

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA**

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA**

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY DEBATES**

**THE DAILY HANSARD**

**WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2025**

**Afternoon Sitting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> County Assembly**

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### THE DAILY HANSARD

WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2025

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

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

### PRAYER

### PAPERS

#### REPORT OF THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY ALCOHOLIC DRINKS CONTROL ACT 2015

**Hon. Kennedy Wanyama:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to table a report of the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the Implementation Status of the Bungoma County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2015.

*(Report tabled by Hon. Kennedy Wanyama)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ken. Honourable members, the report by the sector committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the implementation status of the Bungoma County Alcoholic Drink Control Act 2015 is hereby tabled and it formally becomes the property of the House accordingly.

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### REPORT OF THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY ALCOHOLIC DRINKS CONTROL ACT 2015

**Hon. Kennedy Wanyama:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to give notice of a motion that this House adopts the report of the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the Implementation Status of the Bungoma County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2015.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, a notice of motion having been duly issued by the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the Implementation Status of the

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Bungoma County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2015. I do ask the Clerks at the Table to share this report with the MCAs as the same will be coming up as a motion on the Order Paper once scheduled by the HBC.

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

### RESPONSE IN RELATION TO ILLEGAL/IRREGULAR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS ALONG KITINDA ROAD OPPOSITE HUDUMA CENTRE WITHIN TOWNSHIP WARD

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Ipara, you are giving the response. Hon. Kuloba, I think ready to take the response. I also hope the same has been shared to members.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is a response to the statement raised by Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba in relation to illegal/ irregular construction of buildings along Kitinda Road opposite Huduma Centre within Township Ward.

The County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Order 54(b) provides that the Chairperson of a Committee shall submit a report to the House on questions replied to by the relevant CECM. On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 2.30 p.m., Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba requested through a statement to the Chairperson Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing for a response in relation to the general procedure of approvals and also status of the buildings currently under construction along Kitinda Road opposite Huduma Centre within Bungoma Township.

In response, the Chairperson was supposed to elaborate on the following;

1. Whose mandate is it to approve architectural buildings within the County and what role does the County Director of Physical Planning play in the process?
2. Whether the building approval process of buildings currently under construction along Kitinda Road, Huduma Centre within Bungoma Township was followed before the commencement of the construction?
3. Disclose the plot number and identity of the owners
4. The amount paid as fees
5. Any other relevant documents relating to the subject matter

The Honourable Speaker directed under Standing 52(a) that the Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing liaises with the respective County department and provides a response to the Honourable member during the plenary session for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

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The Committee, during its sitting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 deliberated on the statement under consideration and resolved to seek for formal responses from the County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Municipalities through the Office of the Clerk vide letter referenced CAB/CC/SECT/8. VoL. 14(38). The consultative meeting was to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 2pm, but the CECM was away on official duty.

The Committee following the provisions of Standing Order 54 provided a progress report to this Honourable House and sought more time to engage with the CECM. Consequently the Committee held a consultative meeting with the CECM in the presence of the statement owner on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 and a response was provided as follows;

**Question:** Whose mandate is it to approve architectural buildings within the County and what role does the County Director of Physical Planning play in the process?

**Response:** The he Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019 (PLUPA) Section 57(1) grants powers to the County Executive Committee Member to approve development applications. These powers are not limited to building plans only but also to change of uses, extensions of uses, subdivisions, amalgamations, lease renewals, and extensions as per the definition of development in the Act.

Section 20 of PLUPA outlines roles of County Director of Fiscal and Land Use Planning as relates to development approval processes. They include

- Formulating county physical and land use planning policies, guidelines, and standards.
- Preparation of local fiscal and land use development plans.
- Recommending to the county government the establishment of planning units as may be necessary.
- Communicating decisions of the county government on the development applications.
- The issuance of development permissions and other development control instructions with the approval of the County Executive Committee Member Status and satisfaction.

**Question:** Whether the building approval processes of buildings currently under construction along Kitinda Road, Huduma Center, within Bungoma Township was followed before commencement of the construction.

**Response:** The said road should be Mukavo Road. Many of the buildings have followed due process of approval. One development still under construction though, had initially not followed due process of approval. An enforcement notice was issued to the developer, Jared Nyukuli. The developer complied and amended the proposal, which was approved as per annexed.

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**Question:** Disclose the plot number and identity of the owners.

**Response:** Mukavo Road has one active construction site. The plot is registered as Bungoma Municipality/790 to John Nandasaba Masoli as per official search, part of it is however leased to the current developer.

**Question:** The amount paid as fees.

**Response:** The developer application fees levied were provided and upon scrutiny, the owner of the statement was satisfied.

**Question:** Any other relevant documents relating to the subject matter.

**Response:** Copies of referenced documents were provided, and upon perusal, the owner was satisfied.

From the deliberations, the committee made the following observations.

1. The member who sought the statement expressed satisfaction with the responses provided.
2. The land under construction is part of the lands mentioned in the Task Force report currently under committee investigations.

It is signed by Honorable Francis Chemion the Chairperson Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing. I submit.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba, do you have the response?

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The response is satisfactory to me.

**Mr. Speaker:** It closes that statement sought by you. Thank you the Committee of Lands for giving a satisfactory response to the Honourable Member for Township Ward.

Next item,

## **MOTION**

### **REPORT OF THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE FUND QUARTERLY REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AT 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Chemorion, I have seen you smiling all the way, it appears you have been able to marshal the membership of the committee.

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*(Loud consultations)*

No, it's me to confirm, Hon. Metrine, kindly allow me to do this work for you.

Let's just be able to have the confirmation of the membership. Honorable Majority, you are part of the committee... this report, at the time of its preparation, Honorable Luseneke was a member of this committee, and he is part of the report. So we have Hon. Martin, Joseph, Meshack, Busolo, Anthony, Millie Masungu, James, Vitalis Wangila, Orize Kundu, Grace Sundukwa, Benjamin Otsiula, George Kwemoi, Bernard Kikechi and Hon. Nangalama.

I'm requesting that kindly stay back and listen to your report because I am seeing members when the quorum is attained, they start leaving one by one. Have the microphone, please.

**Hon. Martin Chemorion:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to move a motion on the report on the Bungoma County Climate Change Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.

## **PREFACE**

Bungoma County Climate Change Fund is established by and derives its authority and accountability from Bungoma Climate Change Fund Act, 2022. The Fund is wholly owned by the County Government of Bungoma and is domiciled in the department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

The Fund's objective is to facilitate and coordinate County Climate Change mitigation and adaptation programmes and for connected purposes. The Fund's principal activity is to create a Fund in the County for purpose of facilitating climate finance.

The report delves into the Funds' performance in the period under review. Taking into account the challenges the Fund is facing and possible recommendations that would make the Fund achieve its intended purpose and be sustainable.

## **MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources is constituted under Standing Order 217 (1) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders and whose mandate pursuant to Standing Order 217(5).

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources comprises the following Members:

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|                            |                   |
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| 1. Hon. Edwin Opwora       | -Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Martin Chemorion   | -Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Joseph Juma        | -Member           |
| 4. Hon. Meshack Simiyu     | -Member           |
| 5. Hon. Busolo Sudi        | -Member           |
| 6. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka   | - Member          |
| 7. Hon. Miliyah Masungu    | -Member           |
| 8. Hon. James Mukhongo     | -Member           |
| 9. Hon. Grace Sundukwa     | -Member           |
| 10. Hon. Orize Kundu       | -Member           |
| 11. Hon. Vitalis Wangila   | -Member           |
| 12. Hon. Benjamin Otsiula  | -Member           |
| 13. Hon. George Kwemoi     | -Member           |
| 14. Hon. Benard Kikechi    | -Member           |
| 15. Hon. Metrine Nangalama | -Member           |

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I take this opportunity to thank the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for the support accorded to it in discharging its mandate. Further, I wish to thank members of the Committee for the commitment in examining the Bungoma County Climate Change Fund Quarterly report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources, to table this report to this House for deliberation and adoption.

The report is signed by Hon. Edwin Opwora, MCA Luuya/Bwake who is the chairperson Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

## BACKGROUND

Bungoma County Climate Change Fund is established by and derives its authority and accountability from Bungoma Climate Change Fund Act .The Fund is wholly owned by the County Government of Bungoma and is domiciled in the department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

The principal activity/mission/ mandate of the Fund is;

1. Initiating and coordinating financing of climate change adaptation and mitigation projects at the community level.

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2. Establishing Climate Finance Mechanisms
3. Coordinating collection and dissemination of climate change information to the public to create awareness and preparedness;

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

The steering committee comprises of the following:

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. H.E Hon Kenneth Makelo Lusaka | Chairperson |
| 2. ENG. Herbert Kibunguchy       | Member      |
| 3. Mr. Benedict Emachary         | Member      |
| 4. Dr. Monicah Fedha             | Member      |
| 5. Ms. Carolynne Khalayi         | Member      |
| 6. Dr. Andrew Wamalwa            | Member      |
| 7. ARCH. Ronald Sasita           | Member      |
| 8. Dir. Jane Gitau Mukonambi     | Member      |
| 9. Eng. Barasa Wasike            | Member      |
| 10. Mrs Rachael Wamalwa          | Member      |
| 11. CC. Thomas Sangare           | Member      |
| 12. Rev. Johnstone Nyongesa      | Member      |

### **Key Management**

- 1 Fund Manager/ Administrator-Jane Gitau Mukonambi
- 2 Fund Accountant -CPA Jacqueline Makokha
- 3 Chief Officer Climate Change and Environment -Nicholas Kiboi

### **Fiduciary Oversight Arrangements**

It comprises of the following:

- 1 County Assembly of Bungoma
- 2 Bungoma County Treasury
- 3 County Internal Audit

### **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE FY 2024/2025**

Climate Change Institutional Support (CCIS) and County Climate Resilient Investment (CCRI) Grants 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter activities for the FY 2024/2025 are as follows;

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**Project Supervision:** The fund conducted thorough supervision of various projects across sectors like Climate Change, Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Livestock and Energy.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:** The climate change unit meticulously monitored and evaluated the FLLoCA funded projects to assess progress and inform corrective measures.

**Data Collection and Mapping:** Site-specific project data was collected and mapped for reporting to the program implementation unit.

**Capacity Building:** Training workshops were organized for field officers and ward climate change planning committees to enhance their skills and knowledge on project planning, management and reporting.

**Technical Evaluation:** The Fund implemented a rigorous evaluation process for sub-projects under the FLLoCA program.

**Community Sensitization:** The fund actively engaged communities in project implementation through sensitization workshops, focusing on project ownership, sustainability, and engagement with contractors.

**Tender Document Preparation:** Technical teams prepared tender documents for projects under the FLLoCA program.

**Climate Change Exhibition:** The Fund showcased climate actions and achievements at the Bungoma County trade fair exhibition.

**Participatory Climate Risk Assessment:** The Fund updated the Bungoma County Participatory Climate Risk Assessment Report and the Climate Change Action Plan based on community feedback.

**Grievance Redress Mechanism:** Capacity building workshops were organized for the county climate change grievance redress committee.

**Environment and Social Impact Assessment:** Environment and social impact assessment reports for all sub-projects were reviewed to ensure compliance with the FLLoCA program's ESRM manual.

#### Statement of Financial Performance for the Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

| Description                            | Note | Period ended Dec 2024 | Comparative Period |
|--|------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|  |      | Kshs                  | Kshs               |
| Revenue From Non-Exchange Transactions |      |                       |                    |

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| Transfers From the County Government    | 1 | 45,500,000          | - |
| Donations from partners                 |   | 164,488,888         |   |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                    |   | <b>209,988,888</b>  | - |
| <b>Expenses</b>                         |   |                     |   |
| Use of goods and services               | 2 | 37,457,181          | - |
| <b>Other Grants Transfer</b>            |   | 196,314,467         |   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                   |   | <b>233,771,648</b>  | - |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit) For the Period</b> |   | - <b>23,782,760</b> | - |

**Statement of Financial Position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

| Description                       | Note | Period ended Dec 2023 | Comparative Period |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                                   |      | Kshs                  | Kshs               |
| <b>Assets</b>                     |      |                       |                    |
| <b>Current Assets</b>             |      |                       |                    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents         | 3    | 207,422,801.70        | -                  |
| Receivables from non-transactions | 1b   | 153,401,668.30        |                    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>               |      | <b>360,824,470.00</b> | -                  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                |      |                       |                    |
|                                   |      |                       |                    |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                 |      |                       |                    |
| Accumulated Surplus               |      | 360,824,470.00        | -                  |

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| <b>Total Net Assets and Liabilities</b> |  | <b>360,824,470.00</b> | <b>-</b> |
|---|--|-----------------------|----------|

### **Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

During the Financial period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the net asset position of the entity underwent the following movements under the Accumulated Surplus category. There were no reported balances or transactions under the Revolving Fund Reserve or Revaluation Reserve during the reporting period.

The opening balance of the Accumulated Surplus as at the commencement of the financial year stood at Kshs. 384,607,230

During the period under review, the entity recorded a deficit of Kshs. (23,782,760). No additional Funds were received, and there were no transfers or revaluation gains recorded in the same period.

Consequently, the closing balance of the Accumulated Surplus as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 stood at Kshs 360,824,470.

### **Statement of Cash Flows for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

During the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the entity undertook several financial operations within its mandate, generating both receipts and payments under its operating activities. The financial performance and movement of cash and cash equivalents are outlined below.

#### **1. Receipts**

The entity received a total of Kshs 56,587,220, comprising the following:

- **Transfers from the County Government** amounted to Kshs 45,500,000, representing disbursements from the county exchequer to support operational and programmatic activities.
- **Donations from Development Partners** totaled Kshs 11,087,220.

#### **2. Payments**

Total payments during the same period amounted to Kshs 233,771,648, broken down as follows:

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- **Use of Goods and Services** amounted to Kshs 37,457,181.
- **Other Grants and Transfers** totaled Kshs 196,314,467.

### 3. Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities

As a result of the above operations, the entity recorded a net cash outflow of Kshs ( - 177,184,428)

### 4. Movement in Cash and Cash Equivalents

- **Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents** as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 stood at Kshs 384,607,230.
- **Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents** as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 were recorded at Kshs 207,422,802.

This reflects a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents over the reporting period amounting to Kshs. -177,184,428, in line with the recorded deficit in cash flow from operations.

### Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts for the Period

| Description                 | Original budget | Adjustments | Final budget | Actual on comparable basis | Performance difference | % Utilization |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
|                             | Kshs            | Kshs        | Kshs         | Kshs                       | Kshs                   |               |
|                             | A               | B           | c=(a+b)      | D                          | e=(c-d)                | f=d/c*100     |
| <b>Revenue</b>              |                 |             |              |                            |                        |               |
| Transfers From County Govt. | 91,000,000      | 0           | 91,000,000   | 45,500,000                 |                        | 50%           |
| Other income                | 164,488,888     | 0           | 164,488,888  | 164,488,888                |                        | 100%          |

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| <b>Total Income</b>              | 255,488,888 | 0 | 255,488,888        | <b>209,988,888</b>     | ,                 | 82% |
| <b>Expenses</b>                  |             |   |                    |                        | -                 |     |
| Use of goods and services        | 41,674,444  | 0 | 41,674,444         | 37,457,181             | 4,217,263         | 90% |
| <b>Other Grants and Transfer</b> | 213,814,444 | 0 | 213,814,444        | 196,314,467            | 17,499,977        | 92% |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>         | 255,488,888 | 0 | 255,488,888        | 119,087,617            | <b>21,717,240</b> | 91% |
| <b>Surplus For the Period</b>    | 0           | 0 | <b>233,771,648</b> | -<br><b>23,782,760</b> | <b>23,782,760</b> |     |
| <b>Capital expenditure</b>       |             |   |                    |                        |                   | 0%  |

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## Statement of compliance and basis of preparation

The Fund's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

Section 168 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires that, at the end of each quarter, the Administrator of a County Public Fund established by *Bungoma climate change Fund act* shall prepare financial statements for the Fund in accordance with the standards and formats prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board.

The Administrator of the County Public Fund is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Fund's financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund for and as at the end of the financial year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.

The Fund administrator has been preparing financial statements as required by the Law.

## CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS STATUS REPORT (Detailed report is annexed)

Climate Change projects are undertaken in all 45 wards in the following County departments;

### FLLoCA WATER PROJECTS

#### WEBUYE WEST

**Misikhu and Sitikho** Upgrading of Bunjosi Primary and Kakimanyi Dispensary Boreholes in Misikhu/Sitikho Ward; was done by CAFRABLE ENTERPRISES for a contract amount of Kshs. 6,584,160.00 is at 100% with Works complete and operational.

**Bokoli** Upgrading of Sirandafu Spring in Bokoli Ward; spring protection, Solarisation, Sump construction, Pipe network and storage was done by SAVADA LTD for a contract sum 5,812,644.00 is 100% complete and operational.

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**Kamukuywa and Kibingei** Upgrading of Kamukuywa Primary and Kitayi Primary Boreholes in Kamukuywa/ Kibingei Ward contractor (SAHHARY LOGISTICS) for a contracted sum of Kshs. 5,939,220 works are complete and operational.

**Kimilili and Ndalul** Upgrading of Bituyu Primary and St. Peters Sec Boreholes in Kimilili/ Ndalul Ward contractor PURITEC LOGISTICS LTD for a contract sum of Kshs. 6,361,480.00 With works complete and operational.

## **TONGAREN**

**Tongaren** Upgrading of Ambich Market Borehole in Tongaren ward; Installation of new solar system, pipe network and storage done by ISD LOGISTICS for a contract sum of Kshs. 5,850,380.00 is at 100%.

**Mbakalo** Protection and upgrading of Kikechi spring in Mbakalo ward; spring protection, Solarisation, Sump construction, Pipe network and storage done by BEKECH ENTERPRISE at a contract sum of Kshs. 6,488,577.16 is at 100%.

**Soysambu Mitua and Ndivisi** Upgrading of Mashinani primary and Namarambi dispensary Boreholes in Soysambu Mitua/Ndivisi Ward was done by SINAWA ENTERPRISES for a contracted amount of 5,849,764.00 works are complete and operational.

## **ELGON**

**Elgon and Kapkateny** Upgrading of Kotiem Spring in Elgon Ward and Extension of Kamneru water project in Kapkateny Ward done by MULTI GIBBS ENTERPRISE LTD at a contract sum of Kshs. 7,436,900 is at 100% with Works complete.

**Chepyuk** Upgrading of Kopsiro Spring in Chepyuk Ward; Spring protection, Sump construction, Pipe network and storage done by MOSEL for a contracted amount of Kshs. 5,465,920.00 with works complete.

## **KANDUYI**

### **East Sangalo**

Upgrading of Dorof Borehole in East Sangalo ward; Installation of new solar system, Construction of storage tank, pipe network and water point (YASSA

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ENTERPRISES) for a contract sum of Kshs. 4,892,992.50 works are complete and operational.

**Bukembe East and Bukembe West** Extension of Nandolia and Khaoya Water Projects in Bukembe East/west wards done by MCKELLPATS CAPITAL (K) LTD for a contracted amount of Kshs. 6,025,504.00 is at 100% and operational.

**Musikoma, Khalaba, Tuuti/ Marakaru;** Upgrading of Siritanyi Dispensary and Namikelo Primary boreholes and pipeline extension in Musikoma/Tuuti Marakaru/Khalaba wards done by JERICH COMPANY for a contracted amount of Kshs.10,157,172.00 is at 100% with works complete and operational.

## **KABUCHAI**

**Mukuyuni and Chwele Kabuchai** Upgrading of Chenjeni Primary and Tabani Boreholes in Mukuyuni/Chwele Kabuchai Wards done by HILSAN INVESTMENT LTD for a contract amount of Kshs. 5,820,416.00 is at 100%.

**Luhya Bwake** Upgrading of Khatete spring in Luuya Bwake ward ; Spring protection, Solarisation, Sump construction, Pipe network and storage (WANALU ENTERPRISE) for a contracted amount of kshs. 4,582,400.00 is complete and operational.

## **SIRISIA**

**Namwela and Malakisi/Kulisiru** Upgrading of Kolani and Sibanga Boreholes in Namwela/Malakisi was done by BARUKTECH SOLUTION for a contract amount of Kshs.5,894,424.00 is at 100%.

## **BUMULA**

**Kimaeti and Bumula** Upgrading of Mwiyinga Primary and Matokho Boreholes in Kimaeti/Bumula wards was done by MURMO COMPANY LTD for a contracted amount of Kshs. 5,777,960.00 is complete and operational.

**West Bukusu** Solarisation and Extension of Namuninga Dam water Project; Installation of new solar system from electricity, Rehabilitation works, pipe network was done by ROCAN CONSTRUCTORS LTD for a contracted amount of Kshs. 4,824,707.00 is at 100% and operational.

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**Kabula:** Upgrading of Wamunyiri Borehole in Kabula ward; Installation of new solar system, erection of elevated tank, pipe network and water point done by EASYDONE ENT & CO. for a contracted amount of Kshs. 4,889,500.00 is at 100% complete and operational.

## **ENERGY SECTOR PROJECTS**

**BUMULA AND KANDUYI; KHASOKO AND BUKEMBE WEST WARDS** proposed supply and installation of combustion chamber for improved stoves and energy centre for research on training of energy technologies in Khasoko and Bukembe west wards; construction of energy centre and modern combustion kiln, supply of raw materials for improved cooking stoves and jikos was done by RENZLEW COMPANY LIMITED for a contracted amount of Kshs.5, 950,005 is at 100% complete.

## **WEBUYEEAST,KABUCHAISUB-COUNTIES;MARAKA,AND CHWELE/KABUCHAI**

Proposed supply and installation of combustion chamber for improved stoves and energy centre for research on training of energy technologies in Maraka and Kabuchai wards; construction of energy centre and modern combustion kiln, supply of raw materials for improved cooking stoves and jikos was done by VERTALI GENERAL CONTRACTS for a contracted amount of Kshs.5, 955,480 and is at 100% complete.

## **AGRICULTURE SECTOR PROJECTS**

### **BUMULA; SOUTHBUKUSU, BUMULA, KIMAETI, KABULA AND KHASOKO WARDS**

Hass avocado fruit tree production in Bumula Sub –County procure, distribute and maintain hass avocado - 61 acres was done by KTL FARMING LIMITED at a contract sum of Kshs. 5,980,445.00 is at 85% .Gapping/replacement of the seedlings ongoing.

### **KANDUYI,KABUCHAI;West Sang'alo, East Sangalo, Musikoma, Chwele/Kabuchai, Luuya/Bwake and West Nalondo**

Hass avocado fruit tree production in Kanduyi and Kabuchai Sub-Counties procure, distribute and maintain hass avocado - 61 acres was done by KTL FARMING LIMITED for a contract sum of Kshs.5,980,445 is at 85%.Gapping/replacement of the seedlings ongoing.

### **BUNGOMA COUNTY; Ndivisi, Namwela, Khalaba, Kamukuywa, Mukuyuni and Kibingei Wards**

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Fruit tree nursery establishment supply and installation of 6 fruit tree nurseries - 6 sites done by OKRANET LTD at a contracted amount of Kshs. 5,819,940.00 is at 80%. Delivery of root stocks, scions, grafting equipment and materials is pending and Registration by HCD, County, KEPHIS and technician fee is pending.

#### **BUMULA;**

#### **SIBOTI**

Rehabilitation and augmentation of Sitabicha water pan rehabilitation and augmentation of Sitabicha water pan done by DINLE ENTERPRISES LIMITED for a contract sum of Kshs. 56,000,000.00 is at 75%. Pending works (irrigation system, fish ponds, and fruit trees, finalization of the fence and the gate and system running for testing).

#### **MT ELGON, SIRISIA; Cheptais, Chesikaki, Lwandanyi, Malakisi/South, Kulisiru**

Hass avocado fruit tree production in Mt Elgon and Sirisia Sub-Counties; procure, distribute and maintain hass avocado - 34 done by ACRES OCEANDROP VENTURES LIMITED for a contract sum of Kshs. 5,126,000.00 is at 70%. Gapping/replacement of the seedlings is ongoing.

#### **TONGAREN, WEBUYE WEST AND WEBUYE EAST SUB COUNTIES; Mbakalo, Milima, Maraka, Mihuu, Misikhu and Bokoli**

Hass avocado fruit tree production in Tongaren, Webuye West and Webuye East Sub – Counties; procure, distribute and maintain hass avocado in 50 acres is done by ALPHEUAS for a contracted sum of Kshs. 6,539,100.00 is at 70%.Gapping/replacement of the seedlings is ongoing.

#### **BUNGOMA COUNTY; Maeni, Siboti, Misikhu, Kapkateny(2) Chepyuk(2) and Bukembe West**

Proposed establishment of fodder banks for dairy farming is done by MOSAIC LIMITED for a contracted amount of Kshs. 4,665,560.00 and is at 20%. Sub-standard works done the contractor is currently re-doing the works.

#### **BUNGOMA COUNTY; West Sang'alo, East Sangalo, Siboti (2), Ndalul/Tabani, Mbakalo, Naitiri/Kabuyefwe and Soysambu/Mitua**

Proposed construction of Bee Hives (Apiary Structure) is done by MUKENYA STORES LIMITED for a contracted sum of Kshs. 7,790,000.00 and is at 10%.

Sub-standard works done the contractor is currently re-doing the works.

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## **BUNGOMA COUNTY**

Ndivisi, Maraka, Mihuu, Tuuti/Marakaru, East Sangalo, Bukembe West, Kimilili, Kibingei, Soysambu/ Mitua, Namwela and West Bukusu;

Construction of Zero grazing units and biogas units with capacity of 4 Dairy Cows - 11 Units was to be done by DEKCON COMPANY for a contract sum of Kshs. 8,326,200.00 and is at 0% . The project was re-tendered.

### **ENVIRONMENT SECTOR PROJECTS**

#### **ELGON SUB-COUNTY ; Chepyuk, Cheptais and Chesikaki**

Proposed rehabilitation of Kuywa, Lwakhakha Rivers and Matere Stream in Chepyuk, Cheptais and Chesikaki Wards; Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and bamboo), Land Preparation, Pegging, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance ( Gap filling, Weeding, Pest and Disease Control, Watering) to ensure maximum survival rate; involvement of community groups in undertaking all the tasks was done by PISONAZ INTERNATIONAL LIMITED for a contract sum of Kshs. 5,909,325 is at 50% with works ongoing.

#### **BUMULA ; West Bukusu, South Bukusu, Bumula and Kimaeti Wards**

Proposed Rehabilitation of Namuninge Dam, Sio/Mayanja River, Sihila and Nandingwa in West Bukusu, Bumula, West Sang'alo, and Kimaeti Wards

Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and bamboo), Land Preparation, Pegging, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance ( Gap filling, Weeding, Pest and Disease Control, Watering) to ensure maximum survival rate; Involvement of Community groups in undertaking all the tasks was done by PISONAZ INTERNATIONAL LIMITED for a contract sum of Kshs. 5,917,200 is at 50% with works ongoing.

#### **KANDUYI; Tuuti/Marakaru and Bukembe West**

Proposed rehabilitation of River Khalaba, Khalaba Dam and River Chwele in Tuuti/Marakaru and Bukembe West Wards; Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and bamboo), Land Preparation, Pegging, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance ( Gap filling, Weeding, Pest and Disease Control, Watering) to ensure maximum survival rate; Involvement of Community groups in undertaking all the tasks was done by CONCORD AIR LIMITED at a contract sum of Kshs. 5,715,000 is at 45% with works ongoing.

#### **ELGON AND SIRISIA SUB-COUNTY; Elgon, Malakisi/South Kulisiru**

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Proposed rehabilitation of rivers Kimilili, Malakisi, and Bukokholo dam; Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and bamboo), Land Preparation, Pegging, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance (Gap filling, Weeding, Pest and Disease Control, Watering) to ensure maximum survival rate; Involvement of Community groups in undertaking all the tasks was done by ERITE VENTURES ENTERPRISES for a contract sum of Kshs.5,879,250 is at 43% with works Ongoing.

#### **WEBUYE EAST AND TONGAREN ;Ndivisi, and Milima Wards**

Proposed rehabilitation of rivers Kibisi, Magemo Dam and Nabingenge dam in Ndivisi and Milima Wards; Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and bamboo), Land Preparation, Pegging, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance ( Gap filling, Weeding, Pest and Disease Control, Watering) to ensure maximum survival rate; Involvement of Community groups in undertaking all the tasks was done by NORWEX COMPANY LIMITED for a contracted amount of Kshs.5,820,000 and is at 40% with works ongoing.

#### **TONGAREN, AND WEBUYE EAST SUB COUNTIES**

Tongaren, Ndalu/Tabani, Soysambu/Mitua, Mbakalo, Naitiri/Kabuyefwe, Milima, Maraka, Mihuu And Ndivisi; Proposed establishment and maintenance of tree nurseries in Tongaren and Webuye East Sub-County, purchase and supply of assorted quality seeds; preparation of nursery bed ; supply and deliver approved soil media and potting materials; provision of water to the site; Fencing of the Site; Nursery Management for at least six months, involve the community groups in all the activities as they are the final beneficiaries was done by EMCAS AGENCIES LIMITED for a contracted amount of Kshs.7,068,330 is at 32% with works ongoing.

#### **KABUCHAI SUB-COUNTY: Chwele/Kabuchai Ward**

Proposed rehabilitation of rivers Chwele, Wabukhonyi And Chwele water pans in Chwele/Kabuchai Ward in Kabuchai Sub-County; Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and bamboo), Land Preparation, Pegging, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance ( Gap filling, Weeding, Pest and Disease Control, Watering) to ensure maximum survival rate; Involvement of Community groups in undertaking all the tasks was done by LINDNER ELECTRICAL SALES LIMITED for a contracted amount of Kshs. 5,552,000 is at 30% with works ongoing.

#### **KANDUYI, BUMULA**

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Khalaba, Musikoma, Bukembe East, Bukembe West, Tuuti/Marakaru, West Bukusu, Bumula, South Bukusu, Kimaeti, Siboti and Kabula; Proposed establishment and maintenance of tree nurseries in Kanduyi and Bumula Sub-County purchase and supply of assorted quality seeds; preparation of nursery bed ; supply and deliver approved soil media and potting materials; provision of water to the site; Fencing of the Site; Nursery Management for at least six months, involve the community groups in all the activities as they are the final beneficiaries done by MAIMEN ENTERPRISE LIMITED for a contracted amount of Kshs. 8,554,500 is at 20% with works ongoing.

### **BUMULA, KANDUYI, KABUCHAI, ELGON**

Khasoko, Kabula, Musikoma, Bukembe East, West Nalondo and Chesikaki Wards; Proposed tree growing within Institutions in Khasoko, Kabula, Musikoma, Bukembe East, West Nalondo and Chesikaki Wards; Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and fruit), Delivery of tree seedlings to different institutions within the ward, Land Preparation, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance (Gap filling, Watering,); was done by BIXELLENT GREEN LIMITED for a contract sum of Kshs. 6,960,000 is currently at 20%.

### **ELGON SUB-COUNTY**

Elgon, Cheptais, Kapkateny, Kaptama, Chepyuk, Chesikaki; Proposed establishment and Maintenance of tree nurseries in Mt. Elgon Sub-County, Purchase and Supply of assorted quality seeds; preparation of nursery bed ; supply and deliver approved soil media and potting materials; provision of water to the site; Fencing of the Site; Nursery Management for at least six months, involve the community groups in all the activities as they are the final beneficiaries done by MAIMEN ENTERPRISE LTD for a contract sum of Kshs. 5,460,000 is at 10%.

### **WEBUYE WEST, KABUCHAI, SIRISIA KIMILILI SUB-COUNTIES**

Matulo, Sitikho, Bokoli, Chwele/Kabuchai, Luuya/Bwake, Lwandanyi, Malakisi/South Kulisiru, Namwela, Kimilili, Kibingei, Maeni and Kamukuywa; Proposed Establishment and Maintenance of tree nurseries in Webuye West, Kabuchai, Sirisia and Kimilili Sub-County, Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and bamboo), Land Preparation, Pegging, Pitting Holes, Planting and maintenance ( Gap filling, Weeding, Pest and Disease Control, Watering) to ensure maximum survival rate; Involvement of

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Community groups in undertaking all the tasks was done by GEINEOSIS LIMITED for a contract sum of 9,249,000 is at 0% and was Re-tendered.

## **KABUCHAI, WEBUYE WEST, WEBUYE EAST AND TONGAREN, KIMILILI SUB-COUNTY**

Luuya/Bwake, Matulo, Mihuu, Kamukuywa, and Naitiri/Kabuyefwe Wards; Proposed tree growing within Institutions in Luuya/Bwake, Matulo, Mihuu, Kamukuywa and Naitiri/Kabuyefwe Wards. Purchase and supply assorted tree seedlings (indigenous and fruit), Delivery of tree seedlings to different institutions within the ward, Land Preparation, Pitting Holes, Planting and Maintenance (Gap filling, Watering,); work with institutions and Community Groups to ensure high survival rate was done by ROCKWELL LIMITED for a contract sum of Kshs.5,910,500 is at 0% and the project was Re-tendered.

### **COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS**

The Committee made the following observations;

1. There were significant delays in the transfer of Funds from the County Revenue Fund (CRF) to the Special Purpose Account designated for Co-funding. This adversely affected the timely initiation and execution of various projects.
2. As at 31st March, 2025, majority of projects under the Environment and Agriculture sectors recorded implementation progress below 50%, with a number of projects having registered 0% progress. This performance raises concerns regarding budget absorption, service delivery and the overall achievement of the programme.
3. The Committee noted that adverse weather conditions, particularly drought, significantly disrupted the commencement and progress of Environment and Agriculture sector projects. These challenges limited the feasibility of timely implementation thereby impeding effective service delivery in drought-affected areas.
4. There were delays by some contractors moving to the sites after contract awarding. In some instances contractors delayed collecting their award letters, resulting in further stagnation of project commencement.

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5. Community resistance to the open tender method and unrealistic expectations among local stakeholders were reported to have impeded the commencement of several projects.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee made the following Recommendations;

1.**THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member for Tourism, Environment , Water and Natural Resources and the County Treasury should ensure timely and consistent transfer of Funds from the County Revenue Fund (CRF) to Special Purpose Accounts, including Co-funding Accounts, to avoid delays in project implementation.

2.**THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member should seek for extension of the contractual period as per the Public Procurement and Asset disposal Act, 2015 section 139 in cases where the contractual period is affected by weather changes and fast track the procurement process. The County Executive should prioritize the expedited implementation of Environment and Agriculture sector projects.

3.**THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member for Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources should ensure that due diligence is done before awarding contracts and in cases where the contractual terms are violated the termination procedures under section 167 of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2015 should be initiated immediately. The department should create a centralized database of contractors past performance to inform decision-making and prevent awarding contracts to underperforming and consistently non-compliant contractors.

4.**THAT**, the department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources through the County Climate Change Unit should ensure Communities are sensitized on issues pertaining project implementation under the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program.

May I take this opportunity to welcome Hon. Kikechi to second the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Martin Chemorion. Hon. Bernard Kikechi, you have the honor of seconding the committee report. Kindly, proceed.

**Hon. Bernard Kikechi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Chemorion who is also our vice chair of the committee for having eloquently moved these report on the Bungoma County Climate Change Fund quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.

It is clear that there were significant delays in the transfer of funds from the County Revenue Fund to the special designated for the co-funding of this project. This led to the delay of some of the projects and even some up to now as we are speaking some have not been completed as

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per the report, which clearly points to the fact that we should take this issue of budgetary allocation seriously.

What we are undergoing here shows that if the statement continues with such wonderful programmes again which will be delayed which is not good. From the completed projects, it is worth noting that some projects were slow to take off while others completely never took off as I said. It is an issue which as a committee we have worked it over and we have aptly instructed the CECM in charge to prioritize and expedite the implementation of these projects.

I second it looking at this year's financial projections and estimates of the same fund, it is a program that we need to fully support so that we can reap the full benefits. I second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Than you, Hon. Kikechi, for seconding the committee report and now allowing people to propose a budget for debate.

*(Question proposed)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Francis, Proceed.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. First, I want to thank the mover and the seconder of the report. When we worked on the Climate Change policy in this house in the Second Assembly, I remember our expectation were very high. That time the talk was 50 million per ward per year. That is why we expanded the policy. We ensured it was in place, down the line, you realize that there are Wards that nothing has happened. If they have been done in other wards then it is 10% of the work. Others have tried looking for names of other Wards. I don't know if it is me who is missing. There are wards that may not be benefiting. If they are benefiting they are benefiting from something that is not impactful to the people of the ward.

For instance in my Ward; we have a contractor that was to establish a tree nursery for the whole of Mt. Elgon region. That is the only thing that was to happen in my Ward, out of that Kshs 300 million. What was supposed to be done was to establish a tree nursery which has not been done up to this date.

The report is talking about community resistance, it is true, they resisted because we came up with the Ward Climate Change Committees in all the 45 votes, but that was put aside and everything was done at the County level.

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Even identification of where they were going to perform the project was done at the County level. And if there is an area that this county may have lost lots of money, it is this programme of Climate Change, because if up to now, there are conductors who have done 10%, others have done 20%, and a few have attained 100%. What will happen to these ones? There are proposals one is to extend, while the other is to terminate, so there will be loss of funds if the project is terminated.

The program was handled by one person, who made sure that all the contractors that were given this work, both the Chief Officer and CECM were not involved. When we followed it up that time, we realized that its Director of Climate Change was running the show alone.

And she did it the way she wanted, to the disadvantage of many wards. If you look at this report, if we could have been, if we had the time to summarize, you realize that there are other wards that have gotten all the four or five programmes. They have the water spring, they have the borehole, they have the nursery, and they have in expense of other wards.

So I don't know how this one, the current one, will be used now to balance these other wards that did not benefit. So I want the mover of the motion, as he replies, I want him to assure this House then that what is now going to come up because they are going to do other projects this financial year what is the surety then that we will have a balanced application of the funds that have been budgeted. So that areas that did not benefit a lot can also get the benefit.

Wards that did not achieve anything can also be given some projects so that they can undertake. So the issue of procurement was done in secrecy. In fact, even Honourable Members here are aware. The issues just came out later on. You are being told there is a contractor.

There is a contractor who was given contract in my ward I didn't know him. I went to the office I asked who is coming to do this work in my ward I was given the number. When I called him, he was very rude. I wanted to know who he is, when is he coming to the ground for public participation meeting to launch the project.

We just spoke once and he directed me back to the director. He said everything is under the director. So if we don't rain in on this programme, it has a lot of money.

It can change our County but as a County assembly, let us try to rain in on this executive so that we have the projects implemented. They are equally distributed so that every part of this county feels the heat from this World Bank funded project.

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With the World Bank funded projects if a person writes to World Bank somebody who feels aggrieved and writes to the World Bank saying the monies have not been well utilized, it will stop. The programme may stop here and that is not the direction we want to take. We want us to correct.

Let the CECM and the team and the chair of this committee. You have looked at the picture of the chair of the committee. Let him take charge. Have you seen the FLLoCA committee? The pictures are next. Look at the chair. You should take charge of these programmes and ensure that they are done. You should also ensure that they are equally distributed. Otherwise, I support the report.

It is done, well done by this committee with those reservations that I have raised, that in our next programmes, let the department be serious with the work that they have been given. They should not just joke with these monies. It is a lot of money that can transform our county.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Chemion. Hon. Sudi,

**Hon. Isaiah Sudi:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I also wish to make a few remarks on the report by the Committee on Tourism, Water and Natural Resources Committee. My ward has been mentioned severally and why I'm standing is that it's like the project of water never took place in my ward and it has been mentioned severally.

Secondly, 61 acres of the Hass Avocado mentioned in the report 61 acres in Bumula, 61 acres in Kanduyi.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon Sudi, I have a problem with your submissions. You are a member of this committee and if you knew what they were saying were not true in your ward; you could have declined to sign the report.

**Hon. Isaiah Sudi:** Honorable Speaker, you would have allowed me to finish.

**Mr. Speaker:** You know the challenge, you are a member of the committee and you disown what is in this report.

**Hon. Isaiah Sudi:** I support the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Kindly Hon. Sudi, proceed.

**Hon. Isaiah Sudi:** The department needs to change the method that they used in the projects implementation. I think they need to use a different format in the next projects because you see some areas are 100 but where the project is 100%, like I saw the Kikechi water project in

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Mbakalo. It's a very good one and it's well-done but I did not get any in my area. So I'm saying that next time...

**Mr. Speaker:** You could have called it the Sudi Water Project, so that they take it seriously.

**Hon. Isaiah Sudi:** I'm only saying that next time, let them apply equity, like when they advertise, let them get contractors who have capacity so that we all benefit because this money for FLLOCA came as a mitigation money to mitigate on our climatic harsh conditions. I want to request the Chair that next time let my allocation should be higher, so that we remain at par.

Otherwise, I support the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Isaiah Sudi. Hon. Ali Machani!

**Hon. Ali Machani:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker, for allowing me also to add a voice on this report. First of all, I want to thank the members for coming up with this report, which is an eye-opener. Now, the report is before us, we either approve it or reject it but first is to understand the dilemma and the challenges they've gone through. This program is funded by the World Bank through the good coordination with the County Government. From where I sit, I call it as a pilot program that came in Phase 1 did not do well but again, from where we sit as leaders, we embrace them that this time round they need to adjust their technical team to assist because as one of our members has raised, the Director played a major role on the implementation side but I have been also handling the same challenge in my ward.

You know my ward always makes serious follow-ups on anything you do. One of the members wrote a letter to the World Bank that Bungoma should not get money because they did not involve people. They are not very keen in involving the members from those areas where the project is going to be implemented.

I was personally raised on phone and advice that I need to link up with the committee so that we hand over the site. I said the people who could be telling me is the committee because we have delegated our powers to them so that they can be involved because they are the user end.

So the end user plays a role because when a project is done, they are the custodians and they will also monitor it as they will be working on it but what the members were raising, because the World Bank team came to my office. The CEC, Mr. Wamalwa was there, the Chief Officer, the Director, and the whole team. What I saw is that someone may think that it is nice not to involve the community but at the end of the day, when you listen to them, the major blame goes to the Director. So how I wish the Director should be advised to involve those who are the custodians of the project.

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When the contractor is on site, he should involve the community. There is no meaning in running a program in Bumula, but people working on the project come from elsewhere. So I don't want to say that areas that received 100% implementation belong to members of the committee, but they are members who did serious follow-up to ensure projects were implemented as expected. But those of us who are not very keen with this, the implementation were at 60 to 70%. So it means there is need of us working jointly so that the remaining 30% can be realized because need value for money.

You know the County, the World Bank and the community with goodwill are all giving some percentages. So, we want to see value for money and this being phase one, it was not done properly and point fingers directly to the technocrats that are supervise.

There are so many projects that World Bank is ready to fund but if they get reports that the phase one or two was not implemented properly, the World Bank will not fund because they are very keen on transparency and accountability.

I thank the committee for bringing this report. It is an eye-opener and continue playing that oversight role so that we can see value for money. I support this report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ali Machani. Hon. Martin Chemorion, kindly reply to the motion.

**Hon. Martin Chemorion:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to appreciate the seconder of the motion and the contributors who have actually raised issues on the report. It was the decision of the Committee after realizing the anomalies and widespread outcry on how the program was being executed and how the contracts were being given out, that we actually went for quarterly expenditure specifically for FLLoCA. We didn't want to do it for the entire department but we only zeroed in on the FLLoCA projects.

Hon. Chemion has actually alluded to the high expectations. During the inception of this project, the community out there, and even as a representative, we had high expectation that each and every Ward is going to get 50 million but unfortunately, it didn't come to pass. There were actually new guidelines giving out on how this program was going to be executed by department. We had the Agriculture, Environment, Energy and Water sector, which had their own percentages and the department had to balance and this caused some other Wards getting some skewed allocations.

If you find maybe a Ward like Siboti, it got almost 70 million because it had County-wide project; that is Sitabicha dam and it also benefited in other projects, so other Wards like Kaptama for example, after now distributing the monies across the sectors, Kaptama had an allocation of only about 800,000 and unfortunately the project never even took off. So this

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skewed allocation of monies that made the committee to inquire on how this FLLoCA program is being implemented and come up with recommendations that improve the program going forward.

I want to assure the members that we have raised with the department, we have asked them we've actually impressed upon them to look at this skewed allocation and they have promised they are going to do business unusual. So, let's expect that everything is going to be done because we are on top of things now. A lot of blame has actually been leveled against the director. The donor funds come with so many documentations and if you get somebody who is experienced, who has had interaction with the donors, they know that we normally don't read these documents and can capitalize on that and do whatever they want to do and this is what happened. Tenders were done and awarded secretly and of course, you could find that they were merging wards. You merge a ward like Cheptais, Chesikaki and Chepyuk and allocate five million for a project. You find that whatever another award is getting out of that five, you're only getting under one million and other wards are doing that. That is a mistake they made and they promised that they're going to rectify.

Hon. Sudi talked about his area. He is a member of the committee and he has actually raised issues. He has serious issues and raising of serious issues has made the department go and rectify how things are going to be done and it even made the department to fast-track. Actually, it's not fast-tracking because they were dilly dallying. They didn't want even to advertise the same because maybe they had vested interest but with the pressure that we had to put on them, they had to re-tender and this approach of especially the Hass and the environment project, the department was saying the donors because this money is not only from the World Bank.

There are other donors who are giving us money and they are being pressured that they should implement the projects but we advised them that the weather is not conducive for agricultural and environmental projects, but they had to go on but we called upon to be waiting for conducive weather so that realize full benefits from the projects.

Hon. Balala was impressed that his community is so empowered. There's nothing wrong to write to the World Bank because it is part of the monitoring and evaluation. The community is being on top of things and they want things to be done in the right way. You know having a committee of about five members, information reaching to the community where the project is being undertaken sometimes is difficult or not adequate, that is why there are so many complaints which breeds resistance and when that happens then the project will not be owned and sustainability is put in jeopardy.

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I want to appreciate the committee for to digging out the evil that was done which we have placed before the floor of the House for our consumption. Next time we have to be vigilant to ensure that the projects are implemented smoothly for the benefit of our community.

I beg the House to adopt the report.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Chemorion for your reply to the motion and the Honorable members' contribution to the same that enabled you to have a chance to reply to the same. Allow me to proceed and put a question to the motion

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The report, its observations and recommendations are hereby approved by the House accordingly.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

That was the only motion on our Order Paper today. We will now adjourn the sitting today and resume tomorrow Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at our 2:30 p.m. session.

***The House rose at 4:03 p.m.***

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