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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)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION

Honourable Members, it is my privilege to welcome students and teachers of Nang'eni Girls Secondary School from West Bukusu Ward in Bumula Constituency. The primary objective of this education visit is to allow the students and the teachers understand the formation, structure and the functions of the County Government in Kenya and the system of the devolved governments.

Equally, our core mandate of the lawmaking process, the oversight and the representation of the Honourable MCAs. The visiting delegation comprises of 81 students, kindly be upstanding students in the galleries.

(Students in the public gallery rise)

Kindly be sitted please.

(Students take back their seats)

(Applause)

Honourable members, the said students are accompanied by two teachers, Mr. Wanyama Samuel and Mrs. Veronica Barasa, be upstanding.

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(Teachers stand)

Kindly be seated.

(Teachers sit)

Honourable Members, at the statement hour on our Order Paper, I will allow Members to make comments and brief remarks to encourage our learners as they go back to school to learn hard so that they become future leaders of this country.

Next item

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 47(2) (C); RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON,
SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ICT

Hon. Tony Barasa: Honourable Speaker, report to the statements sought by Member for Bokoli Ward regarding the status, legality and performance of substantive and Acting Directors within the various county departments.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Tony, that is your response.

Hon. Tony Barasa: I am doing the response, Honourable Speaker and the Member, Hon. Jack Kawa delegated to Hon. Opwora and I want Hon. Opwora to confirm before proceeding, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Opwora, is that true?

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Honourable Speaker, I confirm.

Mr. Speaker: It is okay, Hon. Tony proceed.

Hon. Tony Barasa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. The County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Order 54 *provides that the Chairperson of the committee shall submit a progressive report to the House on questions;*

a. Referred to the committee

b. Replied to and which the committee has directed the County Executive Committee member to provide additional information or further reply and

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c. Pending before the committee.

Honourable Speaker, on Tuesday, 12th May, 2026 at 2.30 p.m., the Honourable Member for Bokoli sought a statement regarding the status, legality and performance of substantive and acting directors within various county departments in this House and you directed that the statement be processed by the Joint Committee on Public Administration and ICT and Labour Relations to provide the response to the House. In the statement, the joint committee was to seek answers on the following;

1. Whether all serving directors within the County Executive departments were all substantively recruited, appointed by the County Public Service Board in accordance with Article 235 of the Constitution and Section 59 of the County Government Act of 2012
2. A list of all substantive directors, department, dates of appointment and recruitment references.
3. A list of all officers currently serving in acting capacity as directors
4. The authority that appointed each acting director pursuant to Section 73 of the County Government Act of 2012
5. Copies of the appointment letters for both substantive and acting directors and the duration each officer has served in acting capacity.
6. Clarity on whether acting appointments have exceeded the recommended six months threshold without substantive confirmation or recruitment and why the County Executive has continued to extend acting appointments beyond the recommended legal threshold.
7. Whether such an extension complied with the Constitution principles of effective and merit under Article 232 and 235 of the Constitution.
8. Justification of retention of officers in acting position despite prolonged service.
9. Academic and professional qualification for all directors both substantive and acting in line with merits requirements under Section 65 of the County Government Act of 2012.
10. Confirm whether acting officers met the minimum qualification prescribed for their respective position.
11. Performance appraisal reports for all directors
12. Explain the measures taken to address underperformance linked to leadership capacity gaps in line with that clause 32d on accountability of administrative action.

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Honorable Speaker, the joint committee deliberated on the statement and resolved to seek a response from the County Chief Officer for Public Service Management and ICT and the County Secretary, Public Service Board. Subsequently, responses referred to CG/BGM/PSM&ICT/CCO/CA/CC/ Vol3(002) and CPSBP/CAB/Vol6(94) were submitted by the Chief Officer Public Service Management and ICT and Chairperson Public Service Board respectively to the joint committee for review.

Following review of the documents, Honourable Speaker, the committee noted issues that require further clarification and submission of additional information. The joint committee invited the County Secretary, Chairperson - County Public Service Board and the Chief Officer - Public Service Management. Subsequently, the above-named officers appeared before it on Thursday 4th June, 2026 and responded to the issues highlighted.

Honourable Speaker, the issues raised by the owner of the statement were not adequately addressed to the satisfaction of the committee. Further, owing to the time constraints, not all the requested documents were submitted to enable the committee comprehensively process the statements and present a detailed response to this House.

Upon careful consideration of the matter and noting the weight of the statement and its potential impact on service delivery to the people of Bungoma, the joint committee seeks leave of this Honorable House pursuant to Standing Order (217) (1) (f) to investigate and inquire into the matter referred to it by the House. The committee shall thereafter prepare and submit a comprehensive report to this House upon conclusion of its inquiry.

The committee shall therefore request a period of two weeks to finalize its inquiry and report back to the House. I submit Honorable Speaker.

The report is signed by myself Hon. Tony Barasa Khaoya and my co-chairperson Hon. Martin Chemorion Cheseto, MCA - Cheptais Ward, Chairperson Committee on Labour Relations, Members Facilities and Services.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Edwin Opwora

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, on behalf of the owner of the statement, we agree by the resolutions done by the joint committees.

Mr. Speaker: So, you have sought for two weeks, which is fourteen days.

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Hon. Edwin Opwora: Fourteen days, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will give you up to 25th of June, where we require feedback from you, and I think the earlier thing is good because you saw what happened here.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: The only area that I'm more concerned, and Honourable Members are concerned, any time you always have Sector committee interrogations, I see people masquerading as directors, others in acting directorship.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: True.

Mr. Speaker: And where I sit, you can't act where you don't have the qualification. I think I will give you two weeks, give us feedback. We are all anxious to consume that information from the committees.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: So, 25th of June, give us feedback please. Thank you. Next.

STATEMENT NUMBER 34

BY MEMBER FOR KHALABA WARD, HON. CORNELIUS MAKHANU AND STATEMENT NUMBER 35,
BY MEMBER FOR KHALABA WARD, HON. CORNELIUS MAKHANU

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Cornelius Makhanu, I have just been checking, both of your statements are going to the same department. There are two with the same departments, so the first two, read all of them together, we get the feedback from the department, then we will have the next one. Kindly proceed.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I stand to seek a statement, subject, implementation of Community Empowerment Fund, CEF, road maintenance project in Khalaba Ward for the financial year 2024/2025. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order number, 47 2 (c) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders, and mindful of

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the provisions of Article 201, of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, on accountability and prudent use of public resources.

Article 174 (c) on decentralization of services as well as the provisions of the County Government Act, 2012, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, and the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, regarding transparent, accountability and proper implementation of public projects.

I therefore hereby rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure, and Public Works regarding the implementation of community empowerment fund, CEF, road maintenance projects in Khalaba Ward for the financial year 2024/2025.

Honourable Speaker, the Community Empowerment Fund was established to support community-based development initiatives and improve service delivery at the grassroots level. Road maintenance projects undertaken under this program are critical in improving accessibility, enhancing local economic activities, and ensuring residents benefit efficient transport infrastructure. However, concerns have been raised regarding the implementation status, completion levels, and accountability in the utilization of funds allocated for these projects.

In the response, the Chairperson should inquire into and report to this House on the following matters;

1. The status of road maintenance projects undertaken under the Community Empowerment Fund in Khalaba Ward for the financial year 2024/2025, including the implementation schedule and current progress of each project.
2. The percentage of work completed for each project and where works are incomplete, the reason for the delay or non-completion, including measures being undertaken by the Department to ensure timely completion in accordance with the approved work plans and contractual obligations.
3. The list of projects that have so far been paid, the amount disbursed for each project and confirmation on whether the respective works were fully implemented in compliance with the provision of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and applicable County Treasury Regulations.

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4. The list of companies awarded the contracts for the projects, including copies of the letters of award, acknowledgement letters, and confirmation on whether the procurement process complied with the provisions of the Public Procurement and Asset Disbursement Act 2015 and the Public Procurement and Asset Disbursement Regulations 2020.

Honourable Speaker, I request that this statement be responded to within the timelines provided under the Standing Orders of this House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker that is the first statement.

The second statement,

Honourable Speaker, I seek from the same Chairperson of the Sector Committee on Roads, Transport and Infrastructure and Public Works regarding the Salmond – Namuyemba – River Khalaba Road project, with a specific focus on its planning, implementation, funding, and overall progress status. Honourable Speaker, Sir, the Salmond - Namuyemba – River Khalaba Road is an important infrastructure project expected to enhance mobility, improve access to markets and social services, and stimulate economic activities within the area.

However, concerns have been raised by the residents regarding the implementation status, utilization of public funds, and the overall progress of the project. In the response, the Chairperson should inquire into and report to this House on the following matters;

1. The Contract agreement and the letter of Award issued for the project, including whether the procurement process complied with the provisions of the Public Procurement and Asset Disbursement Act 2015 and attendant regulations.
2. The total project cost and the distance of the road covered under the project as approved, the County Integrated Development Plan CIDP, Annual Development Plan ADP, and the approved County budget.
3. The amount of money paid to the contractor so far and the outstanding balance, if any, in line with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and applicable treasury regulations.
4. The bill of quantities for the project and whether the works undertaken correspond with the approved specifications and scope of work.

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5. The performance bond issued for the project pursuant to the requirements of the Public Procurement and Asset Disbursement Act 2015 and the Public Procurement and Asset Disbursement Regulations 2020.
6. The last one, number six, the percentage of work completed to date, the expected completion timeline, and the measure put in place by the Department to ensure timely completion and value for public money.

Honourable Speaker, I request that this statement be responded to within the timelines provided for under the Standing Orders of this House. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Chair of the Committee of Roads, is there any Member of the Committee of Roads in this House?

Hon. Johnston Okasida: Honourable Speaker, I thought that our Vice Chair would react, but let me take it on behalf of the Committee of Roads.

Mr. Speaker: Are you alleging the Vice Chair in this House.

Hon. Johnston Okasida: He is around, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Who is the Vice Chair?

Hon. Johnston Okasida: Charles Nangulu.

Mr. Speaker: You may resume your seat. I saw him stretching his hand. I was wondering if he wanted to pray or what. Hon. Charles Nangulu, can you proceed?

Hon. Charles Nangulu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Having heard and understood the statement from Hon. Cornelius, representing Khalaba Ward, I request that you give us two weeks.

Mr. Speaker: It will take us up to June 25, 2026, so, you will have that time of two weeks. Give us feedback. Thank you.

STATEMENT NO. 36 FROM HON. CORNELIUS MAKHANU

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Mr. Speaker: Yes, you proceed

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you once more. Honourable Speaker, my third statement is subject to the procurement and acquisition of Land for the establishment of Bondeni ECD Center.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No 472 C of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders and cognisant of the provision of Article 53 1 B of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on every child's right to free and compulsory basic education, Section 8 of the Basic Education Act, 2013 on the responsibility of county governments in pre-primary education as well as the provision of the County Governments Act, 2012 and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 regarding accountability in utilization of public resources.

I hereby rise to seek a statement from the chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban Fiscal Planning and Housing regarding the status of procurement and acquisition of land for the establishment of Bungoma Bondeni ECDE Centre within Khalaba Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, Early Childhood Development Education ECDE centres are critical institutions in advancing access to quality foundational education as envisaged under the Constitution and the Basic Education Act. The establishment of Bondeni ECDE Centre is therefore a matter of great public importance to the residents of Khalaba Ward, particularly parents and children who continue to face challenges in accessing adequate ECDE facilities.

In response, the chairperson should inquire into and report to this House on the following set of matters;

- I. The current status of the procurement and acquisition of land earmarked for the establishment of Bondeni ECDE Centre including compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 and the Land Act 2012.
- II. The total amount allocated in the approved county budget and or supplemental budget for the acquisition of land and establishment of the ECDE centres including the amount spent so far and any pending balances pursuant to the provision of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

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- III. Whether any payments have been made towards the land acquisition process indicating the beneficiaries, amounts paid and whether the due process was followed in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Public Procurement Asset Disposal Act, 2015.
- IV. The measures the relevant department has put in place to fast-track the acquisition process and ensure the timely establishment and operationalization of the Bondeni ECDE Centre for the benefit of the local community.

Hon. Speaker, I request that this statement be responded to within the timelines provided for under the Standing Orders of this Honourable House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Chair - Committee of Lands, Hon. Ipara.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Hon. Speaker we request for a period of two weeks to handle the matter.

Mr. Speaker: I have already been able to give two weeks to the committee. Now let's go to the next Tuesday after those two weeks. 30th of June, we expect feedback from the committee.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: We shall comply with it, Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It's okay, Honourable Members from our Order Paper we are under the statement hour. I wish to allow some few remarks from Honourable Members about our visitors in the Public Gallery; students from Nangeni Girls Secondary School from West Bukusu Ward. I will allow a few speakers over the same.

Member of the Education Committee, or they are all out. Hon. Ipara... let me start with the Hon. Angeline Rugut here first.

Hon. Angeline Rugut: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance to welcome our visitors in the gallery, the students of Nang'eni Girls High School. It's a good thing that they thought of coming to this place to see how we work in this Honourable House. We know so much is changing out there and to see a school that has not closed is an honour. I want to

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encourage them that you keep on doing the right thing for that way God is going to reward you.

So much is changing in the education system and it is a high time we reminded these students that it is all about their individual life. There are those things that you can do as a group but finally it will dawn on you as an individual and if anything that you did is going to be perhaps taken illegally like the students that we have seen you realize that you will carry your own cross as a student.

Students, you are girls. Girls are supposed to be future mothers and a mother's hands are normally gentle. So as you grow up, see yourself as a mother, a mother who is supposed to be dependent on. Somebody that is loving, caring, somebody that the society relies on. So don't be carried away by other students' inferences and you find yourself doing something that is wrong. In anything that you do, make sure that you do not hurt anyone, be it emotionally, psychologically, or even physically.

Always choose to do the right thing. You have your teachers; they are your role models. You have your parents who are sacrificing for you to be in school and even as the rest are out there at home, remember that the syllabus is going on. The national exam will be set and there will be no excuse that perhaps you are away before maybe the midterm break.

I want to implore all new girls that always trust God, always pray to God and always choose to do the right thing. I know you are either maybe a Muslim or a Christian and none of those doctrines are advocates for people to do wrong or to destroy property or even to hurt anyone.

I want to implore on you that always remain disciplined. We are praying for you, and we want you to be even role models for those who do not know the right way to go. Otherwise, as you leave this place I am sure you will have learned something on how affairs are ran in this House. Be blessed. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angeline. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to also make some few remarks as we appreciate the students who chose to come to Bungoma County Assembly to learn on matters legislation. This is actually... I believe these are History and government students

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who are out to understand how devolution works and how the county governments work in the current dispensation.

I want to take this opportunity first of all to applaud the teachers who organized for this and for students for accepting to be part of this so that we can learn together. What I can say is that you have learned much since you came. Our orderlies have taken you through sections where it matters in this Assembly because everywhere around the walls and the fence of this institution is called the precincts of the Assembly and while in this, I know you have learned a lot from our orderlies; officers who are concerned.

I just want to encourage you students, bearing in mind that you may be either the last cohort or the second last cohort of the 844 system. I don't know if we have Grade 10 here. So if you are not Grade 10, it means you are either Form 3 or Form 4 who are going to end the system that has been there for some time since 1985, 844 system.

You are the last cohort or second last and while you are in school now you have to be careful and aware that if you don't do it right, you are most likely to suffer the consequences of change in curriculum in this country and it will be you as a person, it will not be you and others.

I want to urge each one of you do not look at your friends. Do not be driven by mob psychology that let us do this because your friends are influencing you. Refuse to be influenced by anybody negatively but accept to influence everybody and everyone around you positively.

Tell yourself that I have to influence every person who is around me but I will influence my friend, my peer, my colleagues positively, through that you realize that you make it. As students, I want to say this, is very easy to live in school and anywhere when you are following school rules and regulations. Life becomes easy but life becomes difficult when you choose to do wrong things because of course teachers will waste a lot of time trying to correct as opposed to using a lot of time teaching and achieving more for you.

I want to argue as students, do not be influenced by the negative happenings but be a school, be a class that would want to influence and be a history that while some people were negative you chose to be positive, and you like it, you'll make it in life. So, I want to urge you that

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much has been learnt by yourselves because of time I just want to urge that as you go back share what you have learnt with your colleagues so that is part of refreshing and learning.

I want to take this opportunity therefore, to wish those of you who are either in form four a very successful assessment awaiting for and for those in form three pray that you finish off this 8:4:4 system in style and pass with flying colors. May God bless you. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Edwin Opwora.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to also welcome students from Nangili Girls and the teachers who brought them here. Mr. Speaker, I always want to take this chance to talk to students because when you look at my age and them, we are not so far apart. I might belong in the youthful bracket. I know Hon...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Edwin Opwora thirty-eight plus cannot be a youth. You cannot be a youth...

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Mr. Speaker the age on ID and the age on my face is a bit different. However, I just want to encourage our students that there is life beyond school and Honourable Speaker, I was looking on social media, there is a student, a girl actually, who is quarrelling the father and actually some of my colleagues who have seen it will agree with me that is a very pathetic situation. Two on the same social media, I have seen a student who was encouraging or kind of giving threats that if they are also not given two weeks permission to go home, they will burn the school.

On what Hon. Stephen Wafula has just said about influence, I just want to encourage our students that by virtue that they are here, they should know that social media never forgets. Whatever you do now, whatever image you portray now negatively, will impact you in future, because Honourable Speaker, you can imagine one of those students if in future comes here looking for a job and yet on social media, he had threatened to burn the school. That is one person you can never feel comfortable working with.

So, I just want to encourage them that they are always in school for a season and for a reason, and seasons always pass. Let their season be the best for their lives so that in future they will be proud of their youth and who they were at their time. Otherwise, Honourable Speaker, I want to thank the teachers for exposing these students beyond the classroom and encourage that they continue with the good trend. I wish them all the best. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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(Applause)

Honourable Members, allow me to appreciate the contributions of Hon. Rugut, Hon. Opwora and Hon. Stephen Wamalwa. If I was to say that they were wise men then Rugut was the only remaining wise woman who has spoken as a mother to these young girls.

(Applause)

She has spoken as a mother and as a retired principal. They cannot get any more wisdom from us than her.

Secondly, Honourable members allow me be able to say the following to the students before us here as ably put by Hon. Edwin Opwora, social media does not suffer from memory losses. You come here after ten years for attachment; we refer to your history at school.

Your School leaving certificate will be the indicator of the character of whom you were at school. Avoid your fingerprints being taken at this early stage of your life. They never leave the CID records. When you will be going for your ID and most importantly for your Good Conduct if you behave badly now, they reflect in those databases of criminals in this Republic.

So, I urge you on behalf of the Honourable Members here and your teachers to very good students. Your colleagues may be at home out of peer pressure from other colleagues but the exam dates will not change because of being at home. The exam has been set and you will face the same exam. We urge you to be very good students. Work hard. Obey your parents because the teachers can be able to teach you but they cannot change your character and your behaviour.

So we are also parents and we are urging you that be good students. What you ought to find and be able to get is a good grade at your school level because subsequently when you go the field out here to look for employment, they will be looking at your school leaving certificate. It is going to portray your clear character and how you behaved.

Lastly, some of the Honourable Members sit on boards, High school boards. You go there for attachment they will want to find out in which school you were in. The one which was notoriously on strikes or chasing teachers from classrooms to go home like you have heard from your neighbouring schools. So, we are speaking and requesting you and urging you, that be good pupils and we wish you all the best in your End Year Examination. Thank you, we proceed.

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MOTION

INDUSTRIAL REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALIZATION ON THE STATUS OF COMPLETION OF BUNGOMA COUNTY AGGREGATION PARK

Mr. Speaker: Yes Hon. Ken Wanyama. You are the one who made the Report. You kindly proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Wanyama: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I think members of Trade if we can quickly confirm the Quorum.

(Laughter)

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, they will proceed for the following reasons. Hon. Everline Mutiembu is on Budget Committee with my permission. Hon. Martin, Hon. Mukhanya Alfred is on Budget with my permission and Francis Chemion. So, based on that they have the Quorum. They will proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Wanyama: Thank you Hon. Speaker. This is a report on the status of completion of the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park by the Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization. Hon. Speaker I'll start with the executive summary

The Executive Summary

The Bungoma County aggregation and industrial park is a joint flagship project...

Mr. Speaker: Hon Kennedy the only rider I want to put across is that when you are here the from time of commencement of the report, sit throughout the report until it is over as the member of the committee. If you walk out I'll equally ask that the quorum hitch is raised and we all go home.

Hon. Kennedy Wanyama: Thank you Hon. Speaker for that, I start again. The Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park is a joint flagship project by the National

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Government and the Bungoma County Government each contributing Ksh250 million towards a total cost of Ksh. 500 million. Anchored in Kenya Vision 2030 MTP IV (2023/2027), BETA, and Bungoma CIDP 2023/2027, the project aims to promote agro-based industrialization, value addition, job creation and improved livelihoods. Located in East Sang'alo Ward, Kanduyi Sub-county, the park focuses on five priority value chains, i.e. coffee, sunflower, avocado, cassava and honey. It is expected to attract investment, enhance farmer incomes and generate significant direct and indirect employment while stimulating broader economic growth in the county.

A fact-finding exercise by the committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization established that although key substructure works for aggregation and value addition facilities had been completed, most buildings and support infrastructure remain incomplete. The overall level of completion of the project as at the time of the committee's visit was estimated at 54%. Financial analysis revealed that the National Government had fully met its funding obligation while County Government remittances stood about 50% contributing to delays and contractor payments and slow absorption of funds.

Additional challenges included difficult site conditions such as hard rock formations, steep gradients and swampy grounds. The committee recommends expediting release of outstanding county funds, accelerating construction works, strengthening quality controls and safety compliance and improving coordination and sequencing to ensure timely completion and realization of the project intended economic benefits.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Preamble

Hon Speaker,

This report outlines the outcomes arising from a fact-finding exercise conducted by the committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization at the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park located in East Sang'alo Ward, Kanduyi sub-county. The exercise was guided by clearly defined terms of reference to ensure a structured and comprehensive assessment of the projects planning, implementation and management and to provide a basis for actionable recommendations. The committee focused on key aspects of project documentation, site works, financial management and stakeholder engagement. The summarized terms of reference were as follows;

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- i. Examine the project's master plan bill of quantities, financial records to verify compliance with project plans, regulatory requirements and approved standards.
- ii. Conduct site inspections to determine the status and level of completion of construction works across all project components.
- iii. To review disbursement of funds, payments made to the contractor and adherence to contractual timelines and milestones.
- iv. Engage with project implementers, contractors, and relevant County departments to identify operational challenges, clarify technical and financial issues, and compile findings into actionable recommendations to improve project completion, efficiency, quality, and sustainability.

Justification

The fact-finding exercise on the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park was justified by the significant level of public investment involved and the project's strategic importance in advancing agro-based industrialization, value addition, and job creation in Bungoma County. Given the partial completion of key project components and emerging concerns regarding funding gaps, delayed payments, and slow absorption of funds, it was necessary to establish the true status of implementation.

The exercise provided an opportunity to verify physical and financial progress, identify challenges affecting timely completion, and assess compliance with quality, safety, and contractual requirements. This was essential to promote accountability, safeguard public resources, and generate practical recommendations to guide corrective measures and ensure the project achieves its intended economic and social outcomes.

Hon. Speaker,

Prior to the exercise, the committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization requested the below mentioned documents vide a letter Ref No. CAB/CC/SECT/10/VOL.II (30) dated 10th November, 2025.

- i. County Aggregation Industrial Park Master Plan
- ii. County Aggregation Industrial Park Bills of quantities
- iii. Approval documents for variation
- iv. Bank statement from the Special Purpose Account

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v. Environmental Impact report

The department submitted the aforementioned documents to the committee for scrutiny vide a letter Ref CG/BGM/DTEI/CA/VOL.II/132 dated 13th November, 2025.

Methodology

Hon. Speaker,

The exercise was guided by the following methods:

i. Document Review

The committee reviewed key project documents, including the CAIP Master Plan, payment certificates, funding disbursement records from the County Government, Special Purpose Account bank statements and progress reports submitted by the department.

ii. Site visit

The committee physically inspected the project on 10th November, 2025 and 9th January, 2026 respectively. The committee verified the geographical location of the project, inspected ongoing works, and assessed the level of completion of all project components.

iii. Financial Analysis

An analysis of project financing was conducted to establish the adequacy and timeliness of funding. This included reviewing County and National government allocations, amounts received to date, expenditure incurred, payments made to the contractor, and existing funding deficits in relation to the total contract sum.

iv. Stakeholder Consultations

The committee held consultative engagements with the implementing department and project contractor representatives to obtain clarifications on project execution, funding challenges, and technical issues affecting progress, including site conditions and contractual timelines.

Based on the information gathered from both primary and secondary sources, the Committee now submits its findings and recommendations to this Honorable House for consideration and adoption

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Hon. Speaker,

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

Honourable Speaker I can go to committee membership...

Mr. Speaker: Yes please...

Hon. Ken Wanyama: Committee Membership

The following is the committee membership as currently constituted;

1. Hon. Benard	Kikechi	Chairperson
2. Hon. Kennedy	Wanyama	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Everlyn	Mutiembu	
4. Hon. Kimeta	Polycarp	
5. Hon. Martin	Chemorion	
6. Hon. Alfred	Mukhanya	
7. Hon. Eunice	Yeko	
8. Hon. Charles	Nangulu	
9. Hon. Everlyn	Anyango	
10. Hon. Moureen	Wafula	
11. Hon. Angeline	Rugut	
12. Hon. Francis	Chemion	
13. Hon. Bridgit	Katasi	
14. Hon. Alice	Kibaba	
15. Hon. Florence	Juma	

Acknowledgement

The Committee appreciates the support and cooperation accorded by the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk during the fact-finding exercise on the Status of completion of the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park. I sincerely appreciate all Honourable Members and the secretariat for their unwavering support and active participation during the fact-finding exercise. Their commitment and valuable contributions greatly facilitated the successful completion of the exercise and the compilation of this comprehensive report.

I finally acknowledge the Department of Trade, Energy, and Industrialization and the team at the construction site for availing relevant documents and technical information. It is therefore

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my pleasant duty to present this report to this Honorable House for consideration and adoption.

Signed by Hon. Benard Kikechi MCA Mbakalo Ward, Chairperson Trade, Energy & Industrialization Committee.

CHAPTER TWO

County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP)

Industrialization has historically been a key catalyst for economic and social development, with most developed nations achieving progress through the establishment of strong industrial sectors. Its importance is globally recognized, as reflected in the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly SDG 9, which promotes resilient infrastructure, sustainable industrialization, and innovation to drive employment, economic growth, investment, technology transfer, and skills development.

In Kenya, Vision 2030 seeks to transform the country into an industrialized, middle-income economy with a high quality of life. This is operationalized through the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV 2023–2027) and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which emphasize agriculture, manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and services as engines for job creation, poverty reduction, wealth generation, and global competitiveness. At the county level, the Bungoma County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2023–2027) prioritizes inclusive growth through food security, agricultural diversification, infrastructure development, and improved public service delivery.

To support these goals, the National and County Governments are jointly implementing flagship projects to revitalize key value chains by investing in enabling infrastructure such as roads, electricity, water, ICT, markets, SEZs, EPZs, and County Aggregation and Industrial Parks. In this context, the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park in East Sang’alo Ward, Kanduyi Sub-County, is designed to promote sustainable production, value addition, job creation, revenue generation, and improved livelihoods by integrating small and large-scale producers into structured domestic and international markets, thereby enhancing economic diversification, investment, and the competitiveness of Bungoma’s agro-based economy.

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2.2 The Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park

The Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park is a collaborative project between the National Government and the Bungoma County Government, with each party contributing KShs. 250 million towards the total project cost of KShs. 500 million. The initiative is being implemented in partnership with project executors, the local community, the private sector, and other stakeholders.

The park is located in East Sang'alo, within the Sang'alo Institute of Technology in Kanduyi Sub-County. It is designed to stimulate economic growth by creating employment opportunities, generating wealth, and providing a ready market for locally produced goods. Bungoma County has identified five priority value chains to anchor the CAIP ecosystem: coffee, sunflower, avocado, cassava, and honey.

The industrial hub is expected to attract new investments in agro-based value addition, thereby contributing to GDP growth. Proximity of processing facilities to raw material sources will lower production costs, improve profitability, and enhance returns to farmers. The hub is projected to create direct and indirect jobs in related sectors such as agriculture, logistics, and trade, while also driving urbanization and broader economic growth in surrounding areas, including real estate, construction, healthcare, education, and commerce.

The Master plan encompasses the;

- i. Industrial Zone which will comprise of;
 - a) Aggregation Parks
 - b) Value Addition Parks
 - c) Associated Amenities
- ii. Commercial Zone which will comprise of;
 - a) Educational Institution
 - b) Recreational Parks
 - c) Hotel
 - d) Associated Amenities
- iii. Agricultural which will comprise of;
 - a) Model farms

Phase 1 of the project comprises of:

1. Main production Areas
 - i. 4No large Aggregation Parks each 1000 SQM
 - ii. 4No Large Value Addition Parks each 1000 SQM
 - iii. Associated Mechanical, Electrical and civil works

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2. Support Facilities
 - i. Administration/Office Block
 - ii. Canteen eating area for workers
 - iii. Main Gate, gate house and Common ablution block for visitors
3. Road works, Parking & Drainage
 - i. Main Entry Road and road works within the Park
 - ii. Parking within the park's plot boundaries
 - iii. Common parking for staff and visitors
 - iv. Trucks parking
4. Bulk water supply, back up borehole, water pumps, storage and reticulation
5. Waste Water treatment and disposal, solid waste management
6. Landscaping works (recreation areas and general landscaping)
7. Fencing, Gates and gate houses
8. Electric Power provision/connection, external power reticulation, backup generators and solar lighting

CHAPTER THREE

COMMITTEE FINDINGS ON THE STATUS OF COMPLETION OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY AGGREGATION AND INDUSTRIAL PARK

3.1 Contract Details

Eligible contractors were invited through Daily Nations Newspaper on Friday 7th July 2023. The following is the list of bidders who responded.

1. Swalibora and Mwasame (K) Ltd
2. Trendy Links Ltd
3. Wilkori Building and Civil Engineering Contractors Co. Ltd
4. Astrofa Construction Limited
5. Quest Civil Engineering Limited
6. Calvic Company

In accordance with instructions to Tenderers and conditions of the tender, bids were closed on 21st July 2023 and opened immediately at 11:00 am by the Tender opening Committee.

The contract was awarded to Quest Civil Engineers Limited at a total contract sum, of KShs. 474,153,713.73 (Four Hundred and Seventy-four million, one hundred and fifty-three thousand, seven hundred and thirteen shillings and seventy-three Cents Only). The scopes of work were: substructure works, superstructure walling, structural steel works, fittings, finishes, civil works, mechanical works, electrical works and landscaping. The Project commenced on 29th September, 2023 and was initially scheduled for completion on 28th September, 2025, constituting a contract period of one hundred and four (104) weeks, being two (2) years. However, the contract period was subsequently extended by a further three (3) months, thereby revising the completion date to 29th December, 2025, as detailed in **Annexure III**.

Project Financing

- **Budgetary allocation**

Hon. Speaker,

The project was implemented over the Financial Years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, with its completion anticipated in the Financial Year 2025/2026. During the implementation period, budgetary allocations towards the project were made by both the National Government and the County Government.

In the Financial Year 2023/2024, the National Government made an initial budgetary allocation of KShs. 100,000,000 towards the project, which was subsequently enhanced by a further KShs. 50,000,000, bringing the total approved allocation to KShs. 150,000,000. However, only KShs. 62,500,000 was realised and remitted into the Special Purpose Account on 16th May, 2024.

During the same Financial Year, the County Government initially made a budgetary allocation of KShs. 160,000,000 towards the project. The allocation was subsequently revised downwards to

KShs. 100,000,000, out of which KShs. 85,769,000 was realised and deposited into the Special Purpose Account. The remittances were made in two instalments, namely: KShs. 50,000,000 on 24th March, 2024, and KShs. 35,769,000 on 2nd July, 2024.

In the Financial Year 2024/2025, the National Government approved a grant allocation amounting to Kenya Shillings One Hundred and Ninety-Four Million Five Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety (KShs. 194,548,890) towards the project. Out of this allocation, Kenya Shillings One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand (KShs. 187,500,000), being the outstanding balance payable to the County, was released and remitted in four instalments as follows:

- i. 20th September, 2024 – Fifty-Two Million Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine Shillings (KShs. 52,631,579)
- ii. 11th February, 2025 – One Million Five Hundred Thousand Shillings (KShs. 1,500,000)
- iii. 13th June, 2025 – Seventy-Six Million Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand and Seventy-Six Shillings (KShs. 76,923,076), and
- iv. 14th July, 2025, – Fifty-Six Million Four Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Five Shillings (KShs. 56,445,345).

With regard to the County Government, a budgetary allocation of Kenya Shillings Eighty Million (KShs. 80,000,000) was approved, out of which Kenya Shillings Forty Million (KShs. 40,000,000) was subsequently released and transferred to the Special Purpose Account on 11th February, 2025.

In the Financial Year 2025/2026, the County Government made a budgetary provision of KShs. 133,368,420 towards the project. However, as at the time of reporting, no funds had been disbursed against the said allocation. During the same financial year, the National Government did not make any additional allocation, having already fully remitted its approved contribution of KShs. 250,000,000. Consequently, the cumulative amount deposited into the Special Purpose Account since the project's inception stood at KShs. 375,769,000, comprising KShs. 250,000,000 contributed by the National Government and KShs. 125,769,000 contributed by the County Government.

The County Government was yet to remit Kenya Shillings One Hundred and Twenty-Four Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand (KShs. 124,231,000), being the outstanding balance of its approved counterpart contribution, into the Special Purpose Account in order to fully discharge its financial obligation towards the project.

3.3 Contractor Payments

Hon. Speaker,

The project contractor had, by the time of the visit raised four interim payment certificates, all of which had been duly honoured by the County Government (**annexure II**). The said certificates were raised and settled on the following dates:

1. Interim Payment Certificate No. 1 (IPC 1) amounting to Kenya Shillings Fifty Million, Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Seven and Seventy-One Cents (KShs. 50,011,447.71) was raised on 11th December, 2023. The same was honoured four months thereafter by the County Government in two installments, being Kenya Shillings Forty Million (KShs. 40,000,000) paid on 8th April, 2024, and Kenya Shillings Ten Million, Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Seven and Seventy-One Cents (KShs. 10,011,447.71) paid on 7th July, 2024.
2. Interim Payment Certificate No. 2 (IPC 2) amounting to Kenya Shillings Forty Million, Nine Hundred and Seventy Thousand and Sixty-Nine and Twenty-Eight Cents (KShs. 40,970,069.28) was raised on 27th June, 2024, and subsequently honoured three months later on 13th September, 2024.
3. Interim Payment Certificate No. 3 (IPC 3) amounting to Kenya Shillings Sixty-Five Million, One Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Five and Fifty-Three Cents (KShs. 65,151,485.53) was raised on 13th May, 2025. The same was honoured in two instalments, being Kenya Shillings Thirty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand (KShs. 37,430,000) paid on 16th May, 2025, and Kenya Shillings Twenty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty-Six (KShs. 27,721,486) paid on 29th May, 2025.
4. Interim Payment Certificate No. 4 (IPC 4) amounting to Kenya Shillings Fifty-Three Million, Nineteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Two (KShs. 53,019,282) was raised on 17th November, 2025 and was subsequently honoured in full on 11th December, 2025.

In summary, up to the time of the visit, the contractor had been paid Kenya Shillings Two Hundred and Nine Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Five (KShs. 209,152,285), representing forty-four percent (44%) of the total contract sum. As at 31st December, 2025, the Special Purpose Account reflected a bank balance of KShs. 152,451,729.55. (**Annex IV**).

3. 4 Project Milestones

Hon. Speaker,

The project milestones were as follows;

Office Block

One office block unit had been constructed on site, though it remained incomplete at the time of inspection. The block comprises five (5) office rooms. Internally, plastering works had been

completed, while key external finishing works had also been substantially undertaken. The roofing works had been fully completed using black Dacra roofing sheets.

However, several works remained outstanding at the time of inspection. These included ceiling installation, floor finishes, electrical and mechanical installations, and service fittings, all of which were incomplete. Consequently, the office block was not yet fit for occupation.

Power House and Pump House Units

The power house and pump house units were observed on site, both of which remained incomplete at the time of inspection. The completed works included internal plastering, external finishing works, and roofing. However, the outstanding works comprised mechanical and electrical installations, installation of doors and windows, as well as service fittings.

Ablution Block

The ablution block was designed with separate sections for ladies and gents located on opposite sides of the structure. The gents' section consists of seven toilet cubicles and a urinal area, while the ladies' section comprises six toilet cubicles. The complete works were; roofing and door installations. Incomplete works included: Ceiling board installation, window fittings, and mechanical and electrical works.

Main Block (First Block)

Block A/ Aggregation Warehouses and cold storage

- **Ground Floor:**

The Committee observed that the facility is designed to accommodate both gents' and ladies' toilet facilities, each comprising six (6) toilet units. In addition, the block contains eight (8) office units and four (4) kitchenette areas intended to support administrative and operational functions. External key finishes had been executed on the side and rear elevations. The Committee noted that the following were incomplete; internal plaster works, mechanical and electrical installations.

- **First Floor**

The structure was observed to be at the initial stages of construction. The Committee noted that masonry works for the internal office partitions had been completed. However, roofing works had not yet commenced at the time of inspection. Further, no mechanical, electrical, or plumbing installations had been undertaken, and finishes and fittings had not been executed.

NB: The ground floor was at an advanced shell stage, while the first floor had only reached structural completion.

Warehouses and Cold Storage section

The Committee observed that all substructure works had been duly completed. It was further noted that the cold storage drainage lines had been fully installed within the slab, and the superstructure anchorage columns had been cast, reflecting significant progress in the construction of the facility.

NB: The structure was at a stage ready for superstructure development.

Block B/ Value addition warehouses

Ground Floor

The Committee observed that the substructure works had been completed. It was further noted that superstructure masonry works were ongoing at the time of inspection, with construction activities actively in progress on site.

First Floor

The Committee noted that the first-floor slab had not yet been cast. It was further observed that masonry works were ongoing, while formwork for the lintels was in progress, indicating that the structure remained under active construction.

NB: The structure was at the superstructure stage and under active construction.

Warehouse section

The Committee observed that all substructure works had been duly completed. It was further noted that the superstructure anchorage columns had been cast, indicating that the project had progressed to the initial stages of superstructure construction.

Boundary Wall

It was observed that the construction of the boundary wall was incomplete. It was further noted that the masonry works employed 150 mm thick machine-cut stone blocks, which enhance durability and ensure uniformity of the structure. However, other associated works, including footpaths around the buildings, civil works, landscaping, driveways and parking areas, foul water drainage, storm water drainage, septic tank construction, and structural steel works, had not yet commenced.

Key Challenges Impacting Project Progress

In a report submitted by the department on the progress of BCAIP, the committee observed the following challenges:

i. Delayed Exchequer Releases

The project faced funding delays due to administrative transitions at the Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry (MITI), which affected the timely disbursement of funds and slowed implementation. However, this is no longer an issue currently.

ii. Presence of Heavy Expansive Granite and Black Trap Boulders

The site contained hard granite-type boulders, creating significant excavation challenges. This led to frequent mechanical breakdowns of construction equipment, disrupting and delaying project execution.

iii. Steep Gradient at the Existing Quarry Site

The presence of a steep gradient at the existing quarry site required extensive land grading and levelling to establish a stable working surface for construction activities, contributing to project delays.

iv. High Water Table and Marshy Terrain

The site's swampy and marshy conditions complicated foundational works for the Value Addition Warehouses, necessitating specialized engineering solutions to ensure structural stability. These additional measures further slowed down the project's progress.

CHAPTER FOUR

The following section outlines the observations and recommendations from the fact-finding on the status of completion of the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park.

Observations

1. The National Government has fully honored its financial obligations to the Special Purpose Account, while the County Government's remittance is at 50%
2. There were noticeable delays in disbursements of funds into the Special Purpose account, especially during the initial stages of the implementation of the project. This greatly affected the honoring of Interim Payment Certificates. For instance, IPC 1 was honored four months after being raised because there was no money in the Special Purpose Account.
3. There was low absorption of funds by the contractor in the later stages of the implementation of the project. As at July 2025, Kshs. 206,469,886 remained unutilized in the Special Purpose Account for over five months as the contractor was unable to make significant progress and raise certificates.
4. Expired Contract with Significant Implementation Delays, the CAIP project remains substantially incomplete despite the lapse of the contract period on 23rd September 2025 and an extension that lapsed on 29th December, 2025. Physical progress is estimated at approximately 50%, indicating weak adherence to contractual obligations.
5. The Committee observed that construction works were not adequately sequenced, with several structures remaining incomplete and some blocks lacking roofing, exposing completed works to weather-related deterioration.
6. It was noted that quality assurance checks on ongoing and completed works were inconsistent, raising concerns regarding compliance with approved designs, specifications, and workmanship standards.
7. The Committee observed inadequate coordination of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) works, resulting in exposed services and a risk of rework and delayed functionality of facilities.
8. Architectural finishes and fittings across most buildings were incomplete, and the boundary wall remained incomplete without coping stones, compromising site security.

9. The Committee observed gaps in occupational health and safety compliance on site, including inconsistent use of protective gear. It noted that documentation of works and approval of design changes is not adequately formalized.

Recommendations

1. **THAT**, the Department should make adequate allocation in the subsequent budget to remit the outstanding balance of its financial contribution to the Special Purpose Account to fully meet its financial obligation and facilitate smooth, continuous, and uninterrupted implementation of the project.
2. **THAT**, the CECM- Trade Energy and Industrialization should strengthen coordination and establish a predictable disbursement schedule ensuring timely disbursement of funds into the Special Purpose Account to avoid delays in honoring Interim Payment Certificates.
3. **THAT**, the implementing Department closely monitors contractor performance and enforces adherence to the approved work programme on a monthly basis, to enhance absorption of available funds and timely certification of works.
4. **THAT**, the Department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization should initiate engagement with the contractor and consider all viable options with a view to ensuring the continuation and timely completion of the project.
5. **THAT**, the implementing Department and contractor prepare and submit to the committee a revised work programme within Fourteen (14) days of adoption of this Report.
6. **THAT**, the Department should ensure all ongoing and completed construction works undergo strict quality assurance inspections on a continuous basis, with monthly quality compliance reports submitted to the committee, commencing within Twenty One (21) days of adoption of this Report.
7. **THAT**, a coordinated mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) installation plan be prepared and implemented within Twenty One (21) days of adoption of this report, to avoid rework, protect exposed services, and ensure functionality of all facilities.
8. **THAT**, the contractor expedites completion of architectural finishes and fittings and finalizes construction of the boundary wall, including coping stones, within Twenty One (21) days of adoption of this Report, to enhance site security and usability of the facilities.
9. **THAT**, the Department enforces full compliance with occupational health and safety requirements with immediate effect upon adoption of this Report and continuously ensures all design changes are formally approved and documented.

Conclusion

The Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park is a flagship project of strategic importance to agro-based industrialization, value addition, and job creation in the County, but its implementation has been adversely affected by funding delays, weak work sequencing, and operational challenges. Timely implementation of the Committee's recommendations is therefore critical to accelerate completion, safeguard public resources and ensure the project delivers its

intended economic and social benefits. Therefore, the department should provide a progress report on the implementation status of the aforementioned committee recommendations within 21 days from the date of adoption of this report.

I move.

Next is the adoption schedule that has been signed by all the 15 members of the committee. At this juncture, I call upon Hon. Florence Juma to second.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Florence, you have the honor of the committee to second the report. Kindly proceed and second the committee's report.

Hon. Florence Juma: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First, I begin by applauding the mover of the motion Hon. Kennedy John Wanyama who has read the report eloquently. He has been able to take us through the report which I know all of us Honourable Members were keenly following.

CAIP is a flagship project which upon completion is meant to promote agro based industrialization, value addition, job creation and improve livelihoods. Coffee, sunflower avocado, cassava and honey farmers have actually been waiting for a market for their produce but unfortunately as we come closer to 2027, the reality seems dim from the truth because the project is currently at 54% completion.

Despite the fact that the National Government has contributed its 100% share that is 250,000,000, the County Government is yet to also contribute its share fully. On the other hand the contractor who is also occasionally on site has recorded significant implementation delays with the projects remaining substantially incomplete.

The low absorption of funds which leaves a lot of money unabsorbed or unutilized on the special purpose account is also worrying.

The contractor has also extended twice the contract because initially it was supposed to come to completion in September 2025 but there was an extension from September 2025 to December 2025 but unfortunately the project was again not completed warranting another extension from December 2025 and currently to June 30th 2026 but when you look at the progress of the works, it seems like the same will not be a reality. Unfortunately, the progress is still wanting and the project has been adversely affected by funding delays, weak work sequencing and operational challenges.

As a committee, we urge for timely implementation of the recommendations to critically accelerate completion, safeguard public resources and ensure the project delivers its intended economic and social benefits. I second

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, I take this chance to appreciate the mover of the motion Hon. Ken Wanyama and the seconder of the motion beforehand Hon. Florence Juma. Allow me be able to proceed and propose the motion for debate to allow Honorable members make their ventilation

(Question proposed)

Honourable Members, it appears the report is self-explanatory and does not require any explanation. It appears it's even simpler than the bible where we always have interpreters. Allow me proceed so that I put a question to allow the House make its decision.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it!

(Applause)

The report plus its observations and recommendations is hereby adopted by the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, there is indication from my table clerks that that was the last item on our Order Paper. Therefore, we will adjourn today and resume tomorrow on Thursday 11th June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. session.

The House rose at 4:30 p.m.