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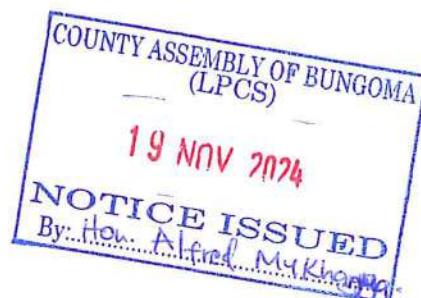
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## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **1.1 Preface**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The committee as one of its mandate resolved to carry out a fact finding exercise to assess the status of markets in Bungoma County with a major focus on market infrastructure, market amenities and challenges faced. The exercise was guided by a list of markets with specific market days in the County. The committee was able to cover 30 markets out of the 36 that were submitted. The committee observed that markets were faced by various challenges. Some of the major challenges included; insecurity, inadequate lighting, lack of water/inadequate water, lack of storage facilities, poor drainage, lack of toilets, inadequate market space, poor management of market facilities etc. The committee after deliberations made recommendations to the department of Trade, Energy and industrialization which if implemented will lead to growth of markets translating to increased revenue.

### **1.2 Committee Mandate**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

The Trade, Energy and Industrialization committee was established on 26<sup>th</sup> October; 2022 in accordance with the Standing Order No.179.

The mandate of the Committee is derived from the Standing Order 217 (5) and matters assigned under the Second Schedule which shall be exercised within the limits contemplated under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

The functions of a Sectoral Committee shall be to; -

- (a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- (b) Consider quarterly reports of the assigned departments and report to the house within Twenty-one sitting days upon being laid
- (c) Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;

- (d) Study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- (e) Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- (f) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- (g) To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 208 (Committee on Appointments); and
- (h)** Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation

### **1.3 Committee Membership**

The following is the committee membership as currently constituted;

1. Hon. Benard	Kikechi	Chairperson
2. Hon. John K.	Wanyama	Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Joan	Kirong	Member
4. Hon. Charles	Nangulu	Member
5. Hon. Kimeta	Polycarp	Member
6. Hon. Wafula	Waiti	Member
7. Hon. Godfrey	Mukhwana	Member
8. Hon. Alfred	Mukhanya	Member
9. Hon. Metrine	Nangalama	Member
10. Hon. Alice	Kibaba	Member
11. Hon. Brigid	Katasi	Member
12. Hon. Angeline	Rugut	Member
13. Hon. Florence	Juma	Member
14. Hon. Linda	Kharakha	Member
15. Hon. Aggrey	Bosire	Member

#### **1.4 Acknowledgement**

**Mr. Speaker Sir,**

The Committee is grateful to your office and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the tireless effort towards making this undertaking a success through facilitation and other Logistics offered as the Committee discharged its mandate.

In addition, the Committee is greatly indebted to the committee members for their overwhelming participation in the entire process. It is as a result of their commitment and dedication to duty that the work of the Committee and production of this report came to completion. The significant role played by the Secretariat for their steadfastness in the compilation and accomplishment of this report cannot be overlooked.

I wish to confirm that the recommendations of the Committee in this report were unanimous. It is now my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the members of the Trade, Energy & Industrialization Committee, to present to this House the Committee's report on the Status of Markets in Bungoma for debate and adoption.

**Signed:**

**Hon, Benard Kikechi; MCA – Mbakalo Ward**

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**CHAIRPERSON: Trade, Energy & Industrialization Committee**

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **2.1 Introduction**

**Hon. Speaker,**

The status and functionality of markets play a crucial role in economic development of a County. Therefore, it is necessary to continually assess the current status of markets to identify challenges and explore opportunities for improvement. As one of its oversight role, the committee did a fact finding in 30 markets across 30 wards in Bungoma County. The committee visited the markets specifically on market days guided by a list submitted by the department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization. The committee was able to cover 30 markets out of the 36 submitted. During the fact find the committee was guided by the following TOR;

- i. To assess the status of market infrastructure in selected markets in Bungoma County.
- ii. To find out the challenges faced by traders and officials in market operations.
- iii. To evaluate availability of amenities and services such as security, lights, waste management, restrooms etc.

### **Methodology**

The fact finding exercise adopted observation as the main tool of collecting data from the markets. Further, reports submitted by the department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization were also utilized. The committee used questionnaires and interviews to collect information from market traders, market management committees, revenues officers and other relevant stakeholders within the markets.

### **2.2 Committee findings**

**Hon. Speaker,**

The following were the findings of the fact finding exercise.

#### **1. KAPSOKWONY MARKET**

Kapsokwony Market is situated in Elgon Ward in Mt. Elgon Sub-County. It has a market management committee that is active. The Sub-County revenue office stated

that the market had a weekly target collection of Kshs 13,000 and only achieved Ksh.7,320.

### **Sanitation facilities/services**

The market sanitation facility was in good condition and in use; it was managed by the market management committee. The market had piped water with a storage water tank although the pipes were faulty. The unavailability of water had contributed to unhygienic conditions in the market. Garbage was collected once a week from a designated collection point.

### **Market space/sheds/Stalls**

The market had enough market space and sheds however; some spaces in the sheds were not in use since traders preferred selling along the road reserves to capture more customers. There were no market stalls.

## **2. MBAKALO MARKET**

Mbakalo market is situated in Mbakalo ward Tongaren Sub-County. It had an active market management committee. Its weekly market day is on Monday which had weekly target revenue collection of Ksh.30, 000/= as reported by revenue collectors. The revenue department achieved to collect Kshs 25,000-Kshs 28,000.

### **Sanitation facilities/services**

The market has a water storage tank, however as at the time of the visit there was no water due to a faulty water pump; hence traders fetched water from a nearby water spring. The market has pit latrines that are abandoned and not in use because they are far away from the market. The market has no proper garbage collection site; therefore, garbage is always heaped alongside the road.

### **Market space /sheds**

The market did not have market sheds prompting traders to operate in an open air. The market had 10 markets stalls and only six (6) were in use by traders. Mbakalo has enough space for development of more market infrastructure.

### **3. SANGALO MARKET**

Sangalo market is in West Sangalo Ward in Kanduyi Sub-County. It had a market management committee in place with its market day being on Tuesday of every week. The revenue office had a target of Ksh.5000/= on market days and was able to achieve collection of Kshs 4,000. It was noted that on non-market days revenue was not collected.

#### **Sanitation facilities/services**

Sangalo market has a drilled borehole but was not in use due to a faulty water pump. The market had a clean toilet facility that served traders and customers. It is managed by the revenue office at the market. The market was poorly lit since the flood light was faulty. It was reported that garbage collection was done once a week; however, there was no specific collection point.

#### **Market Sheds/Stalls**

The market had no sheds for traders to operate; most were operating alongside the road.

### **4. LUGULU MARKET**

Lugulu market is partly in Mihuu Ward and partly in Misikhu Ward with its market day being on Friday, weekly. The revenue office indicated that on market days Kshs. 3,000 is collected against a set target of Ksh.4500. The market has an active management committee that oversees the market operations.

#### **Market shed/stalls**

The market had no sheds or stalls for use by traders. All traders operated along the road. Similarly, the market has no land to put up market infrastructure such as trading space and market sheds.

#### **Sanitation facilities/services**

The toilets that are meant to serve the traders in the market are situated behind the shops and were not in use at the time of the fact finding exercise because they were in a poor condition. The market had no water to serve traders and customers. Further, there was no specific garbage collection site within the market.

## **5. WEBUYE MARKET**

Webuye market is located in Maraka Ward in Webuye East Sub-County. Its specific market day is on Wednesday. The Revenue office had a target of Ksh.67,000 on market days and was able to achieve Kshs.60,000-65,000. It has an active market management committee.

### **Market Stalls/Sheds**

Webuye market has no market stalls. The market shed present was not roofed exposing traders to sun and rain. There were also no storage facilities in the market.

### **Sanitation facilities/services**

The market had clean toilets which were privately managed and earned the County government Ksh.4000/- per month. There was no water supply in the market due to huge bills hence; traders bought water from private owners. The market was cleaned daily and therefore, traders worked in a clean environment. Garbage was collected twice every week although there was no proper collection point.

## **6. TONGAREN MARKET**

Tongaren market is situated in Tongaren Ward in Tongaren Sub-County. Its market day is on Friday and it had an active market management committee as at the time of the fact finding exercise. The Revenue office had a target collection of Ksh.20,000 on market days but managed Kshs.15,000.

### **Market space and stalls**

Tongaren market has enough space for construction of market sheds and parking space for traders. There were ten market stalls of which three were not in use but all were in good condition. The markets lacked markets sheds exposing traders and goods to sunlight and rainfall.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There were six toilets which were clean due to proper management. The waste disposal system was fairly good. There was no water in the market therefore traders

opted buying from private owners. The water tank available also had no water because the pipes were damaged.

### **Security**

The light at the market was functional but only lasted for three hours from 6:00p.m to 9:00 P.M then went off leaving the market in total darkness during the night. Further, the market had no storage facilities.

### **7. BOKOLI**

Bokoli Market is located in Bokoli Ward in Webuye West Sub-County with its market day being on Tuesday with a revenue target of Kshs 3,000. The revenue officers managed to collect Kshs. 2,800. The market has a management committee in place.

#### **Market Space/stalls/sheds**

There was limited market space with no stalls for traders and therefore most traders were operating beside the road.

#### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There was no availability of water in the market for traders' consumption. Additionally, there were four latrines near the ward administration office meant for traders but were not in use as at the time of the visit because of poor management. It was highlighted that garbage collection from the market was not done on a regular basis leading to environmental pollution.

### **8. NALONDO MARKET**

Nalondo market is located in West Nalondo Ward Kabuchai Sub-County with its market day being on Wednesday. Nalondo market is a cross Ward market partly in West Nalondo, Chwele Kabuchai and Luuya Bwake. West Nalondo targeted Kshs 3000 revenue per week, Luuya Bwake Kshs 3500, and Chwele Kabuchai Ward Kshs 1500.

### **Market Space/Stalls**

The market had limited land and therefore there were no stalls and market sheds prompting traders to sell goods alongside the road.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There was no latrine/toilet in the market for the population in the market. Garbage collection from the market was being collected once in a week. There was no water available in the market for traders to use.

## **9. DOROFU MARKET**

Dorofu market is situated in East Sangalo Ward in Kanduyi Sub-County. Its market day is on Wednesday and revenue collection target is Kshs 15,000 Kshs. The revenue officers were able to collect Kshs 8000-10,000.

### **Market Space/Stalls/Sheds**

The market has enough trading space but often affected by heavy rains which cause flooding due its proximity to River Nzoia. This has occasionally made it impossible for traders to do business. Moreover, there were no market stalls and sheds in the market.

### **Sanitation Facilities**

There was one restroom block on the market which was poorly managed and another in the auction ring which the roof was stolen and also poorly managed. Garbage was rarely collected leading to environmental pollution. There was enough water available in the market for traders to use.

The street lights on the market were vandalized and none was working posing insecurity to traders.

## **10. KAMUKUYWA MARKET**

Kamukuywa market is located in Kamukuywa Ward in Kimili Sub-County. The revenue office collected Kshs. 43,000 against a weekly target of Kshs 60,000. As at the time of the visit there was a market management committee in place.

### **Market space/stalls/ sheds**

There were no stalls and sheds in the market. Most traders were operating alongside the road, although construction of a new market is underway.

### **Sanitation Facilities/Services**

There were two restroom block in the market enough for the traders. Garbage collection from the market was done once in a week. However, due to the vast population of traders and buyers, collecting garbage once a week isn't sufficient. There is availability of enough water in the market which is well managed by a modern system. Lighting system in the market was good curbing insecurity cases within the market.

## **11. MISIKHU MARKET**

Misikhu market is a cross ward market partly in Ndivisi Ward and Misikhu Ward. Traders in both wards were trading along the road. The target revenue collection in Misikhu ward was Kshs 4,000 and achieved Kshs 2500-3000. Ndivisi Ward achieved a revenue collection of Kshs. 3500 against a target of Kshs 5000. As at the time of the fact finding exercise, the market had no market management committee in place.

### **Market Space/Stalls/Sheds**

There were no stalls in the market in Misikhu. The market shed in the market was majorly used by fish vendors only on market days. Most spaces in the market shed located in Ndivisi Ward were unoccupied since most traders preferred selling from the roadside.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

The available toilet at the market was shared by traders from both wards; however it was poorly managed and therefore not frequently used. There was a proper designated garbage collection point at Misikhu-Ndivisi market, although some traders ignored using it and decided to heap garbage along feeder roads causing pollution. The market had poor drainage system. Moreover, there was no water in the market.

## **12. KIMILILI MARKET**

Kimilili market is located in Kimilili Ward in Kimilili Sub-County. The revenue office in the market collected Kshs. 80,000-85,000 against a target of Kshs. 100,000 per week. Its market day is on Thursday and the market had management committee in place.

### **Market Space/Sheds/Stalls**

There were 102 stalls in the market with only 20 being operational. Additionally, the allocation of the available market stalls was also challenge. The market had two market sheds one used with traders selling vegetables, fruits, cereals etc and the other for fish mongers. In the market sheds, some spaces were unoccupied. During market days, the vast number of traders in the market couldn't be sufficiently accommodated by the market space prompting them to trade along the road reserves.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

The market had two toilets managed by business community however they were insufficient for the growing market population. Additionally, there was a new toilet block under construction although at the time of the fact finding the contractor was not on site. There was drilled and NZOWASCO water but was insufficient; the drilled water was reported to be unsafe for human consumption by market traders. Garbage collection was fairly managed.

It was also reported that there was no electricity in the market since the supply was cut off by Kenya Power and Lighting Company because of unpaid bills. This had left the market partially dark at night because some traders work till late i.e 9.00 P.M.

### **13. MAYANJA KIBUKE**

Mayanja Kibuke is a market that is located in West Bukusu in Bumula Sub-County whose market day is Thursday. It attracts residents from Kanduyi, Kabuchai and Bumula. The ward revenue officer quoted a weekly target revenue collection of Kshs.30,000 and the collectors were able to raise Kshs 20,000-24,000.

#### **Market Space/Stalls/Sheds**

There were no stalls or sheds in the market with most traders operating on the roadside. There was no enough space especially during market days prompting traders to operate alongside the road.

#### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There were two pit latrines in the market that were not well maintained. There was availability of water that was pumped using a solar pump that at times failed. It was reported that during drought seasons, the market experienced water shortage. Drainage in the market was poor which affected market operations. Garbage was collected twice in per week although it was heaped near the road awaiting collection.

### **14. CHEBUKUBE**

Chebukube market is situated in Township Ward in Kanduyi Sub-County. Revenue in the market is collected via cashless. The revenue officer in charge reopted that the market had a daily target as follows:

On Monday to Thursday the market had a target revenue collection of 12,000 Kshs the revenue office was able to achieve 9,000Kshs-10,000Kshs, Friday, Kshs. 18,000 with 17,000Kshs being realized. Further, on Saturday and Sunday the revenue office collected approximately Kshs 4,000-Kshs 5,000 against a target of Kshs.8000. It has an active market management committee.

### **Market Space/Stalls/Sheds**

There were unoccupied 21 stalls in the market, 3 sheds with 144 spaces for grocery and fish and not all were in use.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There were 7 toilets (3 for men, 3 for women and 1 for disability) all which were in use. However, there was inadequate water and the market depended more on rain water. Garbage was collected from Monday to Saturday from a bin placed outside the market.

## **15. BUYOFU MARKET**

Buyofu market is located in Khasoko Ward in Bumula Sub-County whose market day is on Monday. It is a cross-County market bordering Busia County which had an active market management committee. The revenue office collects Kshs. 1500 revenue against a target of Kshs. 2,000 per market day.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There are four latrines which were mismanaged and located far away from the market. It was reported that garbage heaped outside the show map shed had never been collected for the last two years. There was no water due to a faulty water pump.

### **Market space /Sheds/stalls**

There was no market space on the market leading traders to sell the goods along the road. Traders especially fish vendors had made mini sheds that were congested. Additionally, there was a Show Map Shed that had been abandoned for years.

## **16. EKITALE MARKET**

Ekitale market is a cross ward market partly in Sangalo West Ward and Bukembe West Ward in Kanduyi Sub-County whose market day is on Monday. The revenue office achieved Kshs. 1500-2000 against a set target of Kshs.3, 000 per week. There was a market management committee although it was inactive.

### **Market Space/ Stalls/Sheds**

The market has limited trading space, no stalls and sheds hence most traders were operating on the road side.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There was a latrine block built behind the shops which traders thought was far away from the market, therefore it was not frequently in use. The market had inefficient garbage collection facilities.

#### **17. MATEKA MARKET**

Mateka market is located in East Bukusu Ward in Bumula Sub-County with its market day being on a Monday and had a market management committee that was active. The target revenue for the market was Kshs. 12,000 per week and the revenue office managed Kshs. 10,000-13,000.

### **Sanitation Facilities/ services**

There were four (4) latrines that were located away from the market and were also inadequate for the growing trader population in Mateka. The market was regularly cleaned by contracted cleaners and garbage was adequately collected.

### **Market space /stalls/sheds**

There were no market sheds and stalls prompting traders to sell the goods along the road; however there was a market under construction.

#### **18. NAMWELA MARKET**

Namwela Market is situated in Namwela Ward in Sirisia Sub-County whose market day is on Sunday. The market revenue target was Ksh.2,000 on market days and only Kshs. 1500 was achieved. It had an active market management committee.

### **Market space/Stalls/ Sheds**

Traders were operating on the road side because of inadequate space. There was a 'Mama Mboga Shed' where some traders operate from especially on market days.

### **Sanitation facilities**

There were two latrines behind the shops but were unhygienic due to poor maintenance; one side of the latrine had no door. Additionally, the market had availability of water although garbage collection services were unavailable.

### **19. BRIGADIER MARKET**

Brigadier market is situated in Mitua Soysambu Ward in Tongaren Sub-County whose market day is on Sunday and has an active market management committee. The revenue office had set a target of ksh. 7,000 and only achieved Kshs. 4500.

### **Stalls/ Market space**

There was inadequate market space prompting traders to operate from the roadside. The market lacks stalls and sheds.

### **Sanitation Facilities**

The market lacks toilet facilities and water. It was reported that garbage was collected once in a week with no properly designated collection site leading to pollution that had stretched to the Hospital.

### **20. NAITIRI MARKET**

Naitiri market is a cross Ward market that is partly in Milima Ward, Naitiri Kabuyefwe Ward and Mbakalo Wards. Most of the traders and market facilities are in Milima Ward. The market revenue target was ksh.12,000 with Kshs 8000-10,000 being achieved.

### **Market Space/ Stalls/Sheds**

There were no stalls in the market however; a modern market was under construction in Naitiri-Milima Market which would accommodate a number of traders.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There was a latrine block with four toilets which was well managed by the market management committee. Garbage was collected once per week which is insufficient especially for the growing trader pollution. Further, there was no proper collection site with heaps of litter along the road. The water is pumped from a borehole used by the Hospital, School and the market and at times the market experienced shortages.

### **21. KAPKATENY MARKET**

Kapkateny market located in Kapkateny Ward, Mt. Elgon Sub County, and its market day is on Sunday. Market revenue target was Kshs. 12,000 on market days with the revenue office achieving Kshs 7,000. There was a market management committee in place.

#### **Market Space/Stalls/Sheds**

The market has spacious land for construction of market structures; however there were no markets stalls or sheds for traders.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There were four latrines that the traders were using although all were in poor condition and were situated in the auction ring. Similarly, there was no water and traders depended on private water sold at the market. It was noted that garbage in Kapkateny was collected once per month leading to environmental pollution.

### **22. MYANGA MARKET**

Myanga market is located in Kimaeti Ward in Bumula Sub-County, Myanga market days are Wednesday and Sunday.

#### **Market Space/Sheds/Stalls**

The market has two major market sheds one used by traders selling cereals and the other for fish vendors. However, some spaces in the sheds were not occupied. Due to inadequate space for trading some traders were operating along the road.

### **Sanitation Facilities/services**

There were 6 latrines that were in use and a block of 10 toilets that was not in use because they were incomplete. Garbage was being collected twice per week. There was sufficient water provided and managed by Myanga Community Water project.

#### **23. BUKEMBE MARKET**

Bukembe market is located in Bukembe East Ward in Kanduyi Sub-County and has its market day on Saturday. The revenue office targeted Ksh.20,000 on market days and was able to collect Kshs. 15,000. It has an active market management committee.

#### **Market Space/ Stalls and sheds**

The market had inadequate trading space prompting some traders to operate along the road. The market shed that traders were operating from experienced leakages from the roof that had worn out.

#### **Sanitation Facilities/Services**

There were 8 restrooms available in the market for use by traders; however they were in bad condition. The garbage collection point was fairly constructed curbing environmental pollution. The market also had availability of water; although it was not fit for human consumption.

#### **24. LWAKHAKHA MARKET**

Lwakhakha market is a cross border market situated in Lwandanyi Ward Siria Sub-County. It borders Uganda and its market days are on Tuesday and Saturday. It has an active market management committee. The market revenue target per week was set at kshs.40,000 on market days and Kshs.35,000 was achieved,

#### **Market Space/ Sheds/stalls**

The market had inadequate space for trading forcing traders to sell along the road. There was one stall constructed by show map and was used by banana sellers and was only active on market days. There were also some 10 stalls but only 3 were

occupied. Lack of parking for vehicles especially lorries had congested the market. The market was cleaned twice in a week however; garbage was rarely collected forcing the market officials to burn it in open air leading to pollution.

### **Sanitation facilities/services**

There was a modern toilet block for banana venders at the show map stall; however it was not in use because traders feared contracting diseases because of the nature of construction of the toilet and poor management. There was no availability of water in the market. Further, there was a toilet behind the shops; however, it had not been handed over. The two facilities were reportedly located far away from the market making them inaccessible by roadside traders. The market enjoyed moderate security because it was well lit with a high mast flood light properly situated.

## **25. KIPSIGON**

Kipsigon market is located in Chepyuk Ward in Mt. Elgon Sub-County. Its market day is on Wednesday. Its market management committee that oversees the market operation was active and the market revenue target was ksh.20,000 per week with a revenue office achieving Kshs. 17,000.

### **Market Space/ Sheds/stalls**

It had inadequate market space, no stalls and sheds. Traders in the market also operated from the road side.

### **Sanitation facilities**

The market lacked necessary sanitation facilities such as toilets, water and proper garbage collection services that had led to environmental pollution. Kipsigon was faced with security challenges due to lack of proper lighting.

## **26. KAPTAMA**

Kaptama Market is situated in Kaptama Ward in Mt. Elgon. The market management committee in the market was active. Its market day Wednesday and its revenue target is ksh.3,000 per market day.

### **Market Space/ Sheds/stalls**

It lacks space for construction and therefore it had no stalls and market sheds. Traders were operating on the roadside spreading their goods on the ground.

### **Sanitation facilities/Services**

Cleaning was done twice in a week by contracted workers. There were no proper garbage collection services in the market.

## **27. CHWELE**

Chwele market is situated in Chwele Kabuchai Ward in Kabuchai Sub-County. It has three market days namely Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Market revenue Office reported that it achieved Kshs, 120,000 against a target of Kshs.150,000 per week.

### **Market Space/ Sheds/stalls**

The market has 85 stalls being used as storage facilities. The sheds in the market were insufficient and some traders opted operating along the road side. Part of the market was under construction and it was reported that once done the displaced traders will be given priority in space allocation.

### **Sanitation facilities/Services**

The market had toilets which were not enough for the vast population especially during market days. Cleaning of the market was done on a daily basis with garbage being collected 3-4 times per week. Poor drainage was also evident. Lighting in the market was insufficient.

## **28. MAYANJA VITUNGUU**

This market is located in Tuuti Marakaru Ward in Kanduyi Sub County. Its market days are on Tuesday and Saturday. The revenue office had set a target of Kshs. 28,000 per market day and could achieve Kshs. 21,000-25,000. There is a market management committee that oversees operations was active.

### **Market Space/ Sheds/stalls**

The market had inadequate space prompting traders to work from the roadside. There was a show map market shed but not all spaces in the shed were occupied. It

was reported that the roof of the shed leaked during rainy seasons. Similarly, the shed had no lighting system.

### **Sanitation facilities/Services**

Garbage was collected twice from the market. Traders in the market were buying water from a private owner. There were toilets in the market but were poorly managed and therefore were not in use by the traders. It was also reported that the market was affected by poor drainage which at some time during rainy season caused goods of traders operating along the road to be swept away.

## **29. CHEPTAIS**

### **Hon. Speaker,**

Cheptais market is located in Cheptais Ward, Mt. Elgon Sub-County. Its market day is on Friday and there revenue target ksh.50,000 as the market week. It was highlighted that the revenue office achieved Kshs. 44,000 against the set target.

### **Market Space/ Sheds/stalls**

The market has inadequate market space and therefore there were no stalls and sheds. Traders were operating on a private land and at the bus station, however there was a 2 acre land identified for construction of a market. There were three latrines that were poorly managed.

### **Sanitation facilities/Services**

Garbage collection in the market was done once per week however during the visit, garbage had accumulated occupying the available trading space.

## **30. MALAKISI**

Malakisi market is cross ward market partly in Malakisi Kulisiru Ward and Lwandanyi Ward in Sirisia Sub-County. The revenue office had set a target of Kshs.15,000 per week and achieved Kshs.12,000, with an active market management committee.

### **Market Space/ Sheds/stalls**

The market had inadequate space for trading with most traders operating along the ongoing market construction site. There were three sheds that were fully occupied by traders.

### **Sanitation facilities/services**

The market had a tank with no water for the last 7 years. Garbage collection was done twice in a week. There was a four toilet block which was not sufficient for the traders.

## CHAPTER THREE

### CHALLENGES FACED BY MARKETS

**Hon, Speaker,**

The committee highlighted the following challenges from the fact finding exercise.

#### **Revenue collection**

Many markets fall short of their weekly revenue targets. For instance, Kapsokwony Market collected Kshs 7,320 against a target of Kshs 13,000, and Chebukube Market consistently failed to meet its daily targets. Issues such as traders' reluctance to pay fees and the lack of uniformity and resources for revenue officers further aggravate the problem. Further, revenue collectors highlighted that the cashless mode had been affected since some traders did not have phones. It was also difficult to collect revenue from mobile traders. Lack of proper sanitation services and other important amenities made some traders not to pay revenue. Additionally, there is lack of proper enforcement.

#### **Sanitation facilities and services**

Most markets lack proper sanitation facilities, including inadequate or poorly maintained toilets (e.g., Dorofu, Kapkateny and Brigadier markets). Access to water is often limited due to faulty pumps, broken pipes, or unpaid bills (e.g., Kapsokwony, and Sangalo). Garbage collection is sporadic, leading to pollution and unhygienic conditions, as seen in Naitiri, Bridadier and Kapkateny, where garbage is only collected once a month or is heaped along the roads.

#### **Market infrastructure**

Many markets lack basic infrastructure like sheds and stalls, forcing traders to operate on roadsides, exposing them to harsh weather and impacting traffic flow (e.g., Mbakalo, Kaptama, Mateka, Misikhu and Lugulu markets). Where stalls do exist, occupancy is often low due to traders' preference for roadside locations (e.g., Chebukube and Myanga).

#### **Lighting and security**

Inadequate lighting affects security and trading hours. For instance, Tongaren Market's light only works from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and Chebukube's faulty solar panels cause safety concerns after dark. In places like Dorofu, vandalized streetlights pose further security risks.

### **Waste management**

#### **Hon, Speaker,**

Garbage collection practices vary widely, with some markets receiving regular services and others left for extended periods, contributing to environmental pollution. Markets like Mateka and Kamukuywa, despite having weekly garbage collection, still face issues due to the high volume of waste especially because of the growing population.

### **Lack and inadequate water supply**

Markets such as Webuye, Bokoli, and Buyofu experience regular water shortages, impacting sanitation and hygiene. Traders often have to rely on private water sources, leading to additional costs.

### **Space constraints**

Limited market space is an issue in several markets, prompting traders to use roadsides for selling. For instance, Buyofu and Myanga markets face space limitations, especially on busy market days, causing congestion and operational challenges.

### **Market management and motivation**

Although most markets have management committees, challenges such as lack of offices and demotivation among committee members limit their effectiveness, as seen in Chebukube and Mayanja Kibuke. Revenue officers also reported that they lack proper uniforms and bundles to implement the cashless mode of payment.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### 4.1 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

**Hon. Speaker,**

The committee observed the following from the fact finding:

1. There was limited infrastructure, such as inadequate parking, insufficient restrooms and lack of shelter in most markets which affected market operations. Vendors in several markets lacked proper shelters or stalls, leaving them exposed to harsh weather conditions. This not only affected their health but also the quality of goods sold, especially perishable items. However in some markets where these infrastructures were existing, they were underutilized and unutilized due to lack of water and electricity and unclear guidelines on distribution of market stalls. Safety measures such as fire extinguishers lacked in most markets. Though, in markets where they had been installed, there was no training and sensitization with regard to fire fighting.
2. In most markets a significant number of traders were conducting their businesses alongside the road or the main market area creating congestion and increasing their vulnerability to road accidents.
3. Most markets were prone to insecurity due to lack of proper lighting, lack of market guards and lack of proper storage facilities. Further, markets such as Kimilili had unpaid electricity bills which had prompted KPLC to cut off the power supply leaving the market in darkness. Most market lights were also faulty. A significant number of markets had no guards to beef up leading to theft, vandalism, and general insecurity.
4. Poor drainage was also evident in most markets, with some traders stating that their goods were swept away during rainy seasons as in the case of Mayanja Vitunguu market. Further, poor drainage in markets like Chebukube had been caused by laying of cabros outside the market which obstructed smooth flow of water. Most markets were also congested due to improper physical planning.
5. Garbage collection services in most markets were wanting. Garbage in most markets was collected once per week: however, garbage in Buyofu has never

been collected for the last two years causing serious pollution. Further, most markets heaped garbage along the road for lack of proper facilities. Delays in garbage collection resulted in the accumulation of garbage, which poses health risks and creates an unpleasant environment.

6. Some markets like Kaptama and Misikhu had no market management committee. Additionally, the market management committee in most markets and revenue officers lacked motivation; some had no offices for easy operations. Revenue officers cited lack of bundles as a challenge for operation of BARMS that was used for cashless payment and they also had no uniforms for easy identification and proper attires especially during rainy seasons.
7. Traders' access to clean water was often limited, which affected both vendors and customers. This issue was particularly critical in open-air markets. Some markets such as Misikhu and Webuye market lacked water because of unpaid NZOWASCO bills. Various markets that had drilled water had faulty pumps such Sang'alo and Buyofu and faulty pipes such as Tongaren and Mbakalo. Further, markets like Bukembe and Kimilili had water though not safe for human consumption.
8. The committee observed that the department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization had no proper inventory on all markets across the County. During the fact finding exercise, the committee realized that some markets that were vibrant had not been captured in the list submitted by the department. There was lack of accurate data on the number of traders in the market making it difficult to effectively plan for the market.

## **4.2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Hon. Speaker,**

The committee after considering the observations, proposed the following recommendations.

1. **THAT**, during budgetary allocations, the department should prioritize allocating financial resources to enhance infrastructure in markets, including adequate parking, restrooms, and shelters. It should focus on building fully equipped and durable stalls that can protect vendors and goods from harsh

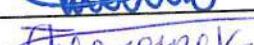
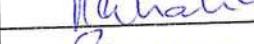
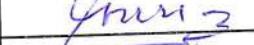
weather conditions. Further, the department should invest in extending water and electricity networks to all markets to increase usability of the available structures. Moreover, the department should install fire safety equipment like extinguishers in all markets and conduct regular fire safety training and sensitization programs for vendors and market staff.

- 2.** **THAT**, the department should identify land and construct markets to relocate vendors currently trading alongside roads to reduce congestion and minimize accident risks. It also should consider expanding existing market spaces or developing new markets to accommodate the increasing number of vendors. Further, the department should fast-track completion of markets such as Chwele, Mateka, Malakisi etc. Further, the department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning should do proper physical planning to enhance an environment that benefits traders and customers.
- 3.** **THAT**, the department should repair faulty market lights and ensure all markets have adequate lighting like Lwakhakha which had a High Flood Mast light with wide coverage. Further, the department should work closely with Kenya Power (KPLC) to settle unpaid bills and restore electricity in affected markets like Kimilili and submit a status report on electricity pending bills 30 days from the adoption of this report.
- 4.** **THAT**, the department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization to liaise with the department of Tourism, water and Natural resources and conduct a thorough assessment to upgrade drainage systems in all markets, especially those prone to flooding like Mayanja Vitunguu, Bukembe and Dorofu. Further, the department should coordinate with relevant departments to address external factors, like construction work outside the market, that obstruct water flow.
- 5.** **THAT**, the department should liaise with the department of Tourism, Water and Natural resources to Increase the frequency of garbage collection to at least twice a week in all markets. It should also address specific cases like Buyofu, Dorofu, Cheptais, Kamukuywa by restoring regular garbage collection services to prevent pollution and health risks. Further, the relevant department should provide appropriate garbage disposal facilities in all markets to avoid the accumulation of waste along roadsides.

- 6. THAT**, the department should set up market management committees in markets like Kaptama and Misikhu that currently lack and ensure they are regularly trained on their core mandate and safety measures. It should also ensure that market management committees and revenue officers are adequately motivated, provided with office space, operational resources like data bundles, and uniforms for easy identification and comfort during operations. The department should also submit market management committee guidelines to the committee within 30 days from the adoption of this report.
- 7. THAT**, the department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization should liaise with the Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources department to ensure that NZOWASCO and other water service providers unpaid bills are settled and restore water access in markets like Misikhu and Webuye. Further, faulty pumps and pipes in markets like Sang'alo, Buyofu, Tongaren, and Mbakalo should be repaired. Additionally, relevant departments should ensure that all water available in markets is safe for human consumption.
- 8. THAT**, the department should implement a comprehensive data collection initiative to accurately document the number of traders in each market and submit a feedback to the committee within 60 days from the date of adoption of this report. This will enable better planning, resource allocation, and infrastructure development. It should further submit an updated list of all markets highlighting their location (i.e Ward and Sub-County) and their market days.

## ADOPTION SCHEDULE

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