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## HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2023

The House met at 2:30 p.m.

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

### PRAYER

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honourable Members, I have the following communications to make:

1. VISITING DELEGATION FROM CHEKULO FYM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The first one is concerning the visitors in our public gallery. Honourable Members, with us in the public gallery today is a visiting delegation of pupils from Chekulo FYM (Friends Yearly Meeting) Primary School in Kaptai Sub-County of Luuya/Bwake Ward; who have come to learn about the proceedings and operations of the County Assembly. The delegation comprises of 87 pupils accompanied by four teachers; namely

1. Robert Simiyu

Be upstanding...

*(The delegation rises)*

2. Ms.Odilia Ingaso,
3. Edward Wekesa
4. Thomas Wanjala; together with the 87 pupils

Thank you, kindly, be seated.

*(Applause)*

2. CAF COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF COUNTY ASSEMBLIES

The second communication is from the CAF addressed to all the 47 County Assemblies Speakers meant for the House consumption. This is arising from a meeting held between the Honourable Speakers, Leaders of Majority and Minority from the 47 County Assemblies and these are the resolutions.

Honourable Members kindly take up your seats.

*(Members move from the bar to their respective sitting areas)*

These are the contents of the letter;

Reference is made to the consultative meeting between the County Assemblies Speakers, Leaders of Majority and Minority held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 in Nairobi City County. The meeting discussed pertinent matters related to Members' remunerations and benefits. The following resolutions were agreed upon:

That all County Assemblies are to adjourn *sine die* within seven (7) days until the Salaries and Remuneration Commission resolves the matter concerning Members' remuneration and benefits. The temporary adjournment is necessary to express solidarity and raise awareness of the issues that we have been raising.

*(Applause)*

Secondly, the County Assemblies Forum will draft and disseminate a common adjournment motion to all County Assemblies urging them to adjourn *sine die* as per the resolutions mentioned above. I have received the said draft through the Office of the Clerk and the same is ready for your signature and approval.

*(Applause)*

So, when you see a list going around for the adjournment motion, it is basically meant to support that resolution. Once you all sign it, we will have the same on the Order Paper to adjourn accordingly. I am not asking that you sign now; Hon. Aggrey, be patient.

*(Laughter)*

*(Loud consultations)*

Three, that all County Assemblies petition SRC, the Senate, the National Assembly and the office of the Deputy President notably on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023 on the matter of the Members' remunerations and benefit.

That petition is to the SRC and copied to all the offices that I have mentioned. We have agreed here, I have the petition ready because you may want to know what you are signing for. What are you going to get in that petition? It is meant for all of us and it is on my gadget. I will share on our main forum and you know what we are saying; that you ought to get as your minimum bargain using the available budget. So, when you see that petition coming around, there will be five sets; sign all of them because SRC is going to get a copy, Senate, National Assembly and also the Deputy President; and we will retain a copy. If they don't act, we are prepared to go to court. We want better terms for Honourable Members.

Lastly we want the implementation of Equitable Ward Development Fund for all the elected Members. It was unanimously agreed during the meeting that there was need to fast track the legislation regarding this Fund for effective provision of public services at the Ward level.

This adjournment will serve as a collective demonstration of solidarity until such a time when the Salaries and Remuneration Commission addresses the issue relating to Members' remunerations and benefits; and further the forum requests each County Assembly works with their respective CASB to develop a petition as per that resolution which I have read. It is ready, you will be given a copy and we shall be required to submit a copy of the signed petition and a copy of the HANSARD report to CAF for forwarding to the said offices. For guidance, we have enclosed the draft motion and the petition which reflects the resolutions made during the consultative meeting.

Signed by the Chairperson, CAF, Hon. Philemon Sablei Kiplagat, the Speaker, Elgeyo Marakwet County Assembly.

Thank you Members, when you see our Serjeant- at- arms taking around that list, know it is for that purpose and nothing else.

*(Applause)*

## PAPERS

### 1. THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (BUNGOMA COUNTY TRADE DEVELOPMENT LOANS FUND) REGULATIONS, 2023

**Hon. Johnstone Ipara** (*Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization*): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to lay to the Table of this Honourable House the Public Finance Management (Bungoma County Trade Development Loans Fund) Regulations, 2023.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Honourable Member. I was just confirming whether they are the same committee or not? The Public Finance Management (Bungoma County Trade Development Loans Fund) Regulations, 2023 are hereby laid on the Table of the House. I commit them to the Committee on Delegated County Legislation for processing and reporting back to the House.

### 2. REPORT BY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa** (*Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriation*): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I hereby table a Report by the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Annual Budget Estimates for Financial Year 2023 /2024.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members the Report by the Budget and Appropriation Committee for the Financial Year 2023 /2024 Budget Estimates is hereby tabled and it becomes the property of the House.

3. REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK FISHERIES IRRIGATION  
AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Chair of the Committee. Honourable Members I keep on saying that...

*(Applause)*

I keep on saying that once we approve the draft Order Paper, take time and look at the items lined up. You may be among the Members having some roles to do and because of so much work as MCAs, you keep forgetting. So allow me to allow Hon. Waiti Wafula to proceed and do the necessary.

**Hon. Waiti Wafula** (*Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture*): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to table a report by the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development nine month Financial Statement for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Waiti at your own time you will look at Standing Order No. 121(a). Let us proceed. That being the report of the Committee, of course Members it is going to form business on the Order Paper in the course of this week.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. REPORT BY THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I hereby wish to give a notice of Motion on the Report of Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Annual Budget Estimates for Financial Year 2023/2024.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, a notice of Motion having been duly issued by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Bungoma County Annual Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2023/ 2024; I hereby direct the Clerks at Table to share these budget estimates with the Honourable Members to allow them have time to prepare for debate.

**Hon. Meshack Museveni:** Ningeomba Mheshimiwa Spika kwamba kwa heshima kuu kwako kwamba *clerk* (katibu) wetu, unaona vile Mheshimiwa Waiti, naomba wajue kazi yenye inakuja kwa *assembly* (bunge) iwe in *order* (ratiba inayofaa).

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Meshack your point is noted. It will be an in-house matter. Equally when we communicate here the Order of the Business for the week, just note the content and prepare; but equally, the Committee Clerk ought to have prepared the Honourable MCA in advance, given them the report; so that we don't have this kind of embarrassment. Kabeyi, Senior, you communicate about the Chairs displeasure with the Committee Clerk. She was supposed to be prepared and give the report in advance. Let us proceed please.

2. REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK FISHERIES, IRRIGATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to issue notice of Motion for a report by the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the Bungoma County Government nine months Financial Statements for the year 2022/2023; in the respect of the Department of Agriculture Livestock Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperative Development.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Waiti. Honourable Members a Notice of Motion having been duly issued by the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the Bungoma County Government nine months financial statement for the year 2022/2023; in the respect of the Department of Agriculture Livestock Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperative development; I hereby direct the Clerks at Table to share this report to with Honourable Members. It will form business on our Order Paper once it is scheduled by the HBC.

## STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENT BY THE MEMBER OF KAPTAMA WARD- HON. FRANCIS CHEMION

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 47 2(c), I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works. This is in relation to the following roads in Kaptama Ward

- Kapsami-Kongit road
- Kona tatu- Kongit- Mashambani road

- Kaptama Booster- Bondeni-Kaboywo road
- Kostoi-Chelilde road
- Sultan-Kaptegandet road; and
- Kaberwa –Chepkitale road

In the response, let the Chair inquire into and report in the following;

1. If the procurement process was undertaken for the above mentioned roads and also avail the documents as proof.
2. Names of the contractors who were awarded the tenders
3. The contract sum and dates of payment for each road
4. Payment certificates for the contract
5. The Bill of Quantities (BQs) of the mentioned roads
6. Whether the signage for the projects were erected on the mentioned roads

The statement is signed by Hon. Francis Chemion- MCA Kaptama Ward on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Francis Chemion. Honourable Members I think as we are going forward, you are getting the distinction between a statement and a question; yours came earlier and so, we will be doing the transmission slowly. You have heard my earlier communication; we are going to adjourn if you approve the *sine die* motion, but when we seek for a statement, it must have a date for the response. So even if they don't come, we will extend their timeframe. We will give them up to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. If by that time we will not be in session, we will extend. So the CECM for Roads is going to have time up to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July to respond accordingly. He will be notified by the Clerk as agreed.

2. STATEMENT BY THE MEMBER OF BUMULA WARD - HON. HENTRY NYONGESA

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a problem with my voice; it sounds hostile and you will excuse me for that.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it out of eating roasted maize or what?

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Mr. Speaker. I wish to request for a statement under Standing Order No. 47 (2)(c) from the Chairperson on the Committee on Lands, Housing, Urban and Physical

Planning with regard to purchase of lands for various projects within Bungoma County .Under item one, I wish the Chairman to have this House know;

1. How much was allocated for the purpose of purchase of land in terms of;
  - i. CEF projects in various wards; and
  - ii. The County Flagship Projects in the FY 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023.
2. How many parcels of land have so far been purchased, fully paid for and registered in the County Government's name?
3. Why land for Lunao dispensary has not been paid for yet there has been an allocation for the same for four successive years during the budgeting process; that is in the year 2017/2018, 2020/2021/, 2021/2022 while putting in mind that the project is a priority for the people of Lunao, in Bumula Ward.
4. Provide the circular directing that all land to be purchased must be approved by the national office; contrary to the fact that land matters are a devolved function.
5. Provide the timeframe within which the Department shall have processed such intent
6. Provide names of public officers involved in the processing of purchase of land; especially the one that I have mentioned for Lunao Dispensary.

I table.

**Mr. Speaker:** We are able to seek for more time. We are looking at number 1(i); look at it and see. You are asking for CEF projects in all the 45 wards?

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Looking at what is happening, all the wards are affected with such; and so instead of raising...

**Mr. Speaker:** My problem is that why didn't you say in all the 45 wards? When you say various Wards, I wonder which various wards? You could have said in all the 45 wards so that they give you feedback for all the 45 wards. When you say various, let us wait for the outcome since I don't want to pre-empt.

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think that is the right word. As you know, coming up with a statement involves various offices. Specifically, we have 45 wards in Bungoma County and so I wish that all those wards can be considered.



**Mr. Speaker:** So what happens to your statement? Does it go the way it is? Let it be the way it is because that was the statement and we shall see the outcome. Hon. Ipara, what is your point of information?

**Hon. Johstone Ipara** (*On a point of Information*): I wish to draw your attention to item number three under the question raised by the Honourable Member for Bumula. Four successive years; 2017/ 2018, 2020/ 2021, 2021 /2022 and 2022/ 2023... I wish to see that not successive because it was supposed to be gradual to 2019, kindly.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Hentry you know these words successful the way you put it here it is supposed to be the first four years following 2017/2018. I don't know how you want us to handle it?

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** From where I sit, you remember I am one of the pioneer MCAs in this County. While I was here as a Member representing Bumula Ward, we had the money allocated for the purchase of land for a dispensary...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Hentry, what you have sought is rightly sought. The only challenge is pointing out, like seeking my guidance... you have asked why land for Lunao dispensary has not been paid for yet there has been allocation for the same for four successive financial years since 2017/2018, 2020/2021/, 2021/2022, 2022/2023. When you say 2017/2018 then 2020/2021 is not successive... he is saying that we have a problem and the problem is 2019/2020 is missing; so let the concerned authority come and bring that information if it was successive or not and we will find out.

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Most obliged Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members being a question or a statement as put the way it is, we will give them time up to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July for them to file their responses accordingly.

## QUESTIONS

1. RESPONSE BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR GENDER, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS

**Mr. Speaker:** We need to have the CECM ushered in... consequently, is the owner of the statement Hon. Edwin Opwora present? You have the response? Is the CECM available? We can't sit here this way and wait indefinitely.

*(The County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports is ushered into the Chambers)*

CECM, welcome

Honourable Members, for those who did not have a chance to vet CECM for Gender, Culture Youth and Sports because it was in the docket of the Committee on Appointments; before you is the CECM for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports Engineer Agnes Naliaka Wachiye. She comes to respond to the statement sought by Hon. Edwin Opwora. As a practice, I will allow the Clerks at Table to read the statement or the question, and then allow her to respond.

I will have two rider questions for clarification. We will now have the statement being said afresh.

**Question from the Member for Luuya/Bwake Ward- Hon. Edwin Opwora; in relation to the lack of support programs from the Department; for the local upcoming musicians**

**The CECM to respond to the following:**

- 1. What the Department is doing to have the up-coming musicians cushioned from exploitation from fake promoters and middle men.*
- 2. The measures being put in place by the Department to have the local musicians fully benefit from their music careers.*

**Mr. Speaker:** CECM, are you ready to proceed? You can't be sitting in this House whenever you respond. You will have to move to the dispatch from where you will give your response.

**Ms. Agnes Wachiye (County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports):** Good afternoon Honourable Members and thank you. This is the second time; I appeared here for the first time when I was being vetted as CECM for Gender. First and foremost, I want to thank you for the honor you have bestowed on me and approved my nomination and I am now officially appointed as the CECM for Gender. I was sworn in on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May and this is my 30<sup>th</sup> day since I was sworn and sat in the CECM's office.

So over to my first question; what we are doing as a Department to protect or to cushion musicians from this County.

First and foremost, we have had the musicians visit our offices. Together with my officers, we have been sensitizing them on various issues. One, we have been praying that musicians register themselves with the Music Copyright Society of Kenya so that at least their monies are properly collected by the Society and shared to them as royalties. The second thing that we are doing; since I came in, we are trying to come up with an inventory of all the musicians in this County and that will make our work easier, not just receiving, you know, a few of them in the office, but going to where they are and ensuring that we pass the message to them.

The other step that we are taking is, you know, we always have County festivals; to ensure that we at least provide something for them when we invite them to participate during the County Festivals; and even pay them honoraria... that is under my first question.

Can I continue to my second question?

**Mr. Speaker:** Proceed...

**Ms. Agnes Wachiye (County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports):** Thank you.

On my second question, the measures we are putting in place to have the local musicians fully benefit from their music careers and maybe this is a repeat of what I have already said.

We keep talking to the visiting musicians, but again, we have also been talking to other departments such that whenever they have events, they should endeavor to involve or invite our musicians so that they can at least pay them something to keep them, you know, providing for their families.

We have come up with a policy; the Culture, Heritage and Arts Policy, and under this policy, we are creating an enabling environment where we can protect our musicians. We are also working towards improving legislation whether it is within the County or at the national level; to ensure that the artistes' rights are protected. We are also endeavoring to promote the development of talent. We launched the *Talanta Hela* program at State House and I think some of my Committee Members attended. We shall ensure that we tap these talents; where we shall identify where they are and see how we can grow them from Bungoma County up to the national level.

We are also taking the necessary steps to introduce research in our department so that we get to know where and how we can develop talents mostly in sports and music; we also wish to promote this in our learning institutions. We even wish that it is also examined as a subject and mostly in the early childhood and vocational trainings which are actually developed at the County and in the other basic system. We shall ensure that we help them tap into the talents that the young people have.

That is my responses; I invite any reaction.

**Mr. Speaker:** Before you invite because automatically you have to respond to some issues; Hon. Opwora, is it sufficient?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. First of all, I want to take this chance to welcome the pupils of Chekulo FYM Primary School who come from my area of jurisdiction.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Opwora, it is not a statement hour, that hour will come!

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. With regards to the response given, I want to appreciate our CECM for the elaborate answers she has given by virtue that she has taken few days since she took up the office. However, I happen to have the response and in the recommendations I see one of the recommendations is that the County Assembly should appropriate more funds to the Department in order to establish a robust music environment.

To my understanding, it is the department which should come up with the budget and maybe forward to this Honourable House so that we can pass it to ensure that our musicians are able to get some of these funds. So, I want to request the CECM to look at the budget keenly and ensure that the necessary funds are placed in the Budget for this Honourable House to consider. I have seen at the circumstances where we have most of our students who after competing to the national level get a chance to go and visit the State House and perform for the Head of State.

I was also expecting that within this County, we should be having sessions where the top performing schools; and as part of encouragement, we should have a day where they can also perform before the Governor, so that their talent can be nurtured at a younger age.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it satisfactory or not?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** It is satisfactory Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. I will have Hon. Caleb; I see you are on line!

**Hon. Caleb Wanjala:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to also contribute over the same. I really expected Waziri to touch on a jury centre which the County Government pays for Kshs200, 000 as monthly rent. In that jury centre we have a studio for our talented youth and they have nowhere to go or they do not have funds to go and record their songs. At the same time at the jury centre, we not only have the state of the art equipment, there are other activities that are crucial for talent development. I do not know when that jury centre will be launched because it is sponsored by MasterCard and so the CECM needs to note that.

**Mr. Speaker:** Anything else from members? Hon. Jack... but as we go ahead beware that the owner of the statement said it is satisfactory and so you are only adding flesh. Hon. James Barasa!

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** But Hon. Speaker, I was standing in for Hon. Jack Kawa who is my Chair for the Gender committee!

**Mr. Speaker:** Proceed!

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** I want to laud the CECM for the response. It is very wonderful. For the first time, a CECM assumes an office and within 30 days she gives a comprehensive response like this one. It's not very easy.

*(Applause)*

That shows the CECM is up to the task and we want to promise in your response that you have raised something which is very pertinent to the Department; underfunding, and members have heard. When you look even the Annual Budget that has been tabled in the House, look at the Department and you will realise what she has just given is the truth and nothing but the truth. Otherwise, I rest my case.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Mukhongo, you know you cannot be given unless you ask. If she did not ask, she would be given only what the Committee feel like giving.

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Hon. Speaker, I have said on behalf of my Chair. We have been having some programs within the department. At the end of the day, we should not open the Pandora's Box. Again but I have urged the Honourable House to consider this in terms of when we have a budget and that is my plea. I support what the CECM has just said but I know the procedure.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is very much in order. When we will be looking at the budget for 2024/25 we will look at it accordingly.

Honourable Members, in the near future I think I will use all the powers available to transfer either Chair Budget or Finance to stop sitting there.

*(Applause)*

We will not allow them to be neighbours at any given time and I think one of them has to move from next week because...

*(Laughter)*

...of course on the government side...I keep on asking that basically lets have decorum whenever we are having debate. Allow me the CECM.... Sorry Hon. Leader of Majority!

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to appreciate the CECM, but you know sometimes we may appreciate. I have gone through, though so quickly, but I am only impressed with one thing whereby the CECM said that they are in the process of coming up with a policy. Leaving us just hanging, that we are in the process of coming up with this policy, we may not appreciate so much. I thought she could tell us at what stage the policy was, because it is a serious issue and you know musicians outside there are waiting? So kindly inform us at what stage it is.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Makhanu Cornelius, then I can see Hon. Jack is online.

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I would also like to appreciate the CECM for her answers, but I would also like to urge her to consider having a County Cultural day whereby we can have cultural exchanges. As you know our County has different

communities and recently I even attended a Kenya Medical Training College cultural day and it was so informative and so I would like to urge the CECM to consider that day so that we can have cultural diversity and exchange.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Cornelius.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** It is okay. Thank you Hon. Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** Members do not worry; I will have to move one of them definitely!

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I will request that before you move, you should also know who actually went for the other because I am sited in my seat and he wanted to interfere with me.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will seek Members' participation to see who is to be moved.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** That will be good Hon. Speaker. Thank you. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the CECM for actually appearing for the first time and especially while responding. I want to congratulate her. She was well prepared; she came in and actually gave a satisfactory response. It has never been the case here and so I want to appreciate you and expect you to keep up. More will be coming even in Sports and other departments. More so, what I want to urge the CECM that music is talent and Bungoma has been one of the old cultural centres in Kenya.

Today, you find most of our primary schools have very good talent in music but at the end of the day when they are invited to go up to national level, they are unable to meet their expenses. We expect that as you meet in the Cabinet; maybe in the coming financial year, try and get a budget towards the same so that we can be supporting these good students who produce good cultural music. I have seen schools participating outside the Country, they go to America to go and perform. Why not support the Bungoma students!

I will request that we are ready as an Assembly to support you and work with you especially in matters culture just like Hon. Makhanu has said it. Let us even set a cultural day then they come and compete. We will be willing to support that kind of budget.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Wambulwa. I know you are good in cultural dance; I will not hesitate to allow my County Assembly team to participate and show case what they always have.

Honourable Members, allow me ask the CECM if she has any response to make, but as you do so, Members are only asking for one thing; that we have some of the departments in the Executive notorious for inviting our musicians in their events and after performing, they vanish without paying them their participation fees or reimbursement. Beware that some of the

departments that are in the Executive are notorious for such behavior and so you will have time to respond if need be.

**Ms. Agnes Wachiye (County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports):** Thank you so much for the complements that I have received from quite a number of Honourable Members. I will start with a jury centre. There have been plans to have a jury centre launched. It is already set up. I have gone there in person, and it is a place that can really help our youths and even the local musicians. I did not want to talk about the center because we are planning for a launch. We thought we would have launched it this week, but we are still waiting for a date from the Governor and any other guest that we shall invite so this is already in the pipeline.

We are even looking for funding to see if we can actually equip the centre with more computers so that all our youths can find a place for training; and so far I know that the Members that are very close to our youths in the wards. Talk to them, let them come to the centre, training is going on every day, training in computer, business, financial management and in how you can ready yourself for an interview and also in many things including preparing of resumes or CVs. The centre will be launched anytime we get the Governor's nod.

I said we are developing policies; yes we have already gone through a public participation for all the policies that we have developed and one of them being this particular one that we are discussing here today, Culture, Heritage and Arts Policy. We are actually validating, we should be completing latest by Friday.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Madam CECM.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members allow me release her; she has done her part and we expect you to come for more sessions if you are required by the House. Have a good afternoon!

*(The CECM is escorted out of the chambers by the Serjeant- at- Arms)*

Honourable Members, we are going to go to the next item and it will be read out.

2. RESPONSE BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION

*(The CECM for the Department of Health and Sanitation is ushered into the chambers by the Serjeant- at- Arms)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, before us we do have the CECM for Health and Sanitation, Dr. Andrew Wamalwa. Hon. Chemion is the owner of the statement. Clerks at Table please read out the statement then we get a response.



**Question by Member for Kaptama, Hon. Francis Chemion, in relation to the construction of Kaptelelio dispensary, maternity wing in Kaptama Ward**

The CECM to respond to the following;

1. Budgetary allocation for the project and the Financial Year.
2. Procurement process, tender advert, evaluation report, professional opinion from the head of supply Chain management and the name of the contractor who won the tender.
3. The total contract sum and how much has been paid so far.
4. The contract period that will provide the contract agreement
5. Explain the level of works so far done.
6. Explain the steps the Department is taking to complete the project and operationalize the same.
7. Explain the steps the Department is taking to forestall such cases in the implementation of projects.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is the statement sought by Hon. Chemion. Honourable Members, allow me invite our CECM to respond to the first statement from the Department. Dr. Andrew, you can proceed and answer from this side. Hon. Chemion, do you have the response? Proceed!

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Thank you Chair and Honourable Members. I am here to give the response to a question raised by the Honourable Member for Kaptama Ward. In the statement, he sought to get response for;

1. The budgetary allocation for the project and the Financial Year

Mr. Speaker, I want to confirm that the project had been allocated Kshs1.5 million. According to the professional opinion, in that year, the contract sum was Kshs1.79 million for that project and in the Financial Year 2021.

**Mr. Speaker:** CECM, you know you are giving feedback on the HANSARD, when you talk of project sum, give the figures as they are entirely plus the entire figure of what has been paid the way they are please.

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Sorry, I repeat. The project sum was Kshs1, 790,650. The payment made so far is Kshs520, 578.72. Therefore the balance is Kshs1, 270,071.28. The project duration was six months. I am sorry for the typo that you have in your copy which states three months. It is actually six months. So far the measures that have been done, the contractor abandoned the site and frantic efforts made to reach him have not yielded



fruits. We have sought the intervention of the project manager from the Department of Public Works to get the contractor so that we can iron out the issues or if not terminate the contract and re-tender.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chemion! CECM, kindly resume your seat to allow Chemion.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Hon. Speaker, first I want to thank the CECM Health for coming up with a response and even coming physically before this Honourable House. I want to say some of the questions have been answered satisfactorily but there are two questions that I am seeing a gap.

We have been told the duration for the contract was supposed to be six months. If you look at the procurement process, it began in 2020 and up to now the contract that was awarded to a contractor that time, the project has reached the ring beam, it is until now that the Department is making frantic...I am using the words of the CECM, frantic efforts, to ensure that this project is completed.

From this response, item number 9, they are saying that the Department has contacted the contractor to resolve the issues about the project. That is the written response. If you look at the annexures, there is no document annexed to prove that the Department is making that effort. Look at the annexures! This response is telling us they are making an effort but there is no annexure to support that direction.

Item number 10 even there is the issue of seeking for the intervention of the project manager from the Department of Public Works. There is no written proof that our Department of Health has written to the Public Works for them to work on this issue. All the other areas have been well explained in summary, but I still have issues with the two areas and this is a project for 2020/2021. We are in 2022/2023 and I am very sure there is the CECM. He may be new in office but you know the department was in existence from 2020.

I feel that you may have done all that you have said but you know as a representative of the people, I need to have the documentation for me to make follow up. How can I make a follow up if I do not have any documentation showing that you have contacted and what does the agreement say? The agreement is annexed. If a contractor fails then what is the procedure that is supposed to be followed by the department? There is something that ought to have been done in that period, six months from that time, they would have even terminated that contract and maybe given to a new contractor. I feel like we still need more information about it documented so that we can make more follow up.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Chemion. CECM, the two items that have been flagged out, I will allow you to respond. The issue they have talked about that there is no evidence of communication between you and the Department of Works and there is no evidence of your

frantic efforts; communication from you and the contractor to come back to the site, if I have captured his words properly. Kindly proceed!

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Thank you Mr. Speaker and the Honourable Member from Kaptama Ward. I want to request that I avail the letters to the contractor and the Public Works as an annex after this. We have the evidence but we did not attach.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chemion, I think we allow the CECM. But next time when you are asked to give that evidence, provide an annexure so that we do not have to engage... We called you, you leave your work the whole day just to come and give us two annexures. I think next time let your people assist you to have the entire file together.

Resume your seat! Hon. Hentry?

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We laud the CECM for making this matter the way it is that the pronouncer of the statement has consumed part of it and another one is remaining. The problem in this County and we might be skinning our colleagues or people in the County but there is somebody somewhere thinking that he is supposed to come in this County in the name of a contractor, that he is given money and he abandons a project as it is; and that is going to the people who have companies in the briefcase. In future!

**Mr. Speaker:** What do you mean; the company is in the briefcase! Explain to us so that we understand that language. Please proceed!

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am saying that some of the contractors do not have physical addresses such that anything happening, you cannot reach that person. The only communication you can do maybe is by looking for him on phone. My request is, in future when you are doing this procurement process, all the contractors must provide their physical address and due diligence must be done; because these issues of projects that are not completed and not only in Kaptama. There are so many projects. In my Ward there are projects that were started up by the County Government and they are not completed; you cannot reach the contractor and even if you call, he does not respond! I am requesting that in future, let us have serious contractors. Due diligence can be carried out for such contractors so that our money is spend prudently.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Hentry, Hon. Ipara?

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I am also drawn to the response from the CECM on item number 6- Project duration. The tender was for 2019/20 and the project as per what is written in the typed one is 12 weeks, which translates to three months. So the question is, when was this contact due and when was it supposed to end.

Two, he has talked on item number 9 on steps by the Department. He is saying that the department has contacted the contractor to resolve the issue. What was the issue? Actually when you talk about contractual issues we must have documentation to show that actually the contractor had raised some issues which the Department was supposed to resolve. What were they and how were they resolved. Based on this, this was a contract that was supposed to have been terminated immediately on a breach of contract terms when he moved from the site or he failed to fulfill the requirements of the contract within the specified period of three months and not 6 months as said by the CECM.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. I will have Hon. Violet Makhanu.

**Hon. Vilolet Makhanu:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I may stand to be corrected, but I remember the last time our CECM Health was in this Assembly to respond to some issues, I raised something; that most of the wards within the County have a similar problem. In your ruling you directed that the CECM consolidates all the facilities and projects that have stalled in the county so that we are able to get a response once and for all. I am trying to imagine since that time, we have Hon. Chemion coming with the statement, I am also thinking of now coming up with the statement so that the CECM comes back here to respond to my statement. You realize that mine is about 2017/18 and up to now nothing is happening. So do I come up with another statement to allow him come back tomorrow to respond to my statement or he goes and puts all of them together so that we know of the fate of what is happening; because we have many projects that are supposed to be terminated so that we move as Members representing respective Wards.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Violet, Hon. Meshack Simiyu?

**Hon. Meshack Simiyu:** Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Pia mimi Wadi yangu ya Mukuyuni sijui *problem* (shida) iko kila mahali...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Meshack, when you commence your....

**Hon. Meshack Simiyu:** Sorry Mheshimiwa Spika

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes proceed.

**Hon. Meshack Simiyu:** Ninaomba ya kwamba Wadi ya Mukuyuni pia iko na shida. Walipeana mwana kandarasi kuenda kufanya kazi Mirembe *Dispensary* (zahanati) na hadi sasa hakuna mtu ambaye ameingia katika maeneo yale. Ninataka niombe waziri ya kwamba hili jambo la kukuita hapa kila wakati... mimi ninaleta hapa, mwingine alete yake na mwingine kesho inayofuiatia. Nafikiri Waziri hutafanya hii kazi vizuri. Ninaomba kwa heshima kama ni watu wake wenye wanapeana kazi na wanaangalia sijui wanatoa kitu kidogo huko ndipo wampatie kazi; halafu yule mtu mwenye amepewa hana uwezo, tutazidi kuwa na maswali hapa. Hivyo Spika ninaomba Waziri akirudi kwa afisi yake ajipange; kwa laini tuko wengi pia kesho atakuwa hapa tu.

(Applause)

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Meshack, I see Hon. Mukhongo, Hon. Steven and Hon. Ali Machani and I will make the way forward.

**Hon. James Barasa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, in fact my sister Hon. Violet was reading on the same page with me because I wanted to ask the CECM to give us a comprehensive data of all the stalled projects within the county under his Department. By so doing, we can be in a position to know whether we are having some short falls. I also wish to ask *Waziri* (CECM) because this is a project of 2019/20, I stand to be corrected whether there is the same money for this project. I know the tendency of these governments; when your money is just hanging, they put them in some other activities. Confirm to us because you should not lie to this Honourable House that you are going to recall or engage the contractor to resume the work on the site because it will be sad for us if the contractor will not commence the same work. I rest my case.

**Mr. Speaker:** Than you Hon. Steven, please you will go.

**Hon. Steven Kaiser:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I just wanted to ask the CECM to tell this House the measures they have put in place to tame these rogue contractors; because it has been a thing that is repeating itself. If we find out that we have contractors of 2018/19, 2022/23 you see now, it will be a matter of calling the *Waziri* (CECM) every now and then coming to this Honourable House to tell us how they are dealing with. Now I want him to tell us what measures they have put in place as a Department so that they tame these rogue contractors.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Steven. Hon. Ali Machani?

**Hon. Ali Machani:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for allowing me also to give an input. I want to seriously agree with the two Honourable Members, Hon. Nyongesa and Hon. Violet, and not that others have not given their views. This challenge of hospitals or dispensaries or any contract having been awarded to a contractor and a contractor abandons or runs away; we must agree that these challenges and lapses are always within our system. Why, and I want to thank the CECM. He came here recently but there are people in our government where I belong, you know whether you are in government or opposition where we belong, because we have two arms of the government. That there people who are employees of this government but they have briefcase companies either belonging to themselves or their relatives. We want them to do business but if this thing cannot be pointed out in the strongest voice, we are going to rotate and we will be calling the CECM here day and night and we will be even forced to run the Assembly during the night; which the law doesn't allow, unless something is done.

Where I come from, I have a project that commenced around July of last year, the contractor came, he started the foundation then he disappeared. So Hon. Speaker to me, for someone to be given a contract, we have a procedure, the stages where someone can get a contract or approach

it through a procedure. The proponent who puts the procedures in place is the people who work in the government.

Since you came in recently, you need to play your cards properly that those who work in the County Government should not have links with contractors.

Two, they give contracts because they also want to benefit. You are an MCA but you find someone having a project in your Ward and you have information that this person was in Hon. Charles Nangulu's place and he did not complete the project. He goes round and comes up with a new company then he gets a project. This has been a problem from the inception of devolution. When every governor comes in, they are just on the fore front targeting to get projects. Until this House and even you the Executive can come up with a write up at least to blacklist those contractors or directors whom we know own several companies and they want to swindle money from this county in the name of going to financial institutions, getting financial support and then they disappear. Until we do that...

CECM, I am very much worried the way you are getting used to coming to this Assembly. You may turn against the area MCA that you want to become an MCA and that is my biggest worry. You remember all these governments that have been there, the CECM and the Chief Officers always turn against elected leaders. The good thing is; I don't have a CECM or a Chief Officer coming from my Ward and so continue coming, but my worry is, until you assist us find a way of knocking out these contractors; because this is the only problem. When you see pending bills, you go to the budget or you go to collection of funds; they are there and they know how to manipulate to get contracts.

Hon. Speaker, thank you so much.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Ali Machani, I saw Hon. Vitalis and he wanted to speak but I think he chickened out and Hon. Milly as well. By consent they have chickened out. Honourable Members before I pronounce my directive to the CECM, let me allow him to make some remarks to the issues raised before because it appears as if it is basically a cancer in every ward. CECM you have a chance to speak before I can give some guidance.

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will start with the issues raised by Hon. Ipara on what issues the contractor had. I can attest here that there are no documentary issues that the contractor raised; only that he abandoned site and he has not been traced since. About the issue of rampant cases of contractors abandoning site, last time I was here, you directed me to make a comprehensive report about all projects that are stalled in the wards. I am waiting for your invitation to come and share what we are doing about all the projects in the wards. My team has been going round, they have called some of the Members here and also the people in the wards to affirm that the project has stalled; and therefore we are coming up with measures to ensure that all stalled projects are completed so that people can get

value for money. This will also touch on the issue raised by Hon. Meshack Wekesa about Mileme dispensary.

About taming our rogue contractors, when we came in, we gave new contractors in all the Wards and Members can attest that the work is going on very well because the process was open and the people who won actually showed proof that they can do the work. This shows we have tried to ensure that due process is done during procurement without any due influence; and also to ensure that monitoring and evaluation of the projects is done on daily basis. We have devolved our project implementation team to the Sub County level so that monitoring can go on without disruption. I can assure you that we will complete our projects in the specified duration and for those who will default to complete within the specified period, action will be taken where termination will be issued without further reference to the contractor and the project will be retendered so that we make sure that people in this County receive value for money.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will allow the Leader of Majority

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you Speaker. You know I was trying my heart not to speak anything but I have been provoked to say something. If you listened keenly to *Waziri* (CECM) whom I respect a lot, he is telling this House that we can attest as Members that those projects which were given under his watch are functioning and those which were not given under his watch are not functioning. So he is telling us that he is only keen on those that were given during his time? But you know when you assume any office when you are being handed over; they hand over assets and liabilities. The CECM should affirm to this House that he is going to take care of even those projects that were given when he was out so that at least we get value for our money.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Joseph Nyongesa our Leader of Majority. Hon. Chemion, say something before the CECM comes in. They want assurances CECM because what you have said is that what happened before you came to the office is none of your business. It is on the HANSARD. Hon. Chemion, please.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** My last issue that I would wish as the CECM tables as an annexure is the Bill of quantities of the works that were supposed to be done; even the certificate that was issued. He can annex the certificate that was used for the payment of the Kshs500, 000 and the BQ of the project.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, CECM the last one and this one has to come from you because you have been on HANSARD. What Hon. Joseph Nyongesa is asking is you have said that those projects that were procured under your leadership are being run properly; those ones that were done before you came to the office are not working. So he is asking that what happens to those ones that were procured before you came to the office. Are you saying that it is none of your business or what? You have a chance to speak about it.



**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to reassure this House that all projects, both old and new will be dealt with accordingly. The issue with old projects Hon. Leader of Majority is that we have pending issues that have not been resolved and some of the issues that are happening also involve the issue of reallocating funds to those projects. That is why you find that some of them have not kicked off the way we expected, but for the new ones, we have budgetary allocation for them that is why they are proceeding seamlessly. For the issue raised by Hon. Chemion, we have BQs for the projects going on at Kaptelelio and we will provide evidence of certificates that were paid and also the BQs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, this maybe my observation as CECM sits down because the Honourable Members have spoken about brief case contractors. What Hon. Hentry and Hon. Mukhongo were talking about; not even having vote heads for the same. CECM I gave you some directive sometime back to cure this problem of coming here every Tuesday; because unless you change, you will be here every Tuesday. To cure this, go to your department, go to the 45 wards and look for all pending incomplete projects per Department and avail the information to all Honourable Members here. I am sure tomorrow you will be seeing Hon. Mutiambu asking about kulisiru, the following day it will be Bukembe West. Any project which is completed and handed over leave it out, only the pending ones and address the mischief of briefcase contractors...

Members you have the cure, it is simple, get those names, pass a resolution not to have them given any work in this county, it will cure this problem.

*(Applause)*

We have evidence in Bokoli Ward; that the contractor was unable to finish the office in Bokoli Ward but he was given work in Misikhu Ward...same contractor! So if he is running away from Bokoli then going to work in Bukembe East, are you sure he is going to do it? Get all those names here from the CECM and you pass a resolution, take it to the treasury that no payment be given to this person until work is done and you will cure this.

So CECM, I am now giving you the last chance. I have given you one month from today. Go back to your office, visit the 45 Wards, look at all pending projects under your department and give us the information.

The only thing that I failed to ask you, now when you look at your contract, you are lying to us with this response. When is the commencement date of six month running from? Go to item number 9 in the contract term, clarify that it is from which dates? It has no date of commencement, no date of finishing, it is just open. That way I think people in your Department doing the contract should avoid embarrassing you since they will never come before us. It is you coming! So to cure this problem, you must be very strict to your technical people and you will never have such problems.

For that, Members, I have given him work; you allow the one for Hon. Vitalis to come but CECM, I can assure you that for the next one month, we don't want to see you here. You will come on 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023 to address all pending projects under your Department in the 45 wards in your response. If you don't comply, when you come for the supplementary budget, they have given you food and they will take away that food in the budget. They have given you work; if you don't respond, it will be the way to go. Let us have the next statement being sought by Hon. Vitalis.

Hon. Vitalis you will wait for the response then we proceed.

3. RESPONSE BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION TO A QUESTION RAISED BY HON. VITALIS WANGILA IN RELATION TO THE ABLUTION BLOCK AT KABULA MARKET DONE IN THE FY 2018/19

The CECM to respond to the following:

1. The name of the contractor
2. Total contract sum and how much has been paid so far.
3. Contract details i.e. provide the contract agreement
4. State whether the works are complete, if not;
  - a. Explain why the project is not complete.
  - b. When will the project be completed and handed over to the community
  - c. Explain the steps the department is taking to forestall such in the implementation of projects in the department.

**Mr. Speaker:** CECM you have a chance to respond, sorry, Hon. Vitalis do you have a response?

**Hon. Vitalis Wangila:** Yes Speake.r I have a response but I am requesting if you can allow the CECM, I will be comfortable if he will respond facing me, if he will respond on the other side...

**Mr. Speaker:** You want to look at his face?

**Hon. Vitalis Wangila:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** CECM, he is saying that he wants to look at your eyes directly...



*(Laughter)*

That is Hon. Vitalis Sifuna Wangila.

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am here to respond to the statement sought by the Honorable Member for Kabula Ward about the status of construction of Kabula market modern toilets.

For the project in Kabula modern toilets, the contractor is Taslin Global Ventures Limited.

Project sum was KShs. 2, 295, 848.80

The payment made so far is KShs1, 606,507, balance is KShs689, 341.80.

The project duration was two months and not five months as captured in what was circulated for financial year 2019/20.

I can confirm that the project is now complete and what is pending is that they have not handed over because we have not settled the final payment; and this is because the Project Manager has not raised the certificate for payment. We have asked him to give us the certificate or reasons why he cannot give the certificate and thereafter an inspection and acceptance report will be availed and handing over will be done; to ensure that the people of Kabula receive the service of that project.

**Mr. Speaker:** Before Hon. Vitalis responds, now item number six you are saying how long?

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** It is two months not five months.

**Mr. Speaker:** Commencing from which dates please?

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Mr. Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** Look at item number 9 in your contract, it is commencing from which dates?

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** That is an omission, I am sorry for that.

**Mr. Speaker:** This one is not your mistake because it was done way back in 2019/20. If there is no commencement date, that means it is just open. The problem comes in because he will tell you there was no date for commencement; the two months can run to an unknown date. I think next time. Hon. Vitalis you have been facing the CECM, so you are able, resume your seat CECM. Hon. Vitalis now when you are speaking, you look at the Speaker not the CECM.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Vitalis Wangila:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, allow me appreciate the CECM as well as applaud him because as I am talking, I have the response in my hands. I still want to congratulate my CECM because immediately he received this statement, he sent a team from his office, the Department of Health, to the ground to make sure whether this project was there or not; and was it complete or not. For your information, from that day they landed on the ground on that market to investigate that particular project, and by the end of the day, I was the MCA of that area because I had been telling them that they would see these people here in a few weeks' time and...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hope you are not using the project before it is handed over to you, being in a market place.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Vitalis Wangila:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. So according to the response, the truth of the matter is that I am satisfied with the response; but there are two areas that are leaving me in suspense. You have been told that this is a project of 2019-2020 and now the CECM here in the Response number 9 is saying that the contract awaiting settlement on final accounts before handing over; and number ten is saying that the Department will expedite payment to the contractor as soon as possible. As soon as... because I think as soon as after 2019 as to when? You know you can take me to 2027, how I wish you have given me the timeline of payment and I understand that there is some payment being done right now at the treasury. May the CECM come out very clearly and tell us if he is on the exchequer and give as the timeline of the payment.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Vitalis you are so excited that you did not hear him; he said that the project Manager is yet to raise the certificate; so you cannot talk of the exchequer before you have the certificate for payment.

**Hon. Vitalis Wangila:** Mr. Speaker, I am saying that it is him to remind the contractors that it has taken long so that they fast track these things. Otherwise I appreciate the response from the CECM but CECM, I don't want to be an MCA for two terms; if you complete and we hand over that place, I will be the happiest Honourable Member.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Vitalis, Honourable CECM has just been able to respond to the specific issue on when we expect the payment. I have to put on the microphone that faces Hon. Vitalis so that it looks at you.

**Dr. Andrew Wamalwa (CECM, Health and Sanitation):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have again written to the Project Manager to ensure that he does due diligence before raising the certificate for payment; so that we factor it in the next financial year if we will be given some funds for development under the department.

**Mr. Speaker:** It's okay, thank you.

Honourable Members allow me release the CECM, but as you go away, I have given you 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023 to go and prepare all pending projects in the 45 Wards so that we are able to know or avoid a situation where we will be having statements from every Honourable Members; and be here for 45 sittings on Tuesdays only, which is more than one year, so you take care and prevent that. Have a good evening.

*(CECM, Health and Sanitation is escorted out of the Chambers by the Serjeant- at Arms)*

Honourable Members we are having the last CECM. I think that is for the question raised by Hon.Ali Machani Mutoka.

*(The CECM, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development is ushered into the Chambers by the Serjeant- at Arms)*

4. QUESTION FROM HON. ALI MACHANI IN RELATION TO PROCUREMENT FOR MAIZE AND FERTILIZER FOR THE FARM INPUTS SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members before us we are having our CECM for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development Madam Monicah Fedha to give a response to Hon. Ali Machani. Honourable Members, allow me ask the Clerks at Table to give us the statements as sought by Hon. Ali Machani.

Question from the Member for Maraka Ward, Hon. Ali Machani, in relation to procurement process for maize and fertilizer for the Farm Inputs Support Program.

The CECM to respond to the following:

1. The allocation for the program for financial year 2022/2023.
2. The procurement process for maize seed, planting and top dress fertilizer under the current financial year.
3. Avail the tender documents, evaluations report and professional opinion from the Head of Supply Chain Management.
4. Provide profile of the Company that was awarded the Tender together with the CR12 Forms.
5. How much has been paid to the suppliers?
6. Aware that the maize planted under the Farm Inputs Support Program to be insured.
7. The mechanism put in place to implement Crop Insurance Program as captured under the 1st Supplementary Budget financial year 2022- 2023.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. Madam CECM you can now proceed and give us your response. I have given you a side microphone to face the owner of the statement.

**Ms. Madam Monicah Fedha** (CECM, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development): Thank you Hon. Speaker, Honourable Members this afternoon I have the pleasure to respond to the statement that was raised by one Honourable Member.

Status in relation to the procurement process of maize and fertiliser for the farm input support:

1. The allocation for the program for financial year 2022/2023, the approved Budget was as follows:

a) Fertilizer was Kshs. 270 Million.

b) Maize seed allocation and the approved budget was Kshs. 6 Million.

2. The procurement process of maize seed, planting and top dressing fertilizer under the current financial year.

My response is as follows:

The first activity before the procurement process begins is confirmation of the availability of the budget.

Then the second step is requisition by the user Directorate because they usually give the specifications of what needs to be procured.

Thirdly, there is an advertisement in a wide circulation newspaper.

4. Appointment letter for opening Committee after the bids have been given out and those who want to bid have bided; then an appointment letter for the opening Committee is done by the Accounting Officer. So, this Committee opens the tender and they are able to write opening minutes for the tender.

Then, an appointment of the Committee for evaluation of tender is done and a tender evaluation report is done.

The Director of Procurement or Supply Chain Management writes a professional opinion after which notification of award is done. So after the award has been given, the submission of tender acceptance letter by the successful bidder is done.

After that signing and issuing of the contract agreement which is usually a local purchase order or a local service order, but in this case it was a purchase order because it is goods, that is fertilizer and seed.

Thereafter, delivery of goods and usually when goods are delivered they come alongside a delivery note.

Then inspection and acceptance of the goods is done by the user department.

An appointment of an Inspection and Acceptance Committee is done and then an inspection and acceptance report is also done.

The last activity is usually payment of goods that have been delivered.

3. Avail the tender advert evaluation report and professional opinion from the Head of Supply Chain Management.

When this statement was sought, we were asked to provide a response by 16<sup>th</sup> of June which was dully done.

So, with me here, I have the original documents, so like now, when it comes to the issue of the tender advert;

For maize, all these is provided here, I don't know how to go about it Hon. Speaker because all these documents have been tagged here.

So, we have tender advert for the three that is the maize, the fertilizer... Actually they are two, the maize and fertilizer.

Then we also have the Evaluation Report and Professional Opinion and they are actually here in this file.

4. Provide a profile of the company that was awarded the tender either with CR12 Certificate. Maybe this one Hon. Speaker, Honourable Members I can read out...

**Mr. Speaker:** Before that, you know when you talk of advertisement of the tenders, I think it is just one or two pages; it can't be the entire file you are carrying for us here.

**Ms. Madam Monicah Fedha** (CECM, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development): You are very right Hon. Speaker, but all the documents that are here are relevant to the Statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** No, I didn't say they are not relevant, but what I am trying to say is when you say advertisement is within documents of the tenders for inviting bidders in this file, I don't know whether you want me to start looking in this file for that specific advertisement or do what. I thought you get the document, and just flag out the specific area; the copies are three pages and attach on the response.

**Ms. Madam Monicah Fedha** (CECM, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development): I am well guided Hon. Speaker. If you could just give me maybe one minute, I can pull it out.

So, Hon. Speaker, here is the advert for the tender.

Then, here is the evaluation report and then we have the professional opinion. So, those are the three for issue number three.

**Mr. Speaker:** Madam I think what you have done is to flag those specific areas and bring them, because what you are doing is maybe to scare us from asking you questions. Because I am having these three files to look at and guide you.

So, if you have one specific paper for the gazette and professional opinion which is like three pages and like CR12 maybe three or two. We only require those Papers. In a way of scaring us by carrying these files for us not to ask you questions is what you want to engage in.

*(Applause)*

We don't want these games.

*(Applause)*

Be specific. If you want us to look at the papers just give us the specific papers.

The other files are irrelevant to our questions put to you by the Honourable Members.

**Ms. Madam Monicah Fedha** (CECM, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development): I am well guided Hon. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes.

**Ms. Madam Monicah Fedha** (CECM, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development): Issue number four, Provide profile of the Company that was awarded the tender, together with CR12 certificate. I may take a little bit maybe like three minutes Honourable Chair, maybe today I am looking disorganized but I really ask for your indulgence.

**Mr. Speaker:** So what is happening is that you really were not prepared to give us our responses. We will give you more time because we have other things to engage in.

We have pupils here and we need to allow them go back to their parents before darkness. The guidance... Yes Hon. Nyongesa. I see you are on line, what is the issue?

**Hon Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. As much as we want to agree that *waziri* (CECM) is disorganised but, I think it was intentional. Because the question was straight and

clear and it was just for *waziri* to inform this House; but the way she is handling it, and from my own thinking, at least the House was having goodwill, but again, she wants us to now think otherwise. *Waziri*, just do what is right to us so that we get the information that we need.

And as we give her more time, let me also add this because we appropriated some amount here on insurance. That she also furnishes us with the necessary information on which insurance was given, so that we are equally looking at value for money. As you come to respond, tell us which company was awarded, so that our farmers can sit knowing that money was budgeted for insurance.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think I am not going to amend your response Hon. Joseph Nyongesa. I have been a lawyer for 18 years and when you talk of insurance, you must be insuring something, okay?

When you are talking of farm produce, we must have a list of farmers who are covered by this insurance and the year is coming to an end next week. If money was paid, who are the recipients?

Are we together Members? The County must have value for its money and therefore, CECM, you will be given more time. Hon. Machani what do you say as the owner of the statement?

**Hon. Ali Machani:** Hon. Speaker, I want to thank you and even thank the Leader of Majority. I am worried with the documents; I imagine if the CECM was a Lawyer, she could have carried an entire pick-up. Even the body language, she has demonstrated before this House on the way she has been fumbling with documents, there is something wrong and I appeal to you that my question was straight forward. I thank you Mr. Speaker and how I wish that you could go straight to the questions and give me the response. As much as she is giving justifications, remember the Member who raised this statement has information that requires to be justified. In this House, we want to see value for money; I don't come up with statements anyhow; and I think she was not prepared to respond.

**Hon. Job Mukoyandali:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. My only worry is how the CECM Monica Fedha wants this House to operate especially when seeking for information from her. It is unfortunate that when the questions were raised by Hon. Ali Machani, they were specific but it is inhuman when these files are carried to this House and the CECM begins mentioning what was needed. Instead of carrying what was needed to furnish to the Hon. Machani so that the statement is fully responded to. It is also not right for the CECM to carry here files and tell us that the responses are in those files.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is like a student telling a teacher that here are the textbooks go and check for the answers?



**Hon. Job Mukoyandali:** You are right Mr. Speaker. Such things will make the CECM believe that may be Members in this House are against her, but it might be her own making and Members in this House might form opinions because of the way she is responding to statements raised in her Department. I assure the CECM that this House respects you and we would wish to cooperate with you. For our wards to move, we need to work together; you sit at the Executive, we sit in the wards and this House. There are many things that these Honorable Members go through in their wards that if not properly responded to, a problem will befall them. The next minute this House could begin collecting signatures not for their own making but may be because you have pushed them to go towards that direction. Kindly Madam CECM, cooperate with this House, we want our work to be easy so that we keep moving.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. With your permission, allow me to appreciate the Leader of Majority Leader for standing up and leading by example. More so, I also want to appreciate the owner of the question. When we talk about procurement, this is where we talk about the government expenditure. The first process she explained properly that the user department identifies the needs which were presented and a budget made available.

The process number one, why did Hon. Machani ask this; he wanted to see what was advertised, which products were advertised in terms of item description and the quantity, which the CECM has not been able to say. She has also continued to mislead this House by saying that a professional opinion...in procurement processes there is commencement date and the end date which is called the closing and opening of those tenders submitted by the bidders and a register is prepared for all those who submitted their tenders. I wanted to see the CECM presenting the list that on the closing date, 10 firms forwarded their bids and 20 purchased the tenders. She did not say that...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Ipara, now that we are going to give her more time, can't you hold your horse so that we give her time for proper responses. Because it is like you are giving her answers to go and bring to us.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** What I want to justify to the CECM, I wanted her to know that this is an informed House; it has all the details that we required from her and we were not wasting our time; and the question was asked for purpose to inform the Honorable Members so that they can have an answer to present to their people in their Wards.

Hon. Speaker, the saddest part of it is where we talk about what the Hon. Leader of Majority said that you insure what you have not assessed. In insurance, first of all you must get the value of what you want to insure. What was insured, where was it insured? Do they have that list? I think this is the time that we must put to the end wastage that we experience in this County; we should not entertain that. I submit.



**Hon. James Mukhongo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I only wanted to draw the attention of the CECM that we have been having your colleague CECMs appear before this House with small papers and the responses were comprehensive. I am not scared with the files and members you should not get scared. She was responding on the issues and how I wish we could have given her time to finish then raise the issues that we need more clarification on. However, CECM it appears that these files are scaring Honorable Members...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Barasa that is a wrong notion. Honorable Members are not scared. The only thing we want is that questions and answers should not be sorted here.

**Hon. James Mukhongo:** What matters is the content therein. However, I am not defending the CECM because I am a Member of this House. I only wanted to inform the CECM that the mover of the statement is a senior Member in this House. Sometimes when you get questions from this end Madam CECM, treat them with some dignity, because we need comprehensive responses from the Executive where some of us are proud of. It is unfortunate but, I will go by your ruling so that the CECM goes back to put her house in order and come up with a comprehensive response. You are making issues to crop up from my Leader of Majority. I am aware of the crop insurance because I was lucky enough to accompany you to Zambia. Hon. CECM, please style up my sister. I rest my case.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa (Deputy Speaker):** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I was not going to contribute but when Hon. Mukhongo said something here, I felt I should say two or three words. One, that the Hon. CECM, this Assembly and the Honorable Members even if you carried a ton of materials, we would want to interrogate. We will not shy away from it. I know the Members here are ready and willing to go up to midnight if it means that we have interrogate voluminous material here. Having said that, when you come with such material here and we have pupils here as our guests; it will be important that you would have marked and you go specifically to the point which is required and everybody feels that indeed you were prepared for this. When you come with voluminous material and it is like you are looking for something and it feels like you are not prepared, it sends us a wrong signal. I want to urge you that make yourself at home with this Assembly and do what is required.

As the Hon. Mukhongo has said, you colleagues have been here, some of them came with almost a page but the response they gave everybody has been saying that it was satisfactory. Going forward, let us have straight forward issues. The questions don't require that we have many things here because at the end of the day, the House will demand to have what it is asking for. However late, we might want to bring it and this House will have to get the right information. After all, CECM, Members may be having what they are looking for, they just want to confirm if honesty can be observed or not.

Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate and say that this House is full of vibrant leadership which is roaring to even go overdrive.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable Members, from your observations and remarks, I will give the CECM more time to give us specific answers and not files that are meant to scare us. Now that I have been practicing law for the last 18 years, I will have time to go through these documents. We don't want this kind of side shows; we need specific questions and answers. We are asking for CR12, bring it. If they are requesting the opinion by Alex Odanga, get it for us so that we look at it. We want is as simple as that; the other things that are irrelevant to us you can remove them and give us what we want.

When they are requesting about the crop insurance, here we want the list of people who were insured. When was the insurance done and ground assessment and in which Wards? Because in the coming two months, we are harvesting maize and 10 days from now, the financial year will come to an end; and money has been paid. I am a farmer and concerned about the expenditure of public resources. You will have time up to 18<sup>th</sup> of July; take your time and come back when prepared. To that end, my officers will flag out what we need from you; and which I have here. I was prepared to interrogate you on every document that you were going to submit to this House because members want answers for questions sought. Serjeants assist Madam to carry her files and you find a pickup out there place them there for her.

(Applause)

*(The CECM, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development is escorted out of the Chambers by the Serjeant- at Arms)*

Honorable Members, I have kept these young boys and girls in the gallery for so long. Allow me move to the next item so that you can make your brief remarks to enable them go back home. I think there was an oversight; we could have commenced with the young boys and girls at the commencement of the statements and questions. Allow me invite Hon. Opwora and some other members like the Vice Chair, Education Committee and other members of good will to make few remarks about our young sons and daughters in the Public Gallery before we proceed.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to welcome our pupils from Chekulo FYM Primary School, a school in my Ward in Luuya Location which also happens to be close to where my roots are; where my grandfather comes from. My dad happened to have also passed through the primary school many years ago and it is a school run by the Quaker Church of which Hon. Job and the Honorable member from Namwela are equally Quakers.

I want to take this opportunity first of all to appreciate the teachers from Chekulo who thought it wise to bring these pupils here to know and experience what goes around. I also take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents of these pupils who voted for me. I am an able Member of the County Assembly and I am glad that today has been a good session where I believe this experience will be a motivation to them; not only in their academic life but life after.

As one Malcom X said that;

*'Education is a passport to the future; for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today'.*

I want to encourage our pupils that this is the time to prepare for your future, take your studies seriously. It is only through this that you are laying a foundation for your future life. As one Nelson Mandela once said;

*'That education is the most powerful weapon in the world and it is only through education that a child of a poor peasant farmer can be a doctor'.*

...that a child of a *bodaboda* (rider) or a cane cutter can be a teacher or a President! I believe this is an encouragement to these pupils that please don't look at where you are coming from. Look at where you are going and build a future.

Today has been a good session and when I see that there is something that I have learnt in this life; sometimes it is about the quality and not the quantity. As the CECMs have been answering questions, you saw those who came with lean papers were smart and had quality answers. Unfortunately, the quantity has not delivered. May be to the teachers, kindly take it that sometimes let us impact knowledge with quality contents and it is never about the quantity because we want our kids to embrace modern education and we should therefore give them quality education. Otherwise, after the session I think I will see them behind the tent by virtue that we have taken long and some of them might be thirsty. We will get a way of ensuring they get water.

**Hon. Stephen Keiser:** Bwana Spika asante kwa kunipa fursa hii niweze kusema machache. Kwanza nawashukuru walimu na wanafunzi wa shule ya Msingi ya Chekulo kwa kuja katika Bunge hili la Bungoma. Niko na maneno machache kwa ajili ya wanafunzi; ningependa mtie bidii katika masomo yenu. Mtilie maanani yale ambayo mnafunzwa na walimu. Wanasema ya kwamba ni elimu pekee inaweza kuwaunganisha watoto wa maskini na wale wa matajiri. Elimu itafanya ukalie kiti ambacho kimekaliwa na Bwana Spika. Elimu itakuwezesha kuja katika jumba hili. Tunapoendelea na maisha, dunia inaenda ikibadilika na bila masomo huenda usiwe hata mzee wa kijiji.

*(Applause)*

Nawatia moyo kwamba mtie bidii katika kila kitu mnachofunzwa.

Jambo la pili ningependa kumzungumzia mtoto wa kiume; dunia kwa sasa imependelea watoto wa kike. Kuna vikundi ambavyo vimeanzishwa kwa ajili ya maswala ya mtoto wa kike. Kile ambacho nawaeleza watoto wa kiume ni kwamba ni wewe na dunia na mjue ya kwamba msipotia bidii katika masomo yenu hamtafaulu huku mbele.

**Hon. Caleb Wanjala:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also join my colleagues to encourage the pupils from Chekulo which is a neighboring school to my Ward. In fact one of the teachers Mr. Edward is a voter in my Ward and I am happy for the changes and encouragement he is doing to Chekulo Primary School. I encourage the pupils just like *Mheshimiwa* has said, knowledge is power and it is the power that liberates us from the chains of manipulation. You are so lucky that today you are stepping in this House as young as you are. For some of us, even reaching in this House was not easy; some of us came in this House when we were as old as we are. Therefore, count yourself lucky and this is a good beginning for you.

If you look at the Honorable Members who are here today; some of them also begun participating in debates at schools and the knowledge they learnt from the debates has enabled them to reach here and they are now good debaters. They can debate and discuss various issues. You are on a genesis of greatness and mine is just to encourage you. You are not going to school because of your parents; you have been given an opportunity to decide on how your future would be. The time you have, use it well because time wasted will not be recovered. Discipline will help you succeed in life. Some us think that may be when teachers correct us, they don't love us, but when you accept the correction and work hard, I want to assure you pupils who are here that the future looks great for you.

We are in a world that is competitive; we are in a world where everybody fights for their own space. Mine is just to encourage you to work hard and put discipline as a weapon and you will succeed. I can leave you with a scripture for those who read the Bible, Proverbs 12:1 says that whoever hates correction is stupid and is counted like an animal. Love discipline and success will be evident in your life.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Asante Ndugu Spika. Kwanza nachukua fursa hii kukushukuru kwa kunipa nafasi kuchangia yale ambayo yanaendelea katika jumba hili. Nataka kuwashukuru walimu wa shule hii na wanafunzi ambao wameamua kufika hapa leo. Ndugu Spika wamesoma na waswahili wanasema aliye na macho haambiwi tazama. Kwa hivyo wametazama na wameona kile ambacho kinaendelea.

Pia Ndugu Spika tunawashukuru wakaazi wa eneo hilo kwa kumpigia kura Mheshimiwa Opwora kijana mkakamavu ambaye anafanya kazi hapa kwa bidii ya mchwa. Najua leo hawa wanafunzi wamejionea wenyewe walipofika katika jumba hili. Mheshimiwa Opwora alikuwa anauliza swali kwa waziri ambaye alikuja hapa ili kujua kazi inavyoendelea katika wadi yake...

Langu nikuwaambia wanafunzi watie bidii kule shuleni, wahakikishe kwamba wanadurusu vitabu kila wakati kwasababu unaposoma vitabu, vinakufanya upate elimu ya kutosha na kukunoa ili unapointia katika jumba la mtihani, una uwezo wa kujibu maswali ambayo yatakuwa yameletwa pale. Kwa hivyo tieni bidii wanafunzi. Sisi mnavyotuona hapa tumekuwa katika hizo shule, tumesoma pale shule ya msingi, wengine wetu hatukusoma shule ya chekechea kwa sababu wakati huo mkono ndio ulikuwa unaamua, urefu wa mkono ndio ulikuwa unaamua iwapo utaendeleo kusoma shule ya chekechea ama uanze darasa la kwanza.

Sisi hatukuwa na mtihani wa kuingia. Rafiki yangu ndugu Museveni ameashiria vile tulikuwa tunafanyiwa na walimu wakati huo. Hiyo ndiyo ilikuwa mtihani wa wakati huo, kwamba unaulizwa upitishie mkono wako juu ya kichwa, ukifika kwa sikio, unatosha kwenda darasa la kwanza. Kwa hivyo tungependa kuwaomba wanafunzi mtie bidii, waheshimu walimu wenu pale shuleni, tumia fursa ndogo ambayo unawezapata kufanya mambo ambayo yanaweza faidi shule yenu na taifa hili.

Zaidi ya hayo unajua elimu hii ya kawaida bila maadili ni elimu ambayo haiwezi saidia jamii, kwa hivyo pia jifunze kuwa na maadili mema.

Wale ambao wanaweza kujiunga na kanisa wajiunge nayo na bora tu wajilinde wasijiunge na makanisa kama yale ya Shakahola. Mweshimiwa Spika wajua kile ambacho kimefanyika kule, tumepoteza watu wengi kwa sababu ya mchungaji ambaye amekuwa kule na amepotosha watu wengi. Tuna makanisa mazuri ambayo yapo, tunaunga mkono wanafunzi wetu waende kanisani hata kama sisi tuna Yesu wetu ambaye tunamuita 'Yesu wa Tongaren'. Huyu ni Yesu wa Tongaren tu sio wa dunia nzima na kwa hivyo yeye anahubiri tu pale Tongaren, kama anahubiri mazuri ama mabaya yatajulikana tu; lakini matunda ndiyo huonyesha na kudhihirisha muhubiri aliye bora. Kwa hivyo wadumishe maadili yao, wawe na nidhamu ya hali ya juu.

Katika Jumba hili kwa taarifa ya wanafunzi hao, yule ambaye ameketi huko ambaye anatutazama sisi hapa ndio Spika wa Bunge. Hawa ambao wameketi chini yake, wamevalia magwanda ambayo yana mistari ya rangi ya njano ni makarani wa Bunge, na sisi ambao tumekaa upande huu ni waheshiwa.

Jumba hili limegawanywa mara mbili; kuna waheshimiwa ambao wako upande wa Serikali ambayo inatawala Kaunti na kuna wale ambao wako katika upande wa upinzani. Ijapokuwa sisi wote ni waheshimiwa, tunafanya kazi moja lakini kuna huo mgawanyiko. Alafu tuna Kiongozi wa walio wengi na timu yake na pia tuna Kiongozi wa walio wachache na pia ana timu yake; wao hukaa pale kwa sababu ni viongozi wa Jumba hili.

Pia kuna viongozi wa kamati mbalimbali; tuna Wakuu wa Ulinzi ambao mnaona wamekaa upande huu, hao ndio huakikisha kwamba kuna utulivu hapa ijapokuwa ni kazi ya Spika, hao wanafanya kazi ya Spika pale.

Kwa hivyo wanafunzi ukitaka kuingia katika hili Jumba, nenda ujitayarishe miaka ijayo, Mungu atakufungulia na pia utakuwa kiongozi hapa. Asante sana Mweshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa muda huu wa kutoa wasia kwa watoto wangu ambao wamefika hapa.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Chemion. Allow me now on behalf of the Office of the Speaker, the Honourable Members in this House who haven't spoken, our Clerk and members of staff; wish the candidates of Chekulo FYM all the best in their forth coming KCPE. Be disciplined, pray and know that the future is bright.

We will now adjourn to resume tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.; being the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2023. Equally, the list for signing in support of the Motion will be available tomorrow in the morning and afternoon sessions. It is almost 5:00 p.m. and we adjourn accordingly.

*(House adjourns)*