

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA**

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**Afternoon Sitting**

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

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

### **PRAYER**

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

Hon. Members, today we are privileged to have our brothers and sisters and secretariat of our sister Committee of Labour Relations from Homabay County Assembly. They are as follows;

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| 1. Hon. Joseph Sharon  | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Wanjala Simon  | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Yvonne Beki    |                  |
| 4. Hon. Evelyn Otieno  |                  |
| 5. Hon. Koneche Sophie |                  |
| 6. Hon. Molo Reuben    |                  |
| 7. Hon. Samuel Obuba   |                  |
| 8. Hon. David Oloo     |                  |

They are accompanied by the following staff;

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| 1. Peter Adika       | Chief Sergeant-at-Arms    |
| 2. Mrs. Agnes Odongo | Principal Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Amos Oluoch       | Senior Clerk Assistant    |
| 4. Wilkister Athu    |                           |

Hon. Members, at appropriate stage on our Order Paper I will allow you to make brief remarks about our visitors. Members you recall during CASA games we played the finals against Homabay County Assembly and you were so good. I said don't touch the hill because the field could have been slippery. You did not do that and that is the reason you are hear. Let us appreciate them for now. Kindly take your seats Hon. Members. During statement hour I will allow Members to make brief remarks.

Next,

### **PAPERS**

#### **1. REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2024**

**Hon. Orize Kundu (V. Chairperson Finance):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table a report on Bungoma County Finance Bill, 2024.

*(Hon. Orize Kundu tabled the report)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, a report by the Committee of Finance and Economic Planning on Bungoma County Finance Bill, 2024 is hereby tabled and formally becomes the property of the House.

Next,

**NOTICES OF MOTION**  
**REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC**  
**PLANNING ON BUNGOMA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2024**

**Hon. Orize Kundu (V. Chairperson Finance):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move notice of motion that this House notes a report by Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Bungoma County Finance Bill, 2024.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, a notice has been duly issued that this House notes the report by the Sector Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Bungoma County Finance Bill, 2024.

Next item,

**STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS**  
**BUSINESS OF THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 3RD TO THURSDAY 5TH**  
**DECEMBER, 2024**

**Mr. Speaker:** I think on the Order Paper, we are supposed to have the first item. Hon. Cornelius give us the weekly Order Paper for next week.

**Hon. Cornelius Wamalwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to table the tentative weekly programme of the business of the County Assembly week commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024 at 2:30p.m**

**Order of business**

**Papers**

1. Report by Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Bungoma Budget Review Outlook Paper, 2024
2. Report by Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Water and Natural Resources on Bungoma County Water Policy, 2024

**Notices of Motion**

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2. That this House adopts a report by Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Water and Natural Resources on Bungoma County Water Policy, 2024

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Order of Business**

**Questions and statements**

1. A Member for Bumula Hon. Hentry Nyongesa MCA to get a response from the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development in respect to cess money

**Bills**

Bungoma County Finance Bill, 2024

**Committee of the Whole House on Bungoma County Finance Bill, 2024**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.**

**Order of Business**

**Papers**

1. Report by the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of a nominee for appointment to the position of Bungoma County attorney

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**Bills**

The Bungoma County Finance Bill, 2024

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.**

**Order of Business**

**Questions and Statements**

1. A response from CECM and Chief Officer Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in relation to the recent painting and making of lanes on Musikoma- Kanduyi dual carriage road by Member for Kimaeti Ward Hon. Jack Wambulwa MCA.

**Motion**

1. Report by Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources on Bungoma County Water policy, 2024.
2. Report by the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of a nominee for appointment to the position of Bungoma County attorney

### 3. Adjournment of the County Assembly.

I table.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank Hon. Cornelius. Hon. Members, that is the tentative Order Paper for next week and it is subject to reviews considering that it is our last week for our sitting before we go on recess.

Next item,

#### **SEEKING A RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON ROADS, TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS IN RELATION TO THE RECENT PAINTING AND MAKING OF LANES ON MUSIKOMA-KANDUYI DUAL CARRIAGE ROAD**

**Mr. Speaker:** Chair Budget, continue and seek for your statement.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The subject matter is construction and completion of Musikoma- Kanduyi dual carriage way road.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47 (2) I hereby seek for a statement for the Chairperson Committee on Roads and Public Works, this is in relation to the recent painting and marking of lanes on the Musikoma- Kanduyi Dual Carriage way road.

The statement is as follows; the chairperson to elaborate on the following;

1. Has the contractor concluded the entire structural works on the said road?
2. What are the pending works on the said road?
3. Should there be any outstanding structural works, let the chairperson find out as follows;
  - (a) Whether there any further layers of tarmac to be laid on the said road
  - (b) If yes what informed the painting and marking of lanes on the said road prior to the laying of further layers of tarmac on the same
  - (c) The cost estimate of painting and marking of the lanes alone
  - (d) Whether the act of painting and marking of lanes prior to completion of structural works is likely to lead to a variation and further costs for repainting and remarking once the structural works are completed

Finally, let the chairperson inquire into;

- (a) What was the entire contractual amount for the said works?
- (b) What amount has so far been paid to the contractor?
- (c) What is the outstanding balance due to the contractor?

As I finish this is urgent because we need to know before we retire for the long recess.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, chairperson Budget Committee. Chairperson Roads let me here the timeframe that you are seeking to respond.

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo (Chairperson Roads):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Looking at the statement sought by the Hon. Member representing Kimaeti, for us to get proper information as requested we seek for 7 days to get a conclusive response to present before the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** You have sought for 7 days and today is Thursday, we will give you the requested days. On this we don't want a response from you, we require the Chief Officer and the CECM Roads to appear in the House and answer the queries.

The Table Clerks ensure a communication is done immediately so that we don't have a delay communicating to the executive. Members who were asking for pathways for pedestrians and cyclists ask the said officers when they appear in the House next week.

Hon. Miliyah Masungu,

**Hon. Miliyah Masungu:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Just to add on, in the invitation apart from what the chairperson Budget has said, I would also wish with your guidance to include the Procurement Officer Roads.

**Mr. Speaker:** When a statement is sought, you can ask that question as supplementary. Once we have the technical people here the Chief Officer and the Director they will answer but they can ask other officers to accompany them. The major officers to appear are the Chief Officer and the CECM. Table Clerks to do a communication right way.

The next item as I indicated earlier on that we have visitors of the Labour Committee from Homabay County Assembly. They are here for 4 days therefore, when close the evening session don't go home, you can give them company. Your brief remarks are welcome.

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa (Chairperson Labour):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this time to welcome the Committee of Labour Committee from Homabay County Assembly. We have had an interactive session with our colleagues and they are here for almost a week. I welcome them to this County of many opportunities. This is the season for *Chiswa*...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Member, the term you are using, are you sure whether they understand what you are saying? They are called white ants. You can proceed.

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Hon. Speaker, many of our colleagues come from Suba region and they understand the language very well. The insects I am referring to as *chiswa* are white ants and they are delicious. We also have plenty of natural food and as we approach the December session there are many festivals which I think you will enjoy.

For Members who are not members of Labour Committee these are good Hon. Members and we have one Member who is married in Bungoma. What I have learnt from our visitors is that they have a lot of information; some of them having worked in Bungoma they have a lot of history, they know even where Bumula and Malakisi are, that's what I have interacted with them and have discovered that they are wise men and women who can guide us in this county

to grow very fast in terms of welfare because their committee is broad and it takes care of *wainchi* down there. And they challenged us also to take care of our *Nekesas* down there in terms of welfare.

So I take this opportunity to welcome them and feel free for the rest of the time that they will be in Bungoma.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Nyongesa, Hon. Caleb Wanjala!

**Hon. Caleb Wanjala:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to welcome our colleagues from Homabay County and urge you feel at home. Bungoma and Homabay County have a lot in common. Surprisingly, one of the Hon. Members Hon. Oloo one of his teachers Mr. Pharis come from my ward and unfortunately he passed on yesterday and he was the mayor of this County. I am so encouraged that the English he is speaking and the knowledge he acquired it is as a result of one of our own son.

Secondly, there is a lot we are learning from Homabay County. Even when we had CASA, we were very friendly especially in tug of war and we really enjoyed with Homabay County and that CASA is the one that has opened this friendship. How I wish that we would also get an opportunity to go and visit them.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. The only thing I have heard from you is that apart from that, are you saying that the old man called Pharis Wekesa Masungu is no more?

**Hon. Caleb Wanjala:** Yes Mr. Speaker,

**Mr. Speaker:** That is my clan for the past 20 years. I think I have lost my fees. Let's proceed! Yes I think we go back to the Order Paper. Yes Hon. Milliah Masungu,

**Hon. Milliah Masungu:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to welcome our colleagues from Homabay County. I am convinced that the previous CASA games that we held here and now that every County was here, that accommodative reception to our colleagues and how we treated them. To my thinking, it has made them to also re-think that we should go back to Bungoma and continue enjoying from what they saw last time when they came here for games. I want to welcome you Hon. Members. Hon. Awour, the member in short hair, we were all netballers and it was tough. We quarrelled but eventually we became friends realising that we are Hon. Members.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now today she has seen you on the floor.

**Hon. Milliah Masungu:** Now that she has come here.

**Mr. Speaker:** She won't be saying that you are *mamluki*...

**Hon. Milliah Masungu:** That is the thing...

*(Laughter)*

You know she even insisted that we go to Huduma centre and confirm until I texted you. You even remember I called the Clerk to come and confirm that we are Hon. Members of this House. Mheshimiwa feel welcomed, we will take you round. I am a member of...

*(Applause)*

I am a member of Labour committee but I am sorry I came in late because of a few things in the Ward. I had some funerals but be convinced that these gentlemen here are so good, very welcoming, they will take you round here and in very special places they enjoy their ...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Member, you are behaving as if she is lying ...

**Hon. Milliah Masungu:** You know and you have just seen by yourself. When I mentioned that, they are just smiling. These men will take good care of you here and if there is anyone who is single, kindly feel free to remain in Bungoma because Bukusu, Sabaot and Batura men in Bungoma are very welcoming.

Let me finalise by saying a hearty welcome to you and enjoy your stay in Bungoma. We will take you round.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Milliah our Minority whip. Hon. Leader of Majority, Joseph Nyongesa!

Hon. Members, stop denying that you are good people. I know you are good people. I always get reports. Proceed!

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me also join my colleagues in welcoming our colleagues from Homabay. I know they have enjoyed the environment just adding what was in CASA and indeed Bungoma is a friendly County. I am imagining as Hon. Caleb has said we really also wrestled during tug of war but by good luck at least we won. It's like now we are becoming more friends. I am imagining how football was so tough and I have been looking at my colleagues but I have not seen even one that was in the field but I think...

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Majority, it's just one committee out of the twenty committees. They are in the other committees.

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and you see one committee is about 15 members as we are here. As we encourage one another at least let's build that rapport so that we have some exchange programs in between our County and Homabay County so that we share how devolution is working and I want to say welcome.

Now that we are in the broad based Government, let's do our best and ensure that our people get good services. Welcome members, enjoy, and feel free in this County. I know during the evening hours we shall take you to some joints so do not worry, we are here..



**Mr. Speaker:** Even Bishops you will pray for them. Hon. Opwora, proceed then after that I will have Hon. Jack then the young man from Kimilili Aggrey Mulongo to wind up that area. Proceed!

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to welcome our colleagues from Homabay and I am just adding on what the Leader of Majority said about football and to assure them that we beat them and I am one of the football players who played. So I just want to assure them that we are the real MCAs who played in the field and I was also keen to look if one of the members who was marking me but unfortunately there isn't.

Otherwise, let them feel free, Its good when they come back to benchmark because if we beat them in tug of war and soccer, that means that Bungoma County there is something that we are doing better and we welcome them ,we also request other committees to continue visiting us.

**Mr. Speaker:** As you also ask to go there, Hon. Jack proceed then that old man will be winding up. Proceed!

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** Hon. Speaker, I am humbled to have been given this opportunity to welcome our colleagues all the way from Homabay and all I want to say is that these are your routes especially the Subas, you are now welcome to where you came from and I want to assure you this evening we are going to take you round and show you the corners of Bungoma County. May be that time when you came for sports, you did not have time at all but looking at how this House is rejuvenated including my colleague gentlemen who are there.

**Mr. Speaker:** You say the mood. How the mood is.

**Hon. Jack Wambulwa:** The mood of the House today, we must bond and make sure that by the time you go back, you will have known all the nice joints of Bungoma and as we come to Homabay very soon because we are building a rapport. As colleagues, when you visit us like this you boost our economy then you are also challenging us to come to Homabay. I have just been hearing about it but looking at the ladies who come from Homabay, Hon. Speaker whether you will allow me to go alone or with members, I will be going there very soon so that I can also bond with them.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jack, you require to have a new line, your contacts will be full. Hon. Mulongo, proceed!

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this chance to at least greet good people from Homabay County.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Honourable MCA is protected but you know age is a factor so when you here something's, you do not have to worry.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Cornelius and Hon. Job stop interjecting; understand the nature of the age.

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** These are young men. You will also become old one day. This is where our National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Mbadi comes from. I think because of the treasury they came through by adding their voice in Bungoma. I think Bungoma we are also going to have something. When you go back please add our voice to CPA Mbadi that we visited Bungoma County... Bungoma contributed a lot towards this Government therefore let us enjoy Bungoma and Homabay.

**Mr. Speaker:** Majority note what he is trying to put across today, you know he has changed goal posts. Proceed!

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Mr. Speaker, I have two friends there. I schooled with them in Bungoma DEB one old man is there just stand...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Mulongo, the visitors in the gallery are not allowed!

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Sorry

**Mr. Speaker:** But he has stood out of respect so...

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** But you see we were with him and Mheshimiwa *Makabichi*....

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah, but now avoid mentioning the age, you know we have some young Hon. Members, do not mention the years you were there. Leave it out.

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** I cannot mention the years because we were there in early 70s, so I am proud to have Wanjala in Homabay my uncle not even Jeremiah's. He is my uncle. Wanjala is also there. So we are bonding with the people that we have relations with. Therefore, feel welcomed but to me as an old man, I will not be walking around with you. I will leave you; I have some young men who are sharp here I think they can accompany you like this one. So I take this opportunity to welcome all the visitors, let them feel welcomed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. Allow me on your behalf those who have not heard chance to speak and say few words to welcome the County Assembly of Homabay in this County Assembly. You are free; we are at your call for any assistance, you may require from us. Let's go back to our Order Paper and proceed accordingly.

## **MOTIONS**

### **REPORT BY THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS ON CONSIDERATION OF THE YOUTH POLICY 2024 AND SPORTS POLICY 2024**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, the Chair of the committee or whoever has the honour of moving the report! Honourable members, Order! Order please. Now, when you start saying women rep and there are all women reps here, what is going to happen? Proceed Hon. Grace!

**Hon. Grace Sundukwa:** Report of the committee on Youth affairs and Sports on consideration of Youth policy 2024 and Sports policy 2024.

We have the table of contents, we move to chapter one

Chapter one has the membership then I will move straight to page 4, committee mandate. It is indicated under Standing Order 217.

### **Acknowledgement**

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to greatly thank members of the Committee on Youths and Sports for the commitment shown during the entire process to ensure the committee delivers its mandate. These regards are extended to the Speaker and the Administration of the County Assembly for ensuring that the Committee delivers its mandate. I greatly thank the entire secretariat of the Committee for their dedication in the entire process.

On behalf of the Committee, it is my pleasant duty and privilege, to present the Committee's report on the Bungoma County Youth Policy, 2024 and the Bungoma County Sports Policy, 2024

The report is signed by the Chair Hon. Violet Makhanu, Chairperson Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports

### **SCRUTINY OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY YOUTH POLICY, 2024**

A guide to the legislative process in Kenya by Kenya Law Reform Commission first edition of 2015 provides for salient features of a policy framework. The guide provides that a policy framework should amongst others reflect the following features; The features are listed ,you can check on your gadgets.

The committee scrutinized the Bungoma County Youth policy, 2024 based on the framework stated hereunder:

- Introduction
- Situation analysis
- Challenges or problem/issues to be addressed
- An analysis of the existing legal framework
- Strategies for its implementation
- Actors/stakeholders including the roles and responsibilities
- Targeted audience and their role and obligations
- Monitoring and evaluation mechanism
- Review measures
- Provision of legal instrument for its operationalization

## INTRODUCTION

### Background Information

Mr. Speaker, I will skip the background information, members can go through on their gadgets.

### Public participation

Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Section 87 of the County Government Act, provides for public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the County Assemblies and its committee.

An advert was in the daily media inviting the members of the public and other stakeholders to submit written memoranda towards the policy.

There was no submission received from the public as at the time of the closure of submissions.

### Legal framework

**Mr. Speaker:** Leave it out; go to the next item chapter 3

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN THE BUNGOMA COUNTY YOUTH POLICY, 2024

The following are the major highlights in the policy as numbered by the Clauses

1. Rationale on developing the policy
2. The vision entailed
3. The mission
4. Goals
5. Guiding principles and values,
6. Mainstreaming youth issues, sustainable development

Chapter one: Introduction

We have background information

### Challenges facing the youth-

It elaborates on individual categories of youth and the challenges they face. They include-

**Young women** -where it specifies that young women are more vulnerable than their male counter-parts i.e. on gender-based violence, repressive culture, rape and defilement, early marriage etc.

The policy advocates for gender focused interventions targeting young women that will promote gender parity

**Youth living with disabilities**-Youth with disabilities should participate equally in society alongside able-bodied peers

**Unemployed youth**-Unemployment brings social problems i.e. crime, drug/substances abuse, poor health, loss of self-esteem etc.

The policy seeks to intensify interventions to address youth unemployment by capacity building for talent development, internship programmes, provisions of finances for business start-ups so that youth participate in the social economic development.

### **School-aged out of school youth**

They are majorly of fluid nature. They are majorly drop outs of school and are majorly not skilled.

These expose them to high level of stress which results to being majorly in conflict with the law.

The policy hence seeks to have intervention of giving these youth second chance opportunities

**Youth in rural areas**-The youth in this category face constraints in accessibility and availability of services and facilities as compared to their counterparts in urban areas.

The Youth intervention is to address the situation of youth in rural areas in respect to access to services and creation of opportunities as well as employment.

**Youth living with HIV and AIDS**-The challenges facing the youth living with HIV and AIDS includes stigma, discrimination, lack of family support and lack of proper medical attention among others

Policy intervention is concerted effort to curb the challenges faced by such youths

**Youth headed households**-These youth are vulnerable since their biological parents died or unable to take care of them. They hence take up the responsibilities to run homesteads.

### **Youth abusing dependency creating substances-**

The youth in this category are at risk because of their risky lifestyle as they abuse drugs and other substances

The policy intervention is to provide efforts through a coordinated effort amongst the implementers to have sustainable measures in programmes that address the plight of youth in this category.

Then we have the vision and mission

**1.5. Policy Goals and policy objectives:** The goals which are nine include –Realize a healthy and productive youth population that is facilitated to effectively participation in county development decisions making and civic representation among the youth, build qualified and competent youth force for sustainable development, amongst other provisions.

## **1.6. Values and principles**

The policy will be used to prioritize various activities aimed at creating an enabling environment for the youth to fully achieve their aspirations. All-inclusive and multi-sectorial approaches in programming of youth initiatives are essential for national development. The policy is consistent with the international as well as the country national laws and development priorities.

**Clause 1.6.1 on Values**-The policy is to promote inherent worth and inborn dignity of youths, empower the youth as assets for county development, youth as instruments and agents of their own development amongst other provisions.

**Clause 1.6.2 Principles**-Respect of cultural belief systems and ethical values, equity and accessibility, gender inclusiveness, good governance, mainstreaming youth issues, sustainable development

## **Chapter two –Legislative and Policy framework**

The chapter provides for the clauses on which legal anchoring of the policy is made

**Clause 2.2** The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 more so, Article 27-Article 43 and Article 55.

**Clause 2.3** highlights on the International treaties and conventions i.e. the International Labor Organization, the African youth charter 2006 and the UN convention on person with disabilities (PWD) rights.

**Clause 2.4** is on the national laws and policies-i.e. the Second Medium Term Plans, The Kenya youth policy 2019, The National Youth Council 2009, The Bungoma County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027 amongst others.

## **Chapter Three- Policy Framework**

**Clause 3.1- Policy intervention framework**-This entails unique interventions designed to address the youth needs.

**Clause 3.2- Youth and Health**- this entails youth's wellbeing and capacity to effectively participate in economic, social and political processes, including in education, skills development and participation in the Labour market.

**Clause 3.3-Youth and Education**- Which entails various strategies-conducting youth clinics and empowerment initiatives, participating in Vocational Training Centers curriculum review to meet dynamic and emerging industry needs, among others

**Clause 3.4-Youth and employment**-The policy has the following strategies-establishing an advocacy program for youth consideration of the county jobs, conducting employment clinics, introduce waiver for business startups amongst other

**Clause 3.5 is on Youth and social entrepreneurship**-The policy seek to develop strategies along the following interventions-Entrepreneurship clinics, ensure proper security for business among others

**Clause 3.6 is on Youth and Agriculture**-The policy interventions amongst others are-increase access to appropriate agricultural education promote innovations and incubations of agricultural technology

**Clause 3.7-Youth in crime and substance abuse**-The policy interventions amongst others include-promote and support evidence-based drug education programs and counseling, encourage inter-agency co-operation

**Clause 3.8 on Youth community service and volunteerism**-Which entails community service work through creation of volunteering policy, provides incentives towards the initiatives amongst other

**Clause 3.9 on Youth and Scouting Movement**-The interventions in the policy amongst others is to provide Scout Movement with partnership platform, Co-ordinate the community-based scout activities amongst other provisions

**Clause 3.9 Youth and Environment Management for sustainable Development**-Advocates for youth being at the forefront in environmental conservation and management-through the following strategies- operationalize the environmental clubs and sensitize youths at various level i.e. county, sub-county etc. establish county youth and environment programs, promote mechanisms that support youth engagement in development, protection, conservation of natural resources amongst others.

**Clause 3.11-Youth and Governance**-The policy intervention amongst other include-

Organize periodic forum at county sub-county up to the village level on civic duties

Promote youth exchange programs amongst others.

**Clause 3.12 Youth leisure and recreation**-The strategies along the same include-Support local sports clubs with accessing public and private grants, assist local clubs in enhancing their administrative capabilities

**Clause 3.13-Youth in peace building and conflict management**-The policy intervention include-working with multi-agency groups to have crime free neighborhood, recognize and include the youth in peace building amongst others

**Clause 3.14-Youth in curbing radicalization and violent extremism**-The interventions include-enhance support to organization working in the informal settlements, building



resilience by rehabilitating affected communities through development approaches amongst other provisions

**Clause 3.15 Youth and culture art and heritage-** strategies include-establish cultural centers, promote local arts and culture, involve youth during tribal cultural festivals

**Clause 3.16-Youth and the family-**The policy interventions includes, entrench values into school and post school curriculum, promote and support integrity of the family unit

**Clause 3.17 on Youth in inter-generational and intra-generational dialogues** –The policy interventions include-encourage community elders to establish mechanisms for inculcating the positive morals to the youth, develop framework to institute passage of positive values amongst other provisions

**Clause 3.18 on youth disadvantaged in society-**The policy interventions are to support disadvantaged and marginalized youth, develop rehabilitation and corrective centers targeting children and youth amongst others

**Clause 3.19 on Youth, information and communication technology and innovation-**The key strategies include-establish a youth information Centre within the County, establish a youth publication platform, increase youth labor productivity through investment in ICT, support professional integration of young people through incubations of business and funding under youth programs amongst others

#### **Chapter Four: Policy implementation and institutional framework**

**4.1 Policy implementation-**which involves activities by the stakeholders which entails-coordinated approach, youth mainstreaming, professional approach amongst other

**4.2. Supporting strategies for policy implementation-**strategies entails the legal and institutional framework, community participation and capacity building

**4.2.1-Legal framework-**The legal framework to establish overall role of the department and sections in the running of different youth programmes, institutional framework amongst others.

**4.2.2-Institutional Framework-**Which entails the national level-i.e. ministry of sports, culture and Arts, commerce, tourism industrialization amongst others

County level-technical working groups i.e. sector working group on health wellbeing, sector working group for education amongst others

**4.2.3-Private sector participation-**Encourage the private sector to implement the different youth development programmes, involve youth in volunteer, internship etc.

**4.2.4-Community Participation-**Youth empowerment projects should be based on the community perspectives as youth are part of the community



**4.2.5-Public Education and awareness-**which entails all youth programs through public meetings, workshops, seminars, private sector and others so that all stakeholder can be part of the problem solving on matters youth

**4.2.6-Capacity building-**broad based capacity building is needed in the policy implementation

**4.2.7-The Bungoma County Youth Advisory Council (BCYAC)-**The CECM-gender, culture youth and sport working closely with other stakeholders needs to come up with a seven member Youth advisory council which its role amongst others is to advise the County government on creation of opportunities for youth engagement, design and conduct effective civic education on issues affecting the youth amongst others

**4.3-Funding and financing mechanisms-** Elaborate on the annual allocation of 3% of the annual budget to go towards youth programs. Also support of other entities i.e. the Non-governmental Organizations, the National government amongst others may fund to the programs

## **Chapter five-Policy monitoring and evaluation-**

**5.1 Policy monitoring -** The implementation of the Policy will be monitored regularly by the Directorate of Youth Affairs and will utilize annual reporting framework to report progress.

**5.2. Policy evaluation-**The evaluation to be conducted after every 2 to 3 years to assess the impact of the policy

## **Chapter five-policy compliance and review**

**6.1-Compliance-**All the public sector institutions, civil society, private organizations amongst others need to comply

**6.2-Compliance requirements and obligations** –i.e. reporting obligations according to agreed formats

**6.3-Non-compliance-**The management of non-compliance will be accordance to the laws and regulations

**6.4. Review of policy-**The policy is to be revised after five years to access the vision goals and objectives targeted.

## **SCRUTINY OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY SPORTS POLICY, 2024**

A guide to the legislative process in Kenya by Kenya Law Reform Commission first edition of 2015 provides for salient features of a policy framework. The guide provides that a policy framework should amongst others reflect the following features.

- i. Be forward looking, that is, it must have a long-term view of the problem and offer a long-term solution

- ii. Benefit from the experience of others who have resolved similar situations.
- iii. Seek new solutions to old problems by being clear on objectives and outcomes.
- iv. Be based on a study or current analysis of the problem at hand.
- v. Offer an inclusive solution to all the segments of the community in which it would be implemented.
- vi. Fit into the current policies being implemented by other agencies.
- vii. Borrow from best practices and learn from implementation mistakes and successes elsewhere.
- viii. Must have an inbuilt communication strategy for dissemination to the public and all stakeholders.
- ix. Should have evaluation and review mechanisms as one of its features.
- x. Provide a pre-legislation impact assessment statement.

Therefore, the committee scrutinized the Bungoma County Sports policy based on the standardized drafting framework stated hereunder:

- a) Introduction
- b) Situation analysis
- c) Challenges or problem/issues to be addressed
- d) An analysis of the existing legal framework
- e) Strategies for its implementation
- f) Actors/stakeholders including the roles and responsibilities
- g) Targeted audience and their role and obligations
- h) Monitoring and evaluation mechanism
- i) Review measures
- j) Provision of legal instrument for its operationalization

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Background Information**

Sports are very essential for every human life which keeps them fit and helps in gaining physical strength too. They are played for enjoyment, physical fitness, personal achievement, and competition. Sports can take many forms, ranging from individual contests to team-based competitions and from casual recreational activities to professional and Olympic-level sports. Participating in sports improves cardiovascular health, builds muscle strength, enhances coordination and flexibility, reduces stress, and contributes to mental well-being. Sports also teach important life skills, such as teamwork, discipline, leadership, and perseverance. Different sports require the development of specific Sports have always been given priority from old ages and nowadays it has become more fascinating. Different people have different interest in sports. Sports are becoming big channels to make more capital/money day by day as is a career path to many across the globe and Bungoma County cannot be excluded. Sports benefits need not to be overemphasized as the benefits are immense

### **Legal framework**

The constitution of Kenya 2010 under its fourth schedule mandates the County Governments to oversee sports. The Kenya Sports Act, 2013, Anti-doping Act, 2016, The Kenya sports policy, 2002 are some of the key legal frameworks that the proposed policy is anchored on. However, there are other various International laws and treaties governing sports disciplines that the proposed policy relies on for its legal directions

## **Public Participation**

*Article 196(b) “states that a County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees”* The County Government Act Sec.87 highlights the principles of public participation which includes County laws, regulations and policies formulation among others.

An advert was undertaken in the local dailies inviting the public for the submission of memoranda on the policy.

There was only one submission received from Bungoma County CSO Coordinating Unit (BUSCC) and considered. There is submission from them notably on inclusion of Female genital mutilation being advocated for which is an illegality as per the Law. Many submissions are on Children i.e. they advocate for child trafficking, street children, daycare centers and rights of the children. From the Committee’s views, this may be captured in Children policy.

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN THE BUNGOMA COUNTY SPORTS POLICY, 2024.**

**Chapter one** is on the Introduction which entails background information, policy vision, Policy mission, the policy goal among other provisions.

**1.1-Background Information**-It provides the historical view of the need to have the policy.

**1.2. The Vision** –To be the promotion of sports for all nurture sports talents in the County, advocate and promote good management and fair play sports among others

### **1.3. Policy Mission**

To formulate, implement and coordinate sport programmes through partnership and initiative strategy for recreation, good health, competition, career development and as an industry.

### **1.4 The Goal**

The main goal therefore is “To enrich lives of the citizens of Bungoma through total participation, quality training and excellence in sport.”

### **1.5 Policy Objectives**

The policy will seek:

- i. To develop a healthy, disciplined, united and productive society through greater participation in sport and physical recreation by all members of the society.
- ii. To regulating sports and sport activities in the County.
- iii. To provide opportunities for the fulfillment of social, psychological, emotional, and physiological needs of the individual through sport and physical recreation.
- iv. To develop and improve the knowledge and practice of sport in the interest of the holistic development of the individual and the enjoyment by the public at large.
- v. To endeavor to attain excellence at the highest level of sporting competition, develop county pride, patriotism and enhance goodwill among nations.
- vi. To promote and facilitate the development of sport as an industry that will contribute to the earning capacity of the individual as well as to the county economy.
- vii. To promote Bungoma County as a hub of sporting activities thereby positioning the county as a preferred destination for national and international sports events.
- viii. To collaborate with the relevant public and private institutions to establish sports centers and facilities and to ensure care and safety of sports facilities and users while nurturing and developing sports talents.

## **Chapter two-Policy framework**

Has various legislative frameworks on which the policy has been anchored, they include- **Clause 2.1** the Constitution of Kenya, 2010,

**Clause 2.2**-Kenya Vision 2030,

**Clause 2.3**- The Sports Act, 2013,

**Clause 2.4**-The Anti-doping Act, 2016 amongst other provisions

## **Chapter three is on the policy framework**

**3.1. Introduction**-It highlights on the need to have general county sports plans to guide the operations towards participation, financing, coaching, officiating, event management and sports science facility development.

**3.2. Inclusivity and Sport for All**-This principal promotes Olympic ideals that Sports is a human right for all regardless of race, social class, gender etc.

The policy statement highlights on among others- To sensitize and educate the community on the roles of sports in health and other areas of county development; integrate sports for person with disabilities into the county sports programmes for able bodied sportspersons whilst safeguarding and preserving the identity of sports for persons with disabilities

**3.3. Sports for peace building and National Cohesion**-This promotes sports as a tool for peace, tolerance and understanding amongst others.

Engender a culture of cohesiveness through sports while supporting the development of strong communities for social-economic development; as well strengthen the social ties support ideals of peace amongst others.

**3.4. Sports for economic development**-Sports is an industry hence the value of sports in creating opportunities-

Policy statements and strategies amongst others include-facilitate both the public and private sectors to invest in sports, reinvest in sports earnings and for its further development

**3.5. Sport and the Environment**-The sports to promote health natural environment-where the policy statement amongst other are to; implement climate change adaptation strategies in the location, design and construction of sports facilities and infrastructure.

**3.6. Sports and Talent identification and nurturing**-The policy seeks to create an environment which facilitates identification and nurturing of raw talents.

Policy statement and strategies include among others hold annual talent search programmes and establish a sports mentorship programme.

**3.7. Sports and employment and poverty reduction**-Sports generates income world over and creates direct and indirect employment

The policy statement and strategies include-encourage career development in sports, promote SMEs involved in provisions of sporting goods among others

**3.8. Sports for advocacy, information, Education and Communication**-Sports being a tool for disseminating information and awareness creation aspect, the County Government has the following strategies amongst others, develop county data base for sports, develop digital ICT hubs in the wards for training and practice amongst other provisions

**3.9. Sports and Investment**-Sports have economic, cultural and political benefits. Great funding is realized and co-operation is realized under sports. The strategies by the County government under the policy statement among others include-expand and improve sports and recreational opportunities through the education system, encourage wider access to grassroots participation in sports and by providing incentives to those who excel in sports.

**3.10. Sports and Education**-It is important that sportspersons maintain their supervised and regulated careers through knowledge acquired. The county government strategy under the policy is among others is to promote sports in all learning institutions, ensure that all sub-counties have talents development centers for sports.

**3.11. Sports as career-Rewards** in sports are encouraged as they motivate. The strategy proposed under the policy is among others; deliberate efforts to encourage professional sports league, competitions and structures, encourage recreational sports for the masses and professionalism for the highly talented sportspersons.

**3.12. Sports for health**-Sports promotes health-The strategies under it entails-build sports facilities, offer sports programs, provides incentives among others

**3.13-Sports facilities and good development**-which is highlighted under sub clause 2.15

**3.13.1-. Sports facilities**-There are strategies put in place which include-set aside land for establishment of sports and recreational facilities, seek funding from willing development partners for establishment of sports facilities amongst others. They is collaboration of the County Government and other institution on matters sports facilities, Private clubs too and sports organization i.e. the national sports organization with grassroots offices

**3.13.2. Sports goods and equipment**-Adequate sports goods and equipment are a hindrance to sports development-

The County Government under it's strategies among others is to create a conducive environment for private and public sector to have donation of the equipment, encourage *Jua kali* and local production of the equipment.

**3.13.3. Sports marketing**-Sports being a fast growing industry needs positive image .The strategies under this initiative among others include-inform people about sports events, encourage regular training of personnel on matters pertaining to sports among others

## **Chapter Four on policy implementation and institutional framework**

**4.1. Policy implementation**-The directorate of sports in the department of gender, culture, youth and sports will lead in the implementation in collaboration with other stakeholders

**4.2. Policy institutional framework**-Structure are to be put in place in the concerned department to have the policy fully implemented

**4.2.1The County sports institute**-The institute is to address the performance standards, training needs certification of technical sports personnel amongst others and will have high quality self-motivated staff. The institute will be located at the high-altitude training Centre in Mt. Elgon sub county.

It will have the following components- Centre for sports science, documentation, information and research Centre, Centre for sports marketing, Sports museum and the County drug agency

**4.2.2-Directorate of Sports**-Will provide technical advice to the County Government on all matters relating to sports. Among the functions are to-plan, formulate and implement policies to promote sports and recreation in the county, provide platform for sports for athletes with disabilities without discrimination amongst others

**4.3.3. The Bungoma County Sports Council**-Was formed in 2014 key function is to act as a link between the County government and sporting organizations, to establish an independent sports electoral commission to organize and supervise elections in all sports organizations amongst other roles.

**4.3.4-National and international sports bodies**-The international and national bodies roles are outlined i.e. organize major national and international championships, hold regular

meetings to discuss various issues pertaining to their sports including discipline arbitration and dispute resolutions amongst others.

**Clause 4.3- Management of sports organizations**-The main purpose of the management of sports organization include planning, organizing, direct controlling staffing etc.

They are also well elaborated structure i.e. Ensure that elected officials relinquish power position upon ascendancy to a higher position in the same organization.

**Clause 4.4. Sports protocol**-Which entails recognition of office holders- The department and directorate representatives be involved in the itinerates of the visiting officials programme

**Clause 4.5; Inter sectoral collaboration**-This is to promote linkage with all stakeholders-i.e. opening the sport desks in related departments where applicable, collaborate with research institutions local and international universities in carrying out relevant research related to sports amongst others

**Clause 4.6.- Sports funding and sources of funding**-The county government strategies in sport funding amongst others include-Establish a county sports trust fund, establishing a permanent source of sports funding besides the annual budgetary allocations

**4.6.1-The county Government** will have-the County Sports Trust Fund with a minimum of 0.1% of the County annual budgetary allocation, and 5% for sports organizations shall be remitted to the County Sports Trust Fund subject to the regulations to operationalize the fund.

**Clause 4.6.2 Sport organization** –It Entails-Membership/affiliation fees, Contracts/Agreements, Sales of replica uniforms and Memorabilia, fund raising board, Grants from national and international sports bodies

**Clause 4.6.4 Private Sector**-Which entails Sponsorship, Licensed agents, advertising rights and Sales of Media rights

**Clause 4.6.5 Individuals**- Contracts/agreements/endorsements and Membership/affiliation fees

**Clause 4. Financial management**- To encourage the transparency in the financial management-i.e. all sports organizations will form active finance committees to manage their finances, qualified finance personnel will be recruited by all county sports organizations

## **Chapter Five- Policy monitoring and evaluation**

**Clause 5.1** is on Policy-monitoring-For effective, monitoring reporting and learning there is need for effective reporting of sports activities

**Clause 5.2** is on Policy evaluation-The evaluation in collaboration with other stakeholders evaluate among others, enhance capacity for officials, facilitators and key stakeholders to ensure effective monitoring and support and support to implementation of sports activities

## **Chapter five policy compliance and review**

**6.1. Compliance**-All the stakeholders shall comply with the provisions of the policy

**6.2. Compliance requirements and obligations** among others entails-reporting obligations according to agreed formats, abiding by the principles of the policy



- 6.3. Compliance with the national affiliated sports organizations-**
- 6.4. Compliance on discipline,**
- 6.5-Compliance with code of conduct for sports people**
- 6.6. Compliance on elective office in sorts organization-**
- 6.7. Non-compliance to the policy**
- 6.8. Policy review**

## **COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS**

The Committee made the following Observations;

1. The Bungoma Youth Policy 2024 is a policy directive that gears towards addressing the challenges facing County youth and give possible interventions.
2. The two policies are well drafted as per the standards and format of policy drafting as much of the policy framework is well elaborated in the context.
3. Most of the key ideals and policy framework in the Bungoma County Sports Policy, 2024 are well taken care and can be noted in context within the policy.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Committee recommends that this Honorable House adopts the Bungoma County Youth Policy, 2024 and the Bungoma County Sports Policy, 2024
- The policy is signed by all 15 members. I call upon Hon. Chemion to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chemion you have the honor of seconding the report. Kindly please.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second the report of this Committee. This has been a very emotive issue in our county. I want to thank the Committee for having come up with this report. I think these policies; the two of them will now be able to help regulate issues to do with the youth and also issues to do with the sporting within our county because the two policies are closely related with the youth.

Although it is not 100% true that all sporting activities are done by the youth, we also have sporting activities for the old or the aged. But the majority of the youth are involved because they are still very active. That is why you look at Chapter 6, the Committee had the following observations which have been ably given by the mover who has read the report very ably Madam Grace that the Bungoma Youth Policy, now dated 2024 is a policy directive.

It is a policy directive that gears towards addressing the challenges facing county youth and give possible interventions. We have a variety of challenges that have been enumerated in the policy, the highlights that we have been given and all those ones through the two policies that are there, we are giving direction, directive so that we are able to address those challenges



that face the youth in our county and we also give possible intervention measures so that we address those challenges.

The second observation that the Committee saw it fit to observe was that the two policies were well drafted as per the guideline and as per the law. So they were well drafted as per the standards and format of policy drafting. So we look at the context of this policy, the policy framework is well elaborated and finally, most of the key ideals and policy frameworks in the Bungoma County Sports Policy 2024 are well taken care of and can be noted in context within the policy.

So the issues of sporting, different types of sports, how they will be managed, how they will be handled is well taken care of by the sports policy. So I expected the members, those ones who are representing, who are specially elected to handle the youth issues to be present here so that they can also make a comment on this because they were given this position so that they are able to champion issues that affect the youth in the county.

So we expect them to be here to support this report so that this county government of Bungoma is able to handle youth issues as per these policies that we hope this time we are going to adopt them. I just want to end there and ask Hon. Members to support this report.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Grace Sundukwa, the Vice Chair of the Committee and equally Hon. Chemion the seconder of the motion for having the report moved so well and the same seconded so well. Now, allow me Honorable Members proceed and be able to propose a motion for debate.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Bernard Kikechi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, I would like to appreciate the move of the motion, Hon. Grace Sundukwa and likewise the seconder of the motion Hon. Chemion.

My only wish is that with those observations and the recommendations, I wish that the Chair of the Committee and any other relevant body that is mandated to follow through on the issue of the implementation of those recommendations. Otherwise, it is a good report and I fully support it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Kikechi. Hon. Makhanu, proceed.

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I would like to thank the mover and the seconder of the report. As a country we are among the county that has the majority of the population who are youth and as a county, we are rich in sportsmen and women. We have produced so many sportsmen and women who have gone even international. We have been doing that without even policies, without even much funding but now that we are going to

have these policies, we are going to support these young men and women to achieve what they have been struggling to.

We have not been funding even the ministry and the excuse has always been policies. Now that we have the policies and there are good proposals, it's proposing a 3% of our budget going to sports. We have young people who are sportsmen, they do sports and also art and those proposals they are even proposing to establish a sports institute which is going to promote sports in this county and in the whole country as a whole.

It is also proposing to have a sports trust of about 1.5%. We have been long waiting for these policies. Now it is upon the executive to come up with the regulations quickly so that these policies can start to be operationalized. Otherwise, as a committee we have done what we have done. Now it is upon this House to adopt this report so that these policies become a reality to our county.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Cornelius. I will have Hon. Edwin Opwora then I will have Hon. Benjamin Otsiula.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for giving me this opportunity before the Chair of Education because as I want to first of all congratulate the mover of the motion, I was trying to clearly see if there is anything touching on youth education, especially of the VTCs. As a mandate of this county the vocational training colleges actually is a responsibility of the county governments and as you note during bursary allocations, I have not seen any encouragement in this report.

How the committee would encourage the Department of Education to channel more money towards the VTCs so that we can have our youth trained and get the necessary knowledge and skills to alleviate poverty. So I support this report. However, I just wish that this is noted and as the Chair of Education maybe while contributing, he can also highlight how the youths are going to be supported.

**Mr. Speaker:** Suppose they don't give him a chance to contribute?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Mr. Speaker, if he's not given the chance he has ears and has heard because VTCs actually are our cornerstone.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have heard some rumors that you and him are in that bracket. I don't know whether it's true or not. You are the Chair of that committee; you are in that same in bracket.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** No, Mr. Speaker, we might be in the same bracket and that's why I feel there is a technical gap and I know that given that the mover of the motion is also in the same bracket.

**Mr. Speaker:** We don't know.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** I believe we can collaborate. Otherwise, I support the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Opwora. Hon. Otsiula, you are worried that he speaks for you. So Hon. Otsiula now you can be able to speak, in the meantime, Hon. Grace, be ready to reply to this motion.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also wish to appreciate the mover of the motion that is Hon. Grace it is rare to see her moving motions but today, I think she has done it so nicely with a keen watching eye of the Chair of that particular committee. I also wish to applaud the mover for opening up the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** The mover?

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Sorry, the seconder Hon. Speaker. Whatever I want to say has been partly conversed but I want to laud this committee because this is one of the departments, the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports. This is one of the departments that have been sleeping since the onset of this third county government formation.

People are normally very keen to talk about scholarships, bursaries but if you ask yourself in terms of for example, there is a recommendation that the youth policy now on sports come into effect. We have never witnessed the Director of Sports for example; organize an event in the whole county that can bring youth together as far as sports is concerned. Therefore, I am very right when I say that this has been a sleeping department. However, with this policy, I believe it is going to be a wake-up call for the department to rediscover itself, take up its share and when the budget is being pronounced, I want them to stake claim so that we can secure something.

For example, the idea Hon. Opwora is throwing, Hon. Speaker, you are protecting me but towards the end again you said Hon. Otsiula have now a chance to... I thought you had protected me Hon. Speaker but when he is saying that we do something in the VTCs as far as this matter of sports is concerned, I believe he is also pre-empting the policy.

But once it is captured under that policy, I know even across the county, all of us will be beneficiaries. Therefore, I want to laud them and how I wish that they expedite so that by the next budget cycle, we ensure that we budget well so that we give this policy effect. Otherwise, I wish to support the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Otsiula. Hon. Grace, proceed.

**Hon. Grace Sundukwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me take this time to appreciate all members.

**Mr. Speaker:** Some of the Honorable members uttered some words. Now you wonder are they meant to provoke the chair to take action or the member speaking. But I did not hear what he was saying, Hon. Grace just wind up.

**Hon. Grace Sundukwa:** On the issue of Hon. Otsiula, the Department of Youth and Sport it was dominant, right? But it was our mandate. We failed as the County Assembly of Bungoma because during the budget making process, we have never given good money to that department. We normally remove all their requests, so as we are going to adopt that policy today, my appeal to the members of this House, in the next coming budget, we are only requesting for 3% of the annual budget. Kindly consider so that our youths can also benefit.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, allow me to be able to wind up the remaining part of the motion that is before the House.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Ayes have it. The report on the youth and sports policy of Bungoma County 2024 is hereby adopted by the House accordingly.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, looking at our Order Paper that was the last motion. So the House will adjourn today and resume on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2024 in our 2:30 p.m. session.

***The House rose at 4:01 p.m.***