - | Member |
| 15. Hon. Ipara Okasida | - | Member |

Acknowledgment

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for dedicating their time to examine the 4th Quarter Financial Statements for the Finance Year 2024/2025, for the period ended 30th June 2025. The Committee would also like to appreciate the Secretariat for its commitment. Lastly, the Committee is grateful to your office and the office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for logistical support received as it discharged its mandate.

It is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training, to table the Report on the 4th Quarter Financial Statements with respect to the Department of Education and Vocational Training for Financial Year 2024/2025 for the period ended 30th June 2025.

Signed.....Date.....

Hon. Jack Wambulwa

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MCA. Kimaeti Ward.

Chairperson, Committee on Education and Vocational Training

CHAPTER THREE

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2024/2025

Annual Approved Budget

The total budget for Education and Vocational for the financial year 2024/25 was Kshs. 1,679,652,642 as approved in the first supplementary budget comprising of a total of Kshs. 1,438,957,859 Recurrent budget and Kshs. 294,694,783 Development budget.

Budget Absorption

The total expenditure budget for the period was Kshs. 1,426,930,479 representing 85% total budget absorption. This expenditure agrees with what is in the Controller of Budget`s report on budget implementation.

Budget Execution by Classification

Under Recurrent, with an approved budget of Kshs. 1,434,957,859 the department absorbed Kshs. 1,310,163,658 translating to 95% of the recurrent vote. This is broken down as follows:(*See table 3 in the Annexure*)

- Human resource (Basic salary) had an allocation of Kshs. 1,197,255,254 with an absorption of Kshs. 1,171,991,320. This absorption represents 98% of the salary vote. *The Department submits that the Kshs. 25 Million was not absorbed because some staff left due to natural attrition while the contracted staff were only paid for three months (July, August and September, 2024)*
- Utilities Supplies and Services with an allocation of Kshs. 75,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 35,000 which is 47% of the vote. This was to pay electricity expenses.
- Communication Supplies and Services with an allocation of Kshs. 265,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 18,485 which is 7% of the vote.

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- Domestic Travel and Subsistence with an allocation of Kshs. 5,500,000 (Kshs. 2,500,000 ECDE and Kshs. 3,000,000 VTCs) had an expenditure of Kshs. 2,562,005 which represents 47% of the vote. The allocation relates to the following activities;

<i>Sn</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
1	<i>Senate facilitation for the executive officers</i>	<i>300,400.00</i>
2	<i>BQ preparation</i>	<i>697,500.00</i>
3	<i>Feasibility study</i>	<i>754,255.00</i>
4	<i>ICPAK facilitation</i>	<i>162,400.00</i>
5	<i>Annual assessment and strategic conference</i>	<i>209,500.00</i>
6	<i>Education stake holder dialogue</i>	<i>216,050.00</i>
7	<i>LREB facilitation</i>	<i>221,900.00</i>
9	<i>Total</i>	<i>2,562,005.00</i>

- Printing, Advertising and Information supplies services with an allocation of Kshs. 2,700,000 (Kshs. 2,000,000 ECDE and Kshs. 700,000 VTCs) had an expenditure of Kshs. 179,500 which represents 7% of the vote. The payment relate to; Payment of Newspaper advertisement in the Nation Newspaper for Education staff recruitment at the cost of Ksh. 91,487.00 and The Standard Newspaper at the cost of Ksh.88,013.00 totaling to Ksh. 179,500.00.
- Training expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 1,035,857 had an expenditure of Kshs. 653,600 (63% absorption). The payment relates to; Payment of Tuition Fee for four Officers from the department at the cost of Ksh. 290,000.00 to KISM and Ksh. 363,600.00 at ICPAK.
- Hospitality with an allocation of Kshs. 5,000,000 (Kshs. 3,000,000 HQ & ECDE, Kshs. 2,000,000 VTC) had an expenditure of Kshs. 3,987,228 (80% absorption). The activities that were funded are annexed.
- Insurance expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 800,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 100,000 (13% absorption). The payment relates to the Insurance of the department vehicle no 39CG014A.
- Office General Supplies and services with an allocation of Kshs. 6,169,702 (Kshs. 5,369,702 for ECDE and Kshs. 800,000 for VTCs) had an expenditure of Kshs. 199,220 which represents 3% of the vote.

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- Fuel oil and lubricants with an allocation of Kshs. 1,500,000 (Kshs. 1 M ECDE and Kshs. 0.5M VTCs) had an expenditure of Kshs. 1,500,000, representing 100% absorption.
- Routine maintenance of motor vehicle with an allocation of Kshs.900,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 250,000 representing 28% of the vote. This vote had an allocation Kshs. 500,000 in the annual budget whereas Kshs. 400,000 was added in the supplementary budget following a request from the Department yet it was unable to utilize the vote.
- Education support services (bursary and Scholarship) with an allocation of Kshs. 163,757,046 (Scholarship Kshs. 133,757,046 and uji program Kshs. 30,000,000) utilized Kshs. 128,687,000 representing 79% absorption. The Controller of Budget`s Report puts the actual expenditure at Kshs. 219,345,121.The COB report also says that the lifespan of the Regulation establishing the Education Support Scheme, had lapsed and as such the COB cannot approve any requests for withdrawals to support the operations of a lapsed fund. However, the Department needs to be proactive and furnish the COB with the updated Regulations which were passed in 2019 and thus still has a lifespan of four more years before it lapses.

Under Development expenditure with an allocation of Kshs. 294,694,783, the document presents an absorption of Kshs. 116,766,821 for the programs, which is 40% of the development allocation. The expenditures are on the following programs;

- Supply of ECDE learning materials with an approved allocation of Kshs. 21,353,113 had an expenditure of Kshs. 21,091,386 which is 99% absorption
- Infrastructure development (Ward Based Project) with an approved budget of Kshs. 83,745,682 had an expenditure of Kshs. 72,479,023 representing 87% absorption. The Department submitted a Ward Based Project implementation Report revealing payment of Kshs. 20,768,786.10 for 7 projects as Annexed.
- Other infrastructure and civil work (construction and equipping of ECDEs classrooms) with an allocation of Kshs. 82,900,000 had a nil expenditure and the department cited late exchequer release and subsequent end of the financial year and this would be considered in the 1st supplementary budget FY 2025/2026..
- Other infrastructure and civil work (construction and equipping of VTCs) with an allocation of Kshs. 5,000,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 500,000 representing 10% of the allocation.

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- Accounts payables with an allocation of Kshs. 60,595,988 had an expenditure of Kshs. 2,735,780 representing 5% of the allocation. The submission from the Department was that they had paid a total of Kshs. 56 Million but the funds were drawn from the Ward Based Project allocation for that financial year to settle the pending bills since the allocation was done in the 1st Supplementary which was passed towards the end of the financial year. As we transition towards the Accrual accounting system, we anticipate that this fund shall be re-voted back during the first supplementary budget of financial year 2025/2026
- Equipping of VTCs with an allocation of Kshs. 20,000,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 19,960,633 representing 99.8% absorption
- VTC tuition grant and transfer with an allocation of Kshs. 14,000,000 had NIL absorption.
- VTC rehabilitation and renovation with an allocation of Kshs. 7,100,000 had NIL absorption since the allocation was done in the 1st supplementary which was passed towards the end of the financial year and the same amount shall be re-voted back in the 1st supplementary budget FY 2025/2026. .

Pending Staff Receivables (Outstanding Imprests)

The department had one outstanding imprests amounting to Kshs. 42,800 that remained un-surrendered by 30th June 2025. Currently, the imprest has been surrendered.

Accounts Payables

The Department had an accounts payable of Kshs. 75,994,848.09 at the beginning of the financial year. Of these, Kshs. 65,272,507 was development while Kshs. 10,722,341 was recurrent. There was a budgetary allocation of Kshs. 60,595,988 to clear development pending bills during the financial year. During the period under review, the Department settled pending bills for 28 projects totaling to Kshs. 57,601,768.25. (see annex 2)

Bank Balances

There is a declaration of bank balance of Kshs. 4,570,258.68 in the various accounts of the VTCs in the County while the VTC project account had a balance of Kshs. 280,646. The department did not provide bank statements for various VTCs.

Status of Grants/Donors

The Department submits to have a MOU with an organization called EIDU for the provision of Digital literacy program for ECDE learners within the County. In the MOU, the County and EIDU are to co-

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fund the program at 50/50 basis. During the last financial year, EIDU contribution was Kshs. 54 Million in form of digital learning equipment.

Status of Stalled Projects

The Department submitted that there are 18 stalled projects across the County. Nine projects relate to financial year 2023/24, eight are for 2022/23 and one for 2021/22. The stalled projects are(*as annexed in Table 4.*)

1. Proposed construction of an ECDE class at Kaptungururwo in Kapkateny Ward
2. Proposed Erection and Completion Works Of Ecde Classroom and a toilet each At Bishop Wabukala And St Joan Sango Primary Schools In Naitiri Kabuyefwe Ward.
3. Proposed Renovation And Completion Of 1ecde Classroom And 2 No Door Pit Latrine At Milele,And Binyenya Primary School In Tongaren Ward
4. Proposed Erection And Completion Works For 1 No Ecde Classroom At Bulukha Primary School In Cheptais Ward.
5. Proposed Erection and Completion Works For 1.No Ecde Classroom And 2 No. Pit Latrine Door At Kiboochi, Mabanga, Luuya and Pefa Lwanda Primary Schools in Luuya Bwake Ward.
6. Proposed Erection And Completion Works Ino Ecde Classroom At St.Patrick Maasai, Ondoti And Wabukhonyi Primary Schools In Ndivisi Ward
7. Proposed Erection And Completion Of 1 No Ecde Classroom At Siilila And 1no Workshop At Bakisa Polytechnic In Mihuu Ward
8. Construction of 1 No. Classroom At St Joseph's Sudi Vtc.
9. Construction of I No.Ecde Classroom At Mapera, Kamkuywa And Sulwe Primary Schools in Kamukuywa Ward
10. Proposed Erection and Completion Works Of 1 no. Ecde Classroom At Ng'oli,Bituyu And Matili R.C Primary School In Kimilili Ward
11. Proposed Construction And Completion Works For 1no.Ecde Classroom At Kapchebuk and Kibumet Primary Schools In Chepyuk Ward
12. Proposed Erection and Completion Works of 1no. Ecde Classroom At Chepyuk And Kubura Primary Schools In Chepyuk Ward
13. Proposed Erection and Completion Works for 1no. Ecde Classroom At Kabula And Naburereya Schools In Kabula Ward
14. Proposed Erection And Completion Works Of 1no.Ecde Classroom At Toloso,Kikai And Mutonyi Primary Schools In Namwela Ward

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15. Proposed Erection And Completion Works Of 1no.Ecde Classroom At Ndalul,Muliro, Taabani And Shikuku Primary Schools In Ndalul Ward
16. Proposed Erection and Completion Works Of 1no. Ecde Classroom At Kamkata And Sendera Primary Schools In Elgon Ward
17. Proposed Erection And Completion Works Of 1no.Ecde Classroom At Nzoia Pefa Primary School In Maraka Ward
18. The Proposed Erection and Completion Works for 1no ECDE Classroom And Office At Mupeli And Central Baptist Primary Schools In Township Ward.

Regulation 22 (3) (l) of the Public Finance (Public Investment Management) Regulation, 2022 requires all accounting officers to disclose reasons for any stalled projects and propose recommendations to the National or County Treasury;

The Chief Officer, therefore, needs to ensure that this requirement has been met.

Status of On-going and Flagship Projects

The department of Education does not have any flagship project. However, the status of on- going projects is ward based (*see annex I*)

CHAPTER FOUR

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee Observations

1. The Department recorded a high overall budget absorption of 85% (Kshs. 1.43B spent out of Kshs. 1.68B), with recurrent expenditure absorption at 95% and development absorption at 40%, indicating strong performance in recurrent spending but underperformance in development implementation.
2. The recurrent budget was largely driven by personnel emoluments at 98% absorption, while critical operational votes such as communication (7%), insurance (13%), printing and advertising (7%), and office supplies (3%) remained significantly underutilized, indicating an imbalanced spending pattern.
3. Some key recurrent votes, such as hospitality (80% absorption) and travel (47%), had relatively high expenditures compared to core service delivery areas, suggesting prioritization of administrative facilitation over essential operational inputs.

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4. Education support services (bursary) recorded 79% absorption against an allocation of Kshs. 163.7M, but there is a discrepancy with the Controller of Budget's figure of Kshs. 219.3M, pointing to weak alignment and reporting inconsistencies.
5. On under development, some programs such as supply of ECDE learning materials (99%) and Ward-Based infrastructure development (87%) performed well, but others — including construction and equipping of ECDE classrooms (Kshs. 82.9M) and VTC rehabilitation (Kshs. 7.1M) — recorded nil absorption, indicating stalled or delayed project execution.
6. The Department entered the financial year with pending bills amounting to Kshs. 75.99M, with only Kshs. 22.04M settled, leaving a significant backlog of unpaid obligations (Kshs. 57.6M) and raising sustainability and fiscal discipline concerns.
7. The Department reported a total of 18 stalled projects across multiple wards dating back to FY 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24, contrary to Regulation 22 (3) (l) of the Public Finance (Public Investment Management) Regulations, 2022, which requires accounting officers to disclose and act on stalled projects.

Committee Recommendations

1. **THAT**, the Department should strengthen development budget planning and execution to enhance absorption levels, particularly in capital-intensive programs such as ECDE infrastructure and VTC rehabilitation, through early procurement and implementation.
2. **THAT**, a more balanced expenditure structure should be adopted by enhancing spending in underfunded operational areas such as communication, insurance, and supplies, which are critical to efficient service delivery.
3. **THAT**, the Department should review and rationalize administrative expenditures such as travel and hospitality to ensure that budget allocations align more directly with core service delivery priorities.
4. **THAT**, reconciliation between the Department's expenditure reports and the Controller of Budget's records should be done regularly to eliminate variances in reporting, particularly for bursary and Uji programs.
5. **THAT**, targeted interventions should be undertaken to fast-track stalled development projects, including the adoption of framework contracts, enhanced project supervision, and stronger contractor performance monitoring.

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6. **THAT**, the Department should develop and implement a structured pending bills clearance plan, with clear timelines and funding strategies, while strengthening commitment control to prevent future accumulation.
7. **THAT**, the Department should comply with Regulation 22 (3) (1) by providing comprehensive justifications and recovery strategies for all stalled projects to the County Treasury, including reallocation or project redesign where appropriate.

Hon. Speaker, the report was adopted by majority of the Members as signed and the annexures are annexed as reported in the report. I now take this opportunity Honourable Speaker to ask the Chair of the Committee to second the report. Thank you

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jack Wambulwa you have the honor of seconding the committee report

Hon. Jack Wambulwa (Chairperson, Education): Thank you Honourable Speaker. First of all I want to appreciate the mover of the motion Hon. Francis Chemion, for having done in the shortest time possible more so more eloquent as a teacher.

Honourable Speaker, as you have heard the report, Members this is a department that does not seem to be interested in doing development. They are more concerned with recurrent that's why you find they have spent more than eighty to hundred percent but development they are very much behind and looking at even pending bills, I am very sure even this balance of fifty seven million is not the exact figure but they should be having more as a department that is having more pending bills. We need to get them get the right figures, so that we can address it during the supplementary.

You can see Honourable Speaker, there is also eighteen stalled projects which is very unfortunate and this is a key department that deals with devolution. I therefore request that in future as Sector Committee we should follow up with these departments to make sure that they do all they can to complete the Projects and make sure that the payments are done on time to avoid pending bills. Other than that Honourable Speaker, I second the report, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Jack Wambulwa, for seconding the report that was moved by Hon. Francis Chemion for the Committee, allow me to be able to propose a motion for debate;

(Motion proposed)

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Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I am being bullied by Hon. Benard Kikechi here...

Mr. Speaker: You are protected one hundred percent. You are protected.

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Speaker, I want to appreciate the mover of the report Hon. Francis Chemion for moving the report eloquently and I was listening carefully to that report. Honourable Speaker, why I want to say something is the disappointment from the department of Education. This is one department that has really failed this County, Speaker, there is no single day I have ever allocated money on a project and it fails to be done Honourable Speaker, but Education it has let me down.

Looking at the projects read, Siilila and Polytenic in my Ward, I allocated money for the projects. Do you know Speaker they went ahead and gave the Contractor the award letter to come to the ground but they never bothered following up the Contractor until the year ended and nothing had been done so far. I don't know what is supposed to be done but truth be told that this department has really let us down as a House and I know most of my colleagues have the same problem that I have in my Ward.

Even the current ECD classrooms, they are still not completed Honourable Speaker. So we used to benefit when we had bursaries from this department, now they are not doing bursaries, and they are not able to implement the projects that are normally allocated to them. So I just want to register my disappointment and may be as a House we need to come up with a way forward on how to deal with this department so that at least things be moving like other departments. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Francis Chemion now you are called upon to respond.

Hon. Francis Chemion:(Mover to respond) Honourable Speaker, we take the comments of Honourable Member with a lot of seriousness. It's true that from the report, you can see the number of stalled projects. It is a very bad thing to happen to the department, even me Honourable Speaker, I have four ECD centres that the Contractor has abandoned site and he is just hovering around here making a lot of noise about nonpayment and yet he has not done anything in our Wards.

So the department should be able, as a Committee be very tough on them Chair, so that we ensure the projects do not stall, we must push them to ensure that Honourable Members ,are not put under pressure

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because they have allocated funds and the department is not ensuring the projects are done. Thank you Honourable Speaker. I ask that we approve the report.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Francis Chemion. Honourable Members, allow me now be able to proceed and put a question;

(Question put and agreed to)

The report and its observation made therein and the recommendations are hereby adopted by the House accordingly. Next

2. REPORT BY THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, IRRIGATION AND CORPORATIVE DEVELOPMENT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH OF JUNE, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Wafula Waiti. This is a very brief report members, now that side of making more contributions proceed, now for today also, same yard stick PAC committee and Choir, proceed.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I read a report on Financial Statements on the period ended 30th June, 2025 on Committee of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Corporative Development

CHAPTER ONE

The financial statements for the financial year 2024/2025 for the period ended 30th June, 2025 were tabled on the 9th September 2025 and committed to Sector Committee for the interrogation and subsequent reporting into this Honourable House.

The Committee conducted a thorough review of the financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025 submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on 29th September, 2025.

This report presents the findings of the Committee following its interrogation of the Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025. It encompasses the legal framework and objectives that guided the Committee in its analysis of the financial statements. Additionally, the report provides an overview of the department's expenditure performance, including an assessment of budget absorption during the period under review.

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Finally, it contains the committee's observations and recommendations on the financial statements for the FY 2024/2025 for the period ended 30th June, 2025 with respect to the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development as currently constituted comprises the following Members:

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Hon. Wafula Waiti | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Idd Owongo | V. Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Busolo Sudi | Member |
| 4. Hon. Everlyne Mutiambu | Member |
| 5. Hon. Meshack Simiyu | Member |
| 6. Hon. Simotwo Franklin | Member |
| 7. Hon. Jerusa Aleu | Member |
| 8. Hon. Alfred Mukhanya | Member |
| 9. Hon. Caleb Wanjala | Member |
| 10. Hon. Edwin Opwora | Member |
| 11. Hon. George Tendet | Member |
| 12. Hon. Benard Kikechi | Member |
| 13. Hon. Martin Chemorion | Member |
| 14. Hon. Allan Nyongesa | Member |
| 15. Hon. Alice Kibaba | Member |

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FISCAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Hon. Speaker,

The County Assembly discharges its oversight function on the executive through the Committee system. According to *Section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012*, an accounting Officer for a County Government entity shall prepare a report for each quarter of the financial year in respect of the entity. Further, the section requires the accounting officer of the County Government entity to ensure that the quarterly report;

- Contains information on the financial and non-financial performance of the entity, and
- Is in a form that complies with the standards prescribed and published by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board.

Obligations of Accounting Officers

Hon. Speaker,

Section. 149(1) of the PFM Act 2012, states that;

An accounting officer is accountable to the County Assembly for ensuring that resources of the entity for which the officer is designated are used in a way that is;

- *Lawful and authorized*
- *Effective, efficient, economical and transparent.*

Accounting officers will be accountable to County Assembly for;

- *Ensuring the most effective means of achieving desired programme outcomes are used.*
- *Maintaining effective systems of internal control and the measures taken to ensure that they are effective.*
- *Measures taken to prepare the financial reports that reflect a true and fair view of the financial position of the depart*

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Hon. Speaker,

In processing the Financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2025, the committee based on the following:

- i. Revenue realized by the department in the FY 2024/2025(Exchequer, Local revenue and grants)
- ii. Detailed personnel expenditure of the P&P and contractual staff in the period under review.
- iii. Report on grants released and expenditures in the FY 2024/2025
- iv. Budget Implementation report for the period as per activities/projects in the approved PBB stating any deviations
- v. Status of on-going projects/ flagship projects
- vi. Status of stalled projects
- vii. Status of the implementation of the procurement plan FY 2024/2025
- v. Detailed report on the pending bills settled in the period and status of the pending bills outstanding.
- vi. A status report on the outstanding imprest, proof of surrender of imprest in the period.
- vii. Ward Based Projects implementation status for FY 2024/2025

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the offices of the Honorable Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for the invaluable support and guidance extended to the Committee in the course of discharging its mandate.

Special appreciation is accorded to the members of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development for their dedication, commitment and diligence in scrutinizing the financial statements and ensuring a comprehensive review process.

Hon. Speaker,

It is therefore my distinct honour and privilege, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development, to hereby table this report before this Honourable House for its consideration, deliberation and adoption. The report is signed by myself.

CHAPTER TWO

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE

Hon. Speaker,

The department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperatives Development had approved 1st Supplementary budget of Kshs.1, 181,209,963 comprising of KShs. 372,456,839.60 recurrent and kshs.808,864,637.32 development.

The absorption of the budget was Kshs.940, 025,089 comprising of KShs. 350,982,302 recurrent and KShs. 589,042,787 development translating to 80%.

Grants in the department

- **National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP)**

NAVCDP launched in 2023, directly builds upon the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP), with a stronger focus on agricultural value chains. The new program shifts away from the broader rural development approach of NARIGP to target value addition, commercialization, and market linkages. It aims to improve the competitiveness of specific value chains, including dairy, tea, coffee, and horticulture, offering higher potential for food security and income generation for smallholder farmers. The project covers all the 45 wards in the County and the Prioritized value chains are; Poultry, Dairy, Banana, Avocado and Coffee.

A significant component of the NAVCDP involves providing financial support to SACCOs that demonstrate strong governance, financial health and a commitment to advancing agricultural value chains.

The approved budget in the FY 2024/2025 was KShs. 277,298,009. The expenditure was KShs. 125,193,752.03 leaving a balance of KShs. 152,104,256.97 that should be brought forward during the 1st supplementary of FY 2025/2026.

Summary of expenditure per Quarter

- Total quarter 1 expenditure KShs. 44,370,071.03
- Total quarter 2 expenditure Kshs.40,639,857.00
- Total quarter 3 expenditure Kshs. 30,764,784.00
- Total quarter 4 expenditure Kshs. 9,419,040.00

Kenya Agricultural Business Development Program(KABDP)

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KABDP is a new program in the department that was introduced in the 1st supplementary budget FY 2024/2025 with an allocation of Kshs. 10,968,900. The department did not receive the grant as at 30th June, 2025.

Kenya Livestock Commercialization Program (KeLCoP)

The Kenya Livestock Commercialization program is a development program in the department of Livestock and Fisheries that supports farmers in the following value chains; Dairy, Poultry and Bee keeping. The program is implemented in four wards namely; Bukembe East, Musikoma, Kaptama and Naitiri/Kabuyefwe.

The department submitted that the approved budget was Kshs. 60,067,432 and the total expenditure was Kshs.21,897,003.50 leaving a balance of Kshs. 38,170,429 that should be brought forward during the 1st Supplementary budget FY 2025/2026.

During FY 2024/25, KelCop budget absorption amounted to Kshs. 21,897,003.50 spent on both office administrative expenses, operations and towards activities in the 4 Wards. Below are the activities that were undertaken:

- Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) training in the 4 project Wards so as to promote transparency in decision-making and operations by providing stakeholders with a clear and accessible channel to voice their concerns, complaints and grievances related to the project.
- Development and implementation of 8 Environmental & Social Management Plans (ESMPs) for on farm activities in the 4 project wards, in order to identify negative environmental and social impacts expected during implementation of projects value chains in the groups.
- Participatory M&E exercise at the Wards
- Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) and Indigenous People Action Plan (IPAP) FPIC IPAPS assessment of Ogiek People in Chepkitale Kaptama ward.
- Social Environmental and Climate Assessment Procedures (SECAP) Climate safeguard trainings.
- Contract Implementation site visits to Musikoma Livestock Market and Kaptama Borehole.
- Hydrological surveys to Kaptama, Naitiri Kabuyefwe, Bukembe East and Musikoma Boreholes.
- Identification of farmers for keeping breeding Bucks in Musikoma and Bukembe East wards.
- Supply and delivery of 8,565 one day old indigenous chicks to 14 Market oriented farmer groups MOFAGs in Naitiri Kabuyefwe, Musikoma and Bukembe East.
- Supply of 55 dorper sheep to 14 MOFAGs in Naitiri/Kabuyefwe and Kaptama

- Supply and delivery of 74 Galla goats to 14 MOFAGs in Bukembe East and Musikoma
- Supply and delivery of 3000-Month-Old Indigenous chicken to 150 smart houses hold in the 4 four project wards.
- MOFAGSs nutrition training in the 4 Wards
- Publication of the Livestock Sale yard bill
- Supply and delivery of 85 Langstroth beehives and protective gears to MOFAGs and Demo farm in Naitiri/Kabuyefwe and Kaptama Wards
- Provision of honey processing units' centrifugal machines, refractometer, double sieves bee brush
- Distribution of 150 timber doors, 750 iron sheets ordinary nails and roofing nails for construction of poultry units for 150 smart households in the four project wards.
- Distribution of kitchen garden materials to 150 smart households in the four project wards.
- Distribution of 5,000kgs of organic fertilizer for planting and top dressing for establishment of fodder and pasture in the 4 project wards.
- Land Survey of the 4 Small Livestock Commercialization Areas (SLCAs) to identify suitable areas for construction of Solar powered boreholes

National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) KSHS.391,721

The Narigp program was a development program in the department that ended in the Financial Year 2023/2024. The had a balance of Kshs. 391,721 that the balance was brought forward to the NAVCDP Programme.

Agricultural Sector Development Program (ASDSP II)

The ASDSP program was a development program in the department that ended in the Financial Year 2023/2024. The department submitted that the account with a balance of Kshs. 5,466.70 was closed and the amount transferred to ACC 122996720 held by AGRIC SECTOR DEVP SUPP PROG 2 GoK. A letter for the transfer of funds by the Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) was submitted to the committee (Annexed)

Revenue Streams in the Department

Hon. Speaker,

The department had a target of kshs. **203,471,355** as local revenue target, the department submission indicates it collected **166,702,801** as indicated on the table below;

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No.	Local generated Revenue target	Target FY 2024/25	Actuals collected
1	Slaughter house Fees	20,954,007	3,118,650
2	Stock Sales	15,596,617	7,259,060
3	Fisheries	5,523,366	200,000
4	Mabanga AMC: Hire of Machinery	5,000,000	1,169,250
5	Mabanga ATC-Hospitality and sale of farm produce	42,924,377	20,689,927
6	Meat Inspection, Vaccinations, Licensing and AI	8,679,233	2,880,717
7	Livestock Movement Permits	1,750,000	520,725
8	Cess	100,014,389	55,460,730
9	Cooperative Audit fees	3,029,367	326,464
	Sub-Total	203,471,355	166,702,801

During the course of its interrogation, the Committee observed notable low revenue collection from various revenue streams under the purview of the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.

The Committee established that the problem stem from the fact that the department does not directly collect the majority of the revenue attributed to it. It was submitted that the collection of revenue from several key streams including Slaughterhouse Fees, Stock Sales, Meat Inspection, Vaccinations, Licensing and Artificial Insemination (AI), Livestock Movement Permits, Cess and Cooperative Audit Fees is undertaken by the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

Furthermore, the department clarified that it is only directly responsible for revenue collection from Mabanga Agricultural Training Centre (ATC), Agricultural Mechanization Services (AMC) and the Fisheries Sub-sector.

Agriculture and Irrigation (Recurrent)

Agriculture and Irrigation had recurrent approved allocation of KShs. 195,124,557 the department utilized kshs.182, 932,633 representing 94% absorption rate.

- Basic salaries -Permanent employees had approved allocation of kshs. 159,705,983 the department utilized kshs.159, 705,983 representing 100%.

- Basic Wages - Temporary Employees had approved allocation of kshs.9, 000,000 the department utilized kshs.6, 200,000 representing 69% this was due to the absorption of some of the temporary employees to Permanent and Pensionable terms.
- Utilities Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.904, 000 the department utilized kshs.88, 862 representing 10%.
- Communication Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.340, 000 the department utilized kshs.278, 491 representing 82%.
- Domestic Travel and Subsistence, and Other Transportation Costs had approved allocation of kshs.11, 230,000 the department utilized kshs.7, 380,003 representing 66%.
- Printing, Advertising and Information Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.320, 800 the department utilized kshs.311, 507 representing 97%.
- Training Expenses had approved allocation of kshs.570,000 the department utilized kshs.503,241 representing 88%
- Hospitality Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.3,700,000 the department utilized kshs.3,638,059 representing 98%
- Insurance Costs had approved allocation of kshs.400,000 the department utilized kshs.385,027 representing 96%
- Office and General Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.290, 000 the department utilized kshs. 192,955 representing 67%
- Fuel Oil and Lubricants had approved allocation of kshs.4,700,000 the department utilized kshs.700,000 representing 15%
- Other Operating Expenses had approved allocation of kshs.3,099,003 the department utilized kshs.2,976,121 representing 15%
- Routine Maintenance - Vehicles and Other Transport Equipment had approved allocation of kshs.500,000 the department utilized kshs.463,032 representing 93%
- Routine Maintenance - Other Assets had approved allocation of kshs.364,772 the department utilized kshs.109,353 representing 30%
- **Sub- Counties** Field operation allowance had approved allocation of kshs.700,000 the department utilized kshs.700,000 representing 100%

Mabanga ATC and AMC

Mabanga had approved allocation of kshs. 3,619,600, the department utilized kshs.2,079,215 representing 57% absorption rate.

- Utilities supplies and services had approved allocation of kshs.488,000 the department utilized kshs.442,471 representing 91%
- Communication Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.201, 600 the department utilized zero representing 0%.
- Hospitality Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.1,000,000 the department

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utilized 837,400 representing 84%

- Insurance Costs had approved allocation of kshs.500, 000 the department utilized zero representing 0%.
- Specialized Materials and Supplies had approved allocation of kshs. 300,000 the department utilized kshs.279,344 representing 93%
- Fuel Oil and Lubricants had approved allocation of kshs. 630,000 the department utilized kshs.520,000 representing 83%
- Routine Maintenance - Other Assets had approved allocation of kshs. 500,000 the department utilized zero representing 0%.

Agriculture and Irrigation (Development)

Agriculture and Irrigation had an approved **development** allocation of kshs.715, 134,665. The department utilized kshs.502, 674,299 representing 70% absorption.

- Other Capital Grants and Transfers (NAVCDP) had approved allocation of kshs.288, 614,116 the department utilized kshs.118, 341,578 representing 41%.
- Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (Magemo dam,) had approved allocation of kshs. 11,256,400 the department utilized kshs. 10,757,140 representing kshs.96%
- Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (ward-based projects) had approved allocation of kshs.76, 080,839 the department utilized kshs.76, 080,839 representing 100%.
- Purchase of Certified Crop Seed (FISP- Maize seeds) had approved allocation of kshs.56, 000,000 the department utilized kshs.55, 994,618 representing 100%.
- Acquisition of Strategic Stock (FISP -Fertilizer) had approved allocation of kshs.270,000,000 the department utilized kshs.229,983,830 representing 85%.Out of the Kshs. 229,983,830 the department submitted that Kshs. 116,000,000 was used to settle a pending bill on the program. As at 30th June 2025 the FISP has an accounts payable of Kshs.40,000,000.

The Farm Input support Program(FISP) benefitted 500 farmers per ward.

Cooperatives development (Recurrent)

Cooperatives development had recurrent approved allocation of kshs. 28,738,158 the department utilized kshs.24, 149,887 representing 83%.

- Basic salary- Permanent Employees had approved allocation of kshs.18,318,758 the department utilized kshs.18,318,758 representing 100%
- Utilities Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs. 200,000 the department utilized kshs. 94,639 representing 47%
- Communication Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.412,000 the department utilized kshs.53,429 representing 13%
- Domestic Travel and Subsistence, and Other Transportation Costs had approved allocation of kshs.7,600,000 the department utilized kshs.3,611,050 representing 48%
- Printing, Advertising and Information Supplies and Services had approved allocation of

- kshs.100,400 the department utilized kshs.99,650 representing 99%
- Rentals of Produced Assets had approved allocation of kshs.96,000 the department utilized kshs.96,000 representing 100%
 - Training Expenses had approved allocation of kshs.292, 000 the department utilized kshs. 167,395 representing 76%
 - Hospitality Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs.270,000 the department utilized kshs.204,265 representing 76%
 - Insurance Costs had approved allocation of kshs. 360,000 the department utilized kshs. 354,528 representing 98%
 - Office and General Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs. 215,000 the department utilized kshs. 205,659 representing 96%
 - Fuel Oil and Lubricants had approved allocation of kshs. 240,000 the department utilized kshs. 155,172 representing 65%
 - Other Operating Expenses had approved allocation of kshs. 396,000 the department utilized kshs. 396,000 representing 100%
 - Routine Maintenance - Vehicles and Other Transport Equipment had approved allocation of kshs.100,000 the department utilized kshs.98,050 representing 98%
 - Routine Maintenance - Other Assets had approved allocation of kshs.138, 000 the department utilized kshs. 95,392 representing 69%
 - Sub-Counties Field Operation Allowance had approved allocation of kshs. 200,000 the department utilized kshs.200,000 representing 100%

Cooperative development (Development)

Cooperative Development had approved **development** allocation of kshs. 7,912,540 the department utilized kshs. 7,866,308 representing 99%.

- Purchase of certified crop seed (coffee seedlings) had approved allocation of kshs. 4,000,000 the department utilized kshs.3, 995,554 representing 100%.
VICPAT CO. LTD:Payment for proposed construction of chain-link fence and gate at Nanjikobe Kshs. 952,654

PRIKALAMA AGENCIES: Payment for ablution block chain-link fence and Gate at Bumula Dairy P/C Milk Cooler Kshs.3, 042,900.

The department submitted that the allocation was used to settle pending Bills in the department.

- Supplier credit had approved allocation of kshs.3,912,540 the department utilized kshs.3,870,754 representing 99%

Livestock and Fisheries (Recurrent)

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Livestock and fisheries had approved recurrent allocation of kshs. 144,074,523 the department utilized kshs.141, 114,567 representing 98%

- Basic salary- Permanent Employees had approved allocation of kshs. 133,110,149 the department utilized kshs.132, 760,196 representing 100%.
- Basic Wages - Temporary Employees had approved allocation of kshs. 2,405,127 the department utilized kshs.2, 226,723 representing 93%.
- Utilities Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs. 668,000 the department utilized kshs.458, 428 representing 69%.
- Communication Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs. 233,086 the department utilized kshs.133, 266 representing 57%.
- Domestic Travel and Subsistence, and Other Transportation Costs had approved allocation of kshs. 1,500,000 the department utilized kshs.770, 486 representing 51%.
- Printing, Advertising and Information Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs. 320,000 the department utilized kshs.309, 046 representing 97%.
- Training Expenses had approved allocation of kshs. 300,000 the department utilized kshs.149, 350 representing 50%.
- Hospitality Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs. 740,000 the department utilized kshs.739, 440 representing 100%.
- Insurance Costs had approved allocation of kshs. 200,000 the department utilized kshs.31,598 representing 16%
- Specialized Materials and Supplies had approved allocation of kshs. 749,533 the department utilized kshs.518,254 representing 65%
- Office and General Supplies and Services had approved allocation of kshs. 327,760 the department utilized kshs.319,453 representing 97%
- Other Operating Expenses had approved allocation of kshs. 1,160,000 the department utilized kshs.767,281 representing 66%
- Fuel Oil and Lubricants had approved allocation of kshs. 500,000 the department utilized kshs.500,000 representing 100%
- Routine Maintenance - Vehicles and Other Transport Equipment had approved allocation of kshs. 484,000 the department utilized kshs.483,896 representing 100%
- Routine Maintenance - Other Assets had approved allocation of kshs. 196,000 the department utilized kshs.144,775 representing 74%
- Purchase of Office Furniture and General Equipment had approved allocation of kshs. 240,000 the department utilized kshs.238,826 representing 100%

Sub counties- Field Operation Allowance had approved allocation of kshs. 600,000 the department utilized kshs.563, 350 representing 94%.

Chwele Fish Farm

Chwele Fish Farm had approved allocation of kshs. 295,824 the department never utilized the allocation hence 0% absorption rate on the following programmes;

- Utilities Supplies and Services (kshs.112, 824).
- Communication Supplies and Services (kshs.6,400)
- Domestic Travel and Subsistence, and Other Transportation Costs (kshs.110,000)

During interrogation, the department attributed that despite making formal funding requests to the County Treasury, no disbursements were effected by the close of the financial year which affected operational activities for instance electricity at the facility was disconnected which affects the operations of the Fish farm.

Further, the department reported that during the 1st Supplementary Budget, development allocation towards Chwele Fish Farm was removed altogether. This action severely constrained the department's capacity to implement critical programmes, particularly those tied to revenue-generating activities.

In addition, the underfunding of the Chwele Fish Farm has affected its operational efficiency and ability to meet set revenue targets. The department appealed for adequate and sustained budgetary support to the facility to ensure optimal performance and improved revenue outcomes.

Livestock and Fisheries (Development)

Livestock and Fisheries had an approved **development** allocation of kshs. 85,817,432 the department utilized kshs.78, 508,181 representing 91% absorption rate.

- Veterinarian Supplies and Materials had approved allocation of kshs.5,000,000 the department utilized kshs.4,500,000 representing 90%
- Supplies for Production had approved allocation of kshs.13, 750,000 the department utilized kshs. 13,739,312 representing 100% absorption on the following programs;
 - Artificial Insemination Subsidy Program(AI) Kshs.2,500,000
 - Aquaculture support(Fingerlings and fish feeds accessories) Kshs.3,200,000
 - Disease and vector control Kshs. 5,000,000
- Other Capital Grants and Transfers (KelCop) had approved allocation of kshs.60, 067,432 the department utilized kshs.53, 361,223 representing 89%.
- Other Infrastructure and Civil Works (supplier credit) had approved allocation of kshs.7, 000,000 the department utilized kshs.6, 907,645 representing 99%.

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Notable there are low absorption rates across the department on Utilities Supplies and services, Fuel, Oil and lubricants, other operating expenses, routine maintenance other assets, Insurance Costs, Communication supplies and services, domestic travel and subsistence and other travel transportation costs. The department in its submission stated that the Chief Officer Finance and Economic Planning made a communication across all departments that the County Treasury was unable to process payments for several recurrent expenditure items submitted by departments due to shortfalls in own source revenue collection.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

The department had no outstanding imprest in the period under review.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

The department had a provision to supplier credit of kshs. 17,786,271 broken down as;

- Cooperatives kshs.3,912,540 (development)
- Livestock and fisheries kshs. 2,357,436(Recurrent)
- Livestock and fisheries kshs. 11,516,295(Development)

Status report on pending Bills settled in the period

As at the beginning of the FY 2024/2025. The department had a total pending Bill of Kshs. **192,597,322** out of which Kshs. **140,846,432** was paid leaving an outstanding amount of Kshs. **51,750,890**. Broken down as follows;

Recurrent

Department	Pending Bill amount	Amount paid	Outstanding amount
Agriculture and Irrigation	Kshs.13,803,870	Kshs.13,625,870	Kshs.178,000
Livestock and fisheries	Kshs.2,533,744	Kshs.2,533,744	Kshs.0
Cooperative development	Kshs.945,620	Kshs.945,620	Kshs.0
Mabanga ATC and AMC	Kshs.3,233,910	Kshs.3,233,910	Kshs.0

Total	Kshs.20,517,144	Kshs.20,339,144	Kshs.178,000
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Development

Department	Pending Bill amount	Amount paid	Outstanding amount
Agriculture and Irrigation	Kshs.147,200,000	Kshs.107,200,000	Kshs.40,000,000
Livestock and fisheries	Kshs.11,637,889.63	Kshs.1,700,000	Kshs.9,937,889.63
Cooperatives development	Kshs.7,505,308	Kshs.6,805,308	Kshs.700,000
Total	Kshs.166,343,198	Kshs.115,705,308	Kshs.50,637,890

Ward Based Projects

Livestock Ward Based Projects	Kshs.3,740,980	Kshs.3,740,980	Kshs.0
Cooperatives Ward Based Projects 2022/2023.	Kshs.1,996,000	Kshs.1,061,000	Kshs. 935,000
Ward Based Projects Total	Kshs.5,736,980	Kshs.4,801,980	Kshs.935,000

(Detailed status report on the pending Bills settled in the period is annexed)

Status of Ongoing Project

The Committee noted that the Department is currently implementing one ongoing development project. The department submitted that the construction works are at 60% complete.

The project involves the construction of a Sorting House at Chebich Cooperative Factory, located in Sinoko Village, Kapkateny Ward. The contract for the project was awarded to M/S Jeraso Enterprise Limited.

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The financial details of the project are as follows:

- Total Amount Allocated: Kshs. 2,000,000
- Contracted Amount: Kshs. 1,968,208
- Amount paid: Kshs. 1,600,000

Status of stalled projects

The department has one stalled project located in Tuuti/Marakaru Ward. The project involves the proposed construction of a coffee beans store and perimeter fencing at Kimukung'i Farmers' Cooperative Society (FCS). The contract was awarded to M/S Pekals Enterprises, with a total budgetary allocation of Kshs. 8,623,004 in the Financial Year 2019/2020.

Project details are as follows:

- Project Commencement Date: 27th April 2020
- Expected Completion Date: 26th April 2021

The department submitted that the contract has not been terminated despite the lapse of the contract period because the contractor had not been paid for the works done. Furthermore, the department confirmed its intention to resume and complete the remaining scope of the project once the outstanding payments have been processed.

CHAPTER THREE

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The committee made the following observations;

1. There was low absorption across several recurrent expenditure items within the department, including Utilities Supplies and Services, Fuel, Oil and Lubricants, Other Operating Expenses, Routine Maintenance of Other Assets, Insurance Costs, Communication Supplies and Services, Domestic Travel and Subsistence and Other Travel and Transportation Costs. The low absorption was attributed to the County Treasury's failure to process payments for these expenditures as submitted by the department. The department submitted that the failure was occasioned by shortfalls in own-source revenue collection towards the end of the Financial Year. As a result, the unprocessed payments were carried forward as Accounts Payables.
2. The Committee noted that the entire recurrent budgetary allocation for the **Chwele Fish Farm** was not disbursed in the FY 2024/2025, despite formal funding requests submitted by the department to the County Treasury. This non-disbursement resulted in operational

disruptions, including the disconnection of electricity at the facility. Consequently, the farm was unable to operate effectively which hindered its ability to generate the targeted revenue for the period.

3. The department realised KShs. 166,702,801 as local revenue against a target of KShs. 203,471,355 in FY 2024/2025. The Committee noted that the majority of the revenue streams are collected and administrated by the department of Finance and Economic Planning, limiting the department's direct control over revenue mobilization efforts. The department only has full control over revenue collection from Mabanga ATC and AMC and Fisheries. This lack of operational control over most revenue streams poses a challenge in achieving the set revenue targets, as the department cannot independently implement or enforce revenue enhancement strategies across all its mandated streams.
4. At the beginning of the FY 2024/2025, the department had outstanding accounts payables amounting to Kshs. 192,597,322. During the year, Kshs. 140,846,432 was paid, leaving an unpaid balance of Kshs. 51,750,890. However, the approved budget allocation under the supply credit vote was only Kshs. 17 million. This indicates that payments were made in excess of the allocated amount, thereby contravening the provisions of Section 196 (1) Public Finance Management Act, 2012 that prohibits the **County Government entity from spending money that has not been appropriated by the County Assembly.**
5. The department has one stalled project; proposed construction of a coffee beans store and perimeter fencing at Kimukung'i Farmers' Cooperative Society (FCS) located in Tuuti/Marakaru Ward. The contract was awarded to M/S Pekals Enterprises, with a total contract sum of Kshs. 8,623,004 in the Financial Year 2019/2020.
6. In the period under review the department did not utilize the following Funds on grants as per the approved budget; NAVCDP Kshs.152, 104,256.97, KABDP Kshs. 10,968,900 and KELCOP Kshs. 38,170,429.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following were the recommendations made by the committee:

1. **THAT**, the Accounting Officers for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development strengthen financial planning and expenditure management processes to ensure the timely submission of payment requests to the County Treasury. Moreover, they should work in close collaboration with the County Treasury to align departmental spending with approved budgetary allocations and projected own-source revenue.
In accordance with Section 148(1)(d) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Accounting Officers are required to ensure that all payments for goods and services rendered are settled promptly. Therefore this Committee further recommends that the department prioritizes the settlement of Accounts payables by proposing appropriate budgetary allocations in the First Supplementary Budget for the Financial Year 2025/2026.
2. **THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning should ensure timely release of budgeted funds to the department in accordance with approved work plans and procurement plans, particularly for revenue-generating projects such as the **Chwele Fish Farm** for the targeted revenues to be realized.
3. **THAT**, the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development, in collaboration with the Department of Finance and Economic Planning, should develop a structured framework for joint revenue planning, monitoring and reporting to enhance transparency and accountability in revenue collection from all departmental revenue streams. The Department should submit a comprehensive joint revenue performance and improvement plan to the County Assembly within 60 days from the adoption of this report.
4. **THAT**, the Accounting Officers in the department should desist from paying pending bills from the current financial year's allocation and in case of over expenditure on a vote, it should be regularized through seeking approval in the subsequent Supplementary Budget in compliance with Section 196(1) of Public Finance Management Act, 2012.
5. **THAT**, the Accounting Officer Cooperative Development should submit a **comprehensive report on the status of the** construction of a coffee beans store and perimeter fencing at Kimukung'i Farmers' Cooperative Society (FCS located in Tuuti/Marakaru Ward, outlining the measures being undertaken to ensure its completion **within thirty (30) days** from the date of adoption of this report.

6. **THAT**, the Accounting Officers in the department should ensure that all un-received grant funds and development allocations are carried forward in the 1st Supplementary Budget Financial Year 2025/2026 to ensure all the intended activities are fully implemented.

Hon. Speaker we have adoption schedule signed by members and the rest is an annex just that supports the report. At this point allow me call upon Hon. Kikechi MCA Mbakalu Ward who is a member of this committee to second the report.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kikech you have the honor of seconding the report you proceed

Hon. Bernard Kikechi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Indeed it is a great honor for me to second this report for the Committee on Agriculture. I take this opportunity to thank our chair, the chair of this committee Hon. Wafula Waiti you have indeed read this report well despite the volume. You have read in a record time and as our chair, actually reading this report was merely fulfilling one of the key mandates of this committee which is to consider quarterly reports of the assigned departments and report to this Honorable House.

Going through the report as I second it, I noted that there are some un-received funds and the development allocations and as aptly captured in the report this should be carried forward into the first supplementary budget for this financial year of 2025-2026 so that all the intended activities are fully implemented.

As you can see in the report, there was a low revenue realized locally when you compare with the set target. These cuts across even in other departments and it's majorly due to... there is a conflict between the department of finance and this other departments because you realize that other revenue streams which are supposed to be handled by this department of agriculture they are being handled by the department of finance.

As aptly captured in our committee recommendations, how I wish that this issue should be handled so that there is a well-coordinated joint revenue or individual departmental revenue initiatives so that this country can be able to realize the full potentials of specific departments.

It is also worth noting from the report that the ongoing project by the department that is Chebich Cooperative Society which is in Kapkateny ward had an allocated amount of two million and so

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far 1.6 million has been utilized as per the report comparing this with the work in progress which is at 60 percent. It clearly shows that there is more that needs to be done so that at least it can commensurate with what has been paid for the project and the status of or rather the progress in terms of completion because we might end up paying for in its entirety and yet the works are incomplete.

Looking at the report critically it is a matter of big concern when you see that issue of installed project which is located in Tuuti/Marakaru Ward. When you look at the report, the project which commenced on 27th April 2020 and was supposed to be completed by 26th April 2021 up to now the project has never been completed and remember this project which was the proposed construction of coffee bean store and perimeter fencing at Kimkung Farmers Cooperatives Society had a budget of an allocated amount of Kshs. 8,623,004 and that was in the financial year 2019/ 2020.

So you can see almost four years later because now we are taking the financial year 2025/2026 we have a project which was supposed to have been completed by the department which is not complete and what makes this one even more curious is that we hired a competent CEO Chief Officer in the department of cooperatives and he should be looking at such issues such as stalled and not completed projects so that...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kikechi when you say that way I see Hon. Waiti smiling about that complain that you are flowering at the time of approval so you talk to him, proceed.

Hon. Bernard Kikechi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Otherwise, as I support this report and with its recommendations because what I was speaking, it has been aptly captured by the committee's observations and recommendations on that issue of our stalled projects and which we hope that it will be implemented fully as per the set timelines in our report. I second this report.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members I wish to thank the mover of the report Hon. Waiti and the seconder of the motion Hon. Benard Kikechi. Now allow me be able to proceed to propose a motion for debate;

(Motion proposed)

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker I saw you keenly looking at Hon. Kikechi when he was mentioning about the expert who was recruited so that he can change things in the department of cooperative. I was also misled to believe so. Every time you repeat it, it pains me so much. Let me laud the mover of this report Hon. Waiti and the seconder but my

attention has been caught on observation number two where Hon. Waiti and the seconder did say that Chwele Fish Farm was unable to operate effectively due to lack of funding.

The noble intention why Chwele Fish Farm was started, the intention was to make it a self-supporting project so that it can also assist the county to generate more funds. It is a mockery at this period when we are talking about the fish farm that is over five years old and is still depending on funding from the county.

I think this should be discouraged. It should be discouraged because I believe number one their production in fish, fish is sold out and when fish is sold out there's money that they collect. They are supposed to generate more and don't forget fish is currently on high demand in the market.

Secondly, the farm is supposed also to start another project within the project where they sell fingerlings. Most people across the country have started small farms in their farms where they do fish farming and where they get fingerlings, it is supposed to be in Chwele and we should not be joining them becoming cry babies to assist them get money that could have been used in other urgent and viable projects. What we should be talking about right now is which percentage should we consider as a House which makes laws, that it should be retained by Chwele Fish Farm in the profits they make.

Let's assume that they are making 100 million we can say that 10 percent of that total sales should be left in the farm to support the farm in the purchase of fish feeds and other chemicals that they require and not relying on the county. I want us to discourage this and similarly the same things are happening in Mabanga farm and others and this money is what we are looking to assist in development in various wards across the county. I support.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, our Leader of Majority.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: I just also want to appreciate the mover and the seconder of this report and more so appreciate those members who are still patient working for the county. As I appreciate the mover and the seconder, we are having some lapses in our county because the project running for more than its contract period raises some eyebrows. We have the legal departments within us who are offering services and getting payment for those services. So when you get a contract running more than its expected period then it means we aren't keen or the concerned people aren't keen.

I am very happy on the observation and recommendation especially on Kimkungi Coffee Factory. It's now four years but in these four years what we expected as people of Tuuti/

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Marakaru we thought it could help us in terms of security purposes because having a store and the perimeter wall you are sure that your coffee is safe.

Recently a watchman was killed because there is no fence, there is no store. As a county, the implementers are just sitting and earning. I am happy of one thing that I just want to put some more emphasis that the committee has recommended; that within 30 days in this 1st supplementary they will have to ensure. So my eyes are just watching the committee and it has come at the right time when we are handling 1st supplementary which I think the chair could be in position to ensure that the people of Tuuti/Marakaru get what is right.

As I sit the factory is well positioned because the key beneficiaries apart from people of Marakaru/Tuuti, the Kabuchai people the Malakisi/Kulisiro people because they are part of that factory so it will help many people apart from own people so chair my eyes are just on you. Thank you Speaker

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Waiti you reply to the motion

Hon. Waiti Wafula: (Mover to Reply) Thank you Speaker. I want to congratulate my colleagues who have contributed to the motion and especially the seconder of the motion who is my neighbour here and at home, Hon. Kikechi. I just want to inform this House that upon our interrogation to the department, the department alluded that Chwele Fish Farm is not a business oriented entity. It is a government entity that ensures the supply of fingerlings to registered self-help groups which deal with fish farming. It not business oriented as such and that is why it requires the support from the government.

I want to assure my leader who is the MCA Tuuti/Marakaru that the concern of the committee is the Kimkungi FCS. As you are aware, if we cannot support the cooperative societies, our young generations will lack where to get employment and as you are aware some of us are the product of cooperative societies in our time when we were going to school.

So it is the concern of the committee and that is why we were very tough and Hon. Speaker I want to report this. We were tough as a committee and especially the Chief Officer who was praised here when he was seeking to get this job. We mentioned in the committee and we told him we would be thorough that is why we were keen in observing on Kimkungi Farmers' Cooperative Society and we shall ensure as a committee the Kimkungi society is up and running.

We shall ensure that the money is allocated towards the completion of that factory for the benefit of Tuuti/Marakaru people and the Bungoma County at large.

Otherwise, I plead and pray to my colleague honourable Members and this House that they approve this report so that our people can benefit. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Wafula Waiti for your response to the motion as moved by you and seconded by Hon. Benard Kikechi. Honourable Members allow me be able to proceed and put a question;

(Question put and agreed to)

Ayes have it. The report is approved accordingly plus the recommendation.

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members I have indication from Clerks-At-the-Table that was the last item on our Order Paper. I wish to take this chance to thank everybody who has remained behind to have this motion approved because we all know we are adjourning tomorrow. Thank you for remaining behind to enable the House transact its business. Have a good evening; we will adjourn for today and resume tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in our last sitting of this session.

The House rose 5.35 p.m.

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