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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

PAPER

REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON STATUS OF EQUIPMENT IN BUNGOMA
COUNTY REFERRAL HOSPITAL

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Vitalis.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Chair. On behalf of the Chair of Health, I am on my feet to table a report by the Committee on Health on status of the equipment in Bungoma County Referral Hospital, BCRH.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members the report of the sector Committee on Health Services on status of the equipment in Bungoma County Referral Hospitals, BCRH, is hereby tabled and formally becomes the property of the House.

NOTICES ON MOTION

THAT THIS HOUSE ADOPTS THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON
STATUS OF EQUIPMENT IN BUNGOMA COUNTY REFERRAL HOSPITAL

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Vitalis you proceed and issue a notice, please.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Speaker. I am on my feet to issue a notice on the report by the Sectoral Committee on the Health Services on status of equipment in the Bungoma County Referral Hospital, BCRH.

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members a notice of motion having been duly issued by the Sector Committee on Health and Services on the status of the equipment in Bungoma County Referral Hospital, BCRH, I hereby ask the Clerks-At-The-Table to share the said report with the Honourable MCAs. The same will come up as a motion once scheduled on the Order Paper by the HBC.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENT NUMBER 12 OF 2026,
MEMBER OF KIMAETI WARD, HON. JACK WAMBULWA TO GET A RESPONSE FROM THE
CHAIRPERSON, SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL
RESOURCES REGARDING THE UTILIZATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDS WITHIN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Mr. Speaker: Who is standing in for Hon. Jack Wambulwa? Let me hear Hon. Opwora, what is the issue?

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Chair I will respond.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Sudi? Next time when you are given instruction be given a copy of the statement sought. Proceed, please.

Hon. Sudi Busolo: Hon. Speaker on behalf of Hon. Jack Wambulwa...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi you know you are the recipient.

Hon. Sudi Busolo: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: You ought to sit down listen to feedback from Hon. Opwora, then you confirm.

Hon. Sudi Busolo: That is what I want to say, Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You wait first...

(Laughter)

Hon. Sudi Busolo: But now that I have a...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi you patiently wait for confirming the report.

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Hon. Sudi Busolo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Opwora...

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You know Hon. Sudi is also a member of the committee so when he rose, I thought he's going to do a response.

I have a progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Jack Wambulwa in relation to the utilization of climate change funds within Bungoma County.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 54 A of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources hereby presents a progress report on the statement sought by Hon. Jack Wamabulwa in relation to the utilization of climate change funds within Bungoma County.

In considering the statement, the committee tasked the County Assembly Research Department with conducting a comprehensive fact-finding exercise of the project under review. The result on the fact-finding report was tabled before the committee during its sitting held on Tuesday 16th June, 2026 and subsequently shared with the owner of the statement.

The committee considered the findings of the fact-finding report together with the statement owner during its meeting held on Monday 22nd June, 2026. Following its deliberation, the committee established the following cross-cutting challenges affecting the implementation of the climate change projects:

1. The poor contractor performance and abandonment of projects.
2. Weak or non-existent post-planting maintenance practices.
3. Climate variability and the undertaking of planting activities during the dry season.
4. Inadequate community sensitization and ownership of the projects.
5. Exclusion of the world climate change committees from the project implementation.
6. Delayed or unresolved payments to community members.
7. Weak monitoring, evaluation and inter-agency coordination.

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Further, the committee observed that information requested from the Chief Officer for Tourism and Environment through a correspondence dated 13th May 2026, reference number CAB/ CC / sect /six volume three part 11 was not comprehensively addressed in the department's response.

In particular, the following matters remained outstanding:

1. The total disbursement: a comprehensive breakdown of all climate change fund monies received by the department from the 2022-2023 financial year to 31st December, 2025.
2. Development status: a detailed report on development allocations indicating the implementation status of all projects and progress funding under the climate change fund disaggregated by award.
3. Recurrent expenditure and interest: a schedule of recurrent expenditures especially detailing all interest issues, their status, surrendered or outstanding and the disciplinary or recovery measures undertaken by the accounting officers against officers with outstanding interest.
4. The fiscal transparency: certified bank statements for all climate change fund accounts covering the period from the 1st July, 2022 to 31st December, 2025.

Consequently, the committee resolved that the County Executive Committee Member, CECM for Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources; the Chief Officer for Tourism and Environment and Director of Climate Change be invited to appear before this House to respond to the outstanding issues and matters that were not conclusively addressed in the department's written submissions and during the consultative meetings held with the committee. I beg to report.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi Busolo on behalf of Hon. Jack Wambulwa. You hold on first. Have the mic now.

Hon. Sudi Busolo: Hon. Speaker, I agree with the committee that the CECM and the Chief Officer from the said Department appear before this House and give answers because the statement is weighty.

If you go through it, you will see the committee was not able to get all the information. I agree with the committee. Only what I want is that the committee tell us when or it's upon you Speaker to give direction on when they should come and appear before this House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker: Let's have it in two weeks' time from now. Two weeks' time from now is going to take us to 15th July, 2.30 p.m. session. Thank you.

Hon. Sudi Busolo: Thank you Hon. Speaker agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Opwora just note 15th of July, 2026 2:30 p.m. Next

STATEMENT NO.30 OF 2026

MEMBER OF KHALABA WARD HON. CORNELIUS MAKHANU TO GET A RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS, TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING THE STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS INITIATED AHEAD OF THE 2024 MADARAKA CELEBRATIONS AND THE CURRENT STATE OF THE DUAL CARRIAGE WAY

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Cornelius I think you are present confirm...

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: I confirm

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Simotwo you have a response proceed.

Hon. Franklin Simotwo (Chairperson, Roads): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to respond to a Statement that was committed to the Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works regarding road works undertaken within Bungoma County in preparation for the 2024 Madaraka Day Celebrations and the Dual Carriageway Project in Khalaba Ward pursuant to Standing Order No. 54.

On Thursday, 4th June, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., the Hon. Member for Khalaba Ward sought a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works concerning the aforementioned projects.

In the Statement, the Chairperson was to inquire into and report on the following:

A: ROAD WORKS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN BUNGOMA COUNTY IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2024 MADARAKA DAY CELEBRATIONS

- i. The total length, in Kilometers, of bitumen-standard roads allocated to and constructed within Bungoma County during the said period by the National Government.

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- ii. A schedule of all roads that were tarmacked during this period, clearly indicating the respective implementing agencies, i.e. the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA).
- iii. The current implementation status of each identified road project, including an indication of whether any outstanding or incomplete works remain.
- iv. Clarification on whether the Department is aware that the Greenville–Tens tar Road, which connects to Lusaka Road, was not completed as intended.
- v. Confirmation on whether the Department is aware of the rapid deterioration of the Mteremko–Khalaba River Road, which is currently being eroded by floodwaters. In this regard, the Chairperson was requested to outline the urgent mitigation measures being undertaken by KURA and/or KeRRA to salvage the affected infrastructure, noting with concern that the damage has compromised road safety and has resulted in electricity poles leaning precariously over the roadway.

B: DUAL CARRIAGEWAY

- i. The exact date on which the Dual Carriageway was formally handed over to the National Government, supported by relevant documentary evidence, including minutes of the handover meetings and the duly executed Transfer Agreement.
- ii. Disclosure of any outstanding arrears or debts owed by the County Government to the project contractor as at the time of handover, and clarification on whether such liabilities were formally assumed by the National Government upon transfer.
- iii. Confirmation on whether the National Government was formally apprised of the existing substandard drainage systems on the road at the time of the transfer.
- iv. An explanation regarding the apparent substandard quality of the ongoing works on the Dual Carriageway, particularly with respect to the final wearing course, which appears to be deteriorating through surface peeling. In this regard, provide technical assurance on the quality control measures being implemented to safeguard value for money and ensure public safety.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 52(a), the committee was directed to liaise with the relevant department and provide a response to the Honorable Member through the House. Accordingly, the Committee deliberated on the Statement in the presence of the owner and resolved to invite the CECM for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works to appear before the Committee and provide written and oral responses.

The CECM for Roads, Transport Infrastructure and Public Works appeared before the Committee on Tuesday 16th June, 2026 and responded as follows;

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A. Queries raised on the projects undertaken during Madaraka day celebrations 2024 in Bungoma

The total number of Kms done to bitumen standard by National Government during Madaraka Day was 8.8Km. A schedule of all roads that were tarmacked during this period indicating the respective implementing agencies was submitted and is as shown in the table below;

ROADS DONE UNDER MADARAKA DAY PROGRAMME

No.	Proposed Roads	KMS	Implementing Agency
1	Weta(White Rose Shop) - C33 Road (Chwele Road)	1.0	KeRRA
2	Wamalwa Kijana High School Road	0.8	KURA
3	Stadium Roads	2.0	KURA
4	Stadium(Red cross) - Total - Salmond Road	1.0	KURA
5	Elegant Roads	1.0	KURA
6	Kanduyi DEB - Lusaka Road	1.0	KURA
7	West FM Loop Roads	0.5	KURA
8	Bungoma DEB - Sinoko Road	0.5	KURA
9	Mteremko - R.Khalaba Road	1.0	KeRRA
	TOTAL LENGTH	8.8	

On the current implementation status of each identified road project and an indication of whether any outstanding or incomplete works remain, the department submitted that 400M of the total Kms remain incomplete despite having been advertised by KURA.

Further, it was submitted that the department's understanding was that the said road projects were undertaken by KURA under a special funding programme established by the National Government for the improvement of urban roads infrastructure specifically to cater for traffic during Madaraka Day celebrations. Verbal conversation between the department and KURA regional office indicated that the works executed under the programme were completed to the extent provided for within the approved project scope and available funding. Any sections, components, or additional works that may not have been undertaken were not catered for under the funding arrangement then in place. This includes the Greenvale – Tens tar road raised in the statement. The Section was part of the Kanduyi DEB - Lusaka Road.

On Confirmation on whether the department was aware of the rapid deterioration of Mteremko – Khalaba river road which is currently eroded by floodwaters. And the mitigation measures the implementing agencies have taken to salvage the affected infrastructure, the Department

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acknowledged that they were aware of the state but noted that the road falls under the jurisdiction of the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) and not the County Government. The Department had engaged KeRRA on the matter and had been informed that the Authority had already undertaken emergency intervention works on the affected sections of the road to improve the road and address immediate concerns. KeRRA had further indicated that comprehensive remedial works, particularly those relating to drainage improvement and associated infrastructure, were planned subject to the availability of funding in the next Financial Year. The Department committed to continue to liaise with KeRRA and provide any necessary support to ensure that the concerns raised by road users are addressed in a timely manner.

Queries raised on Dual Carriageway road.

The CECM submitted that the project was handed over to the client (County Government of Bungoma) at the end of the Defect Liability Period by the contractor on 13th July, 2024. Thereafter the project was handed over to Kenya National Highway Authority (KeNHA), through a letter dated 2nd April, 2025, which KeNHA accepted to take over through a letter dated 4th April, 2025. The letters were submitted to the Committee for review.

The outstanding balance as at the time of transfer was **Kshs. 376,228, 379.65**. No liabilities were transferred to KeNHA, as the MoU stated clearly under article (iii) sub-clause 3.2. The contract agreement was submitted to the Committee for review.

On Confirmation to whether the National Government was formally appraised of the existing substandard drainage systems on the road at the time of transfer, it was submitted that the outstanding works that's; laying of Asphalt Concrete (AC) 50mm, surface dressing, drainage works and road furniture on the project were highlighted and captured by the National Government through the implementing agency KeNHA as part of the works to be undertaken by the agency upon transfer.

In conclusion, the department informed the Committee that since the project was transferred to KeNHA, they do not have direct control or supervision of any works done on the site, but the department had raised concerns to the Regional Director Western Region over the quality of works that was being undertaken back then by the contractor and to which they responded that the contractor had been issued with instructions to re-do the works. The department and the owner of the statement committed to follow up with the regional office formally and ensure that works are done as per the instructions.

Following deliberations, the owner of the statement thanked the Committee and the department for providing the responses as requested and expressed satisfaction. I submit

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Cornelius.

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Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Indeed the committee sat and we agreed with the response but what I wanted to say is that it came out clearly that our departments do not have powers to supervise these roads that were done by the national agencies. I do not know how the national agency and our department should be working because even the road you use Hon. Speaker is captured among the roads that were done up to Bitumen standards but surprisingly 400 meters was not done and the department admitted that they have no authority, they are just liaising with them. When you look at the conclusion, I as the owner of the statement should make a follow up. I do not know how the workings will be that is on question A.

Question B on the dual, it is stated clearly that when they were handing over to the KeNHA, the National agency, they highlighted the things that were supposed to be done and we remember the dual issue is not coming the first time; it has been here several times. The last time we were told that the remaining part was a final layer that was supposed to be 50mm but all of us use this road. I do not know how we are going to work with KeNHA so that that road is done to the specifications that were intended. Remember we owe the contractor more than 300 million shillings. So, I agree with the response but we need to find out the workings between the County Government and the National Government agencies. Otherwise, I submit.

Mr. Speaker: This matter is closed; we go to the next item.

MOTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF BUNGOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURE SECTOR POLICY 2023

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Chikati. You have the honor of moving the report but with a caveat that it's me to ask for quorum not you.

Hon. Timothy Chikati (Chairperson, Implementation): Implementation committee is a disciplined committee. Honorable Members of implementation committee, be up standing

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chikati himself, Kuloba, Aggrey Mulongo, Simotwo, Ali Machani, Sundukwa, Idd, Catherine, Mukhanya, Eric, Abraham. The quorum is overflowing, proceed!

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Hon. Timothy Chikati: It's overflowing. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to move a report on the Implementation Status of the Bungoma County Agriculture Sector Policy 2023. 2 is the table of contents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee on Implementation is mandated to scrutinize resolutions of the House (including adopted committee reports), petitions and undertaking by the County executive and examine whether such decisions have been implemented within 60 days as provided for in the standing orders and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary.

The House adopted the Bungoma County Agriculture Sector Policy, 2023, which aims to improve food and nutrition in the County by improving productivity and sustainable farming practices.

The Committee, in carrying out its mandate, requested the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries and Cooperative Development to provide status reports on the implementation of House resolutions related to the policy. The Committee reviewed and assessed the implementation progress against the policy interventions and subsequently developed its observations and recommendations.

PREFACE

This report presents the implementation status of the Bungoma County Agriculture Sector Policy, 2023, in the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries, and Cooperative Development, as well as the committee's observations and recommendations.

Below is the mandate of the committee of which I refer the Honourable members in our Standing Order 212.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee membership comprises of:

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| 1. Hon. Timothy Chikati | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Alfred Mukhanya | Member |
| 4. Hon. Franklin Simotwo | Member |
| 5. Hon. Aggrey Mulongo | Member |
| 6. Hon. Ali Machani | Member |

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7. Hon. Grace Sundukwa	Member
8. Hon. Eric Wekesa	Member
9. Hon. Idd Owongo	Member
10. Hon. Catherine Kituyi	Member
11. Hon. Abraham Obama	Member

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for their unwavering support and facilitation, which enabled the Committee to effectively undertake and discharge its mandate.

Special recognition and appreciation are extended to the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries and Cooperative Development, for availing the Committee with the requisite information and documentation necessary for the consideration of this report.

It is therefore my honour and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Implementation, and pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Orders of the County Assembly of Bungoma, to present this report to the House for adoption.

Signed by myself Hon. Timothy Chikati, Mca Ndal Tabani, Chairperson Committee on Implementation

CHAPTER TWO

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURE SECTOR POLICY 2023

The Agricultural sector policy aims to enhance food and nutrition security, increase incomes, and promote sustainable agricultural development through efficient resource utilization. Key priorities include sustainable land management, diversification of agricultural production, reduction of post-harvest losses, improved access to quality inputs and markets, and expansion of irrigation and mechanization. The sector also seeks to strengthen agricultural extension services, institutions, governance, and policy frameworks while increasing investment and financing. Additional focus areas include climate resilience, food and feed safety, agribusiness development, information sharing among value chain actors, and the integration of gender equality and social inclusion across agricultural programs.

1. Food and Nutrition Insecurity

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Food insecurity remains a major challenge in Bungoma County. Available literature indicates that the county is food insecure, with a poverty rate of 52.9% compared to the national rate of 46%, while food poverty stands at 43% (KNBS, 2019). The county's maize requirement is estimated at 1,600,000 bags (KNBS, 2019) for a population of 1,670,535 people. Given that an average adult consumes approximately 90 kg of maize per year, the maize produced in the county is insufficient to sustain the population until the next harvest.

Policy Interventions

- a) Promote diversification in production and utilization of food commodities
- b) Promote development and implementation of appropriate nutrition education and food utilization programs
- c) Promote use of appropriate technologies for food and nutrition security
- d) Develop programs addressing food and nutrition security

Submissions by the department

The department submitted that diversification has been promoted through partners such as FIPS-Africa have made significant contributions to improving livestock productivity, soil health, and farm diversification in Bungoma County through targeted, data-driven, and farmer-centered interventions. In the livestock sector, farmers received training on effective tick control, improved cattle health management, and breed improvement practices. Artificial insemination services were provided to enhance genetic quality, while calf tracking systems were introduced to strengthen breeding records and support informed herd management decisions.

To promote farm diversification and increase household incomes, the organization supported the development of the avocado value chain by distributing high-quality Hass avocado seedlings through a credit-based model. This approach enabled farmers to access improved planting materials while encouraging investment in a high-value crop with strong market potential.

The SUSTFARM+ Project (2022–2026) is a Welthungerhilfe (WHH)-led initiative being implemented in Bungoma County to strengthen food and nutrition security through a holistic food systems approach. The project directly supports 6,053 rural households, 2,400 pupils, 300 agro-dealers, and engages 60 government and policy actors, reaching a total of 6,330 direct beneficiaries across the implementation areas.

The project focuses on promoting agroecology and climate-smart agricultural practices to enhance sustainable food production and resilience to climate change. It also seeks to improve nutrition outcomes through the establishment and support of school gardens, while strengthening agro-dealer networks to ensure farmers have access to quality agricultural inputs and services. In addition, the project works to enhance food system governance by fostering collaboration among

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stakeholders across the entire food value chain, from production and distribution to consumption, thereby contributing to more sustainable and inclusive food systems in Bungoma County.

Committee Observation

1. That the department promotes diversification in production and utilization of food commodities
2. That the department promotes development and implementation of appropriate nutrition education and food utilization programs
3. That the department promote use of appropriate technologies for food and nutrition security
4. That the department has developed programs addressing food and nutrition security
5. The department has developed the Bungoma County Agriculture Inputs and Services Support Bill, 2026 which is at pre-publication scrutiny stage.

Committee Recommendation

1. The County Assembly should fast track the processing of the Bungoma County Agriculture Inputs and Services Support Bill, 2026 to provide a legal framework for provision of farm input.
2. That the department has partially implemented the interventions.

2. Degraded Agricultural Soils

Most agricultural soils in Bungoma County are affected by several key challenges, including declining soil fertility, soil erosion, deforestation, climate change, and inappropriate land-use practices, all of which hinder the county's agricultural productivity. A soil survey conducted by KARI (now KALRO) between 2010 and 2011 under the National Accelerated Agricultural Input Program (NAAIP) revealed that the county's soils are predominantly acidic, with a pH of less than 5.5.

In addition, the increasing rate of deforestation has reduced forest cover, while poor land-use practices, such as cultivation along riverbanks and on steep slopes, have contributed to soil erosion.

Policy Interventions

- a) Promote programs on integrated soil fertility management systems
- b) Promote soil protection and biodiversity conservation
- c) Promote and enhance climate change mitigation and adaptation measures
- d) Enhance the capacity of key actors on sustainable land management
- e) Develop programs to rehabilitate degraded ecosystems including soils, wetlands and forests

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Submission by the department

The department submitted the **Bungoma County Agro Ecology Strategy 2025-2034** which addresses declining soil fertility, inadequate knowledge and skills, climate change effects on sustainable farming practices.

On Climate change resilience the department in collaboration with Department of Environment is implementing the county climate change action plan 2023-2027 that has specific agriculture areas (conservation agriculture, climate smart agriculture, and sustainable land management dissemination of Climate information.

Committee Observation

1. That the department through partners has promoted programs on integrated soil fertility management systems.
2. That the department promotes soil protection and biodiversity conservation.
3. That the department promotes climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

Committee Recommendation

The department has partially implemented the intervention and therefore should work on the following:

1. Enhance the capacity of key actors in sustainable land management.
2. Develop programs to rehabilitate degraded ecosystems, including soils, wetlands, and forests
3. The department should be preparing the implementation status reports on quarterly basis and submit to the County Assembly.

3. Low Production and Productivity

Agriculture is the key driver of economic growth in the county, contributing 43% of the total Gross County Product (KNBS GCP Report, 2023). The major food crops grown in the county include maize, beans, bananas, cassava, sweet potatoes, millet, and sorghum. Cash crops include coffee, tea, sugarcane, and cotton, while livestock and other non-crop enterprises include cattle, poultry, sheep, goats, apiculture, and aquaculture.

Despite its critical role in the county's economy, agricultural production remains low due to inadequate extension services, the high cost of farm inputs, and the low adoption and utilization of agricultural inputs.

Policy Interventions

- a) Enhance knowledge and skills on good agriculture and aquaculture practices

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- b) Promote and enhance use of innovative and appropriate technologies to increase production and productivity.
- c) Promote Public-Private Partnership in agriculture sector research
- d) Develop early warning systems in case of emerging pests and disease outbreaks and natural calamities.
- e) Develop regulations on use of idle and under-utilized land.

Submission by the department

The department submitted that diversification has been promoted through partners such as FIPS-Africa have made significant contributions to improving livestock productivity, soil health, and farm diversification in Bungoma County through targeted, data-driven, and farmer-centred interventions. In the livestock sector, farmers received training on effective tick control, improved cattle health management, and breed improvement practices. Artificial insemination services were provided to enhance genetic quality, while calf tracking systems were introduced to strengthen breeding records and support informed herd management decisions.

Observations

1. That the department has not developed regulations on use of idle and under-utilized land
2. That the department has not developed early warning systems in case of emerging pests and disease outbreaks and natural calamities.

Recommendations

1. The department should develop Regulations on use of idle and under-utilized land
2. The department should develop early warning systems in case of emerging pests and disease outbreaks and natural calamities.

4. High post-harvest losses

Post-harvest losses refer to the loss of both the quantity and quality of agricultural products from the time of harvesting to the point of consumption. These losses can occur due to various factors, including the stage of harvesting, climatic conditions, handling practices, storage, processing, packaging, transportation, and marketing. Post-harvest handling plays a critical role in determining the level of contamination and the rate of spoilage of crop, livestock, and fishery products, thereby impacting human health.

Policy Interventions

- a) Promote development and utilization of post -harvest infrastructure
- b) Support capacity development of value chain actors in post-harvest management

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- c) Promote the adoption of appropriate technologies that reduce post-harvest management
- d) Promote the adoption of appropriate technologies that reduce post-harvest losses at community and household levels.
- e) Promote Public- Private- Partnerships for postharvest management.

Departmental Submission

The department reported that three maize dryers were procured, each with a capacity of 1,000 bags, which have been installed at Mabanga ATC, Tongaren, and Mt. Elgon. In addition, maize solar dryers have been established at Bumula and Mt. Elgon through the support of Solidaridad, a development partner. The department has also undertaken capacity-building initiatives for farmers, focusing on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and post-harvest management to enhance productivity.

Committee Observations

The dryers were procured before the enactment of the policy. It was noted that the dryers are currently non-functional despite having been acquired at a high cost, raising concerns about value for money and their effectiveness in supporting post-harvest management. Furthermore, the department has not developed a sustainability plan to guide the operation, maintenance, and long-term utilization of the dryers, which may affect their continued functionality and impact.

Committee Recommendations

1. The department should develop a sustainability plan for the dryers for proper management after the partners duration ends
2. The department should factor in the budget funds for repair of the dryers

5.Low Access and Distribution of Agricultural Inputs

Agricultural inputs are diverse and include seeds, semen, embryos, fingerlings for fisheries, seedlings, breeding or brood stock, agrochemicals, veterinary medicines and vaccines, organic and inorganic fertilizers, soil amendments, appropriate agricultural machinery, plants and equipment, and animal feeds. The fertilizer input support program has primarily targeted vulnerable farmers, while other inputs and services have been provided on a subsidized basis.

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Policy Interventions

- a) Promote efficient distribution and access to quality and affordable inputs along the agriculture sector value chains through private public partnership.
- b) Promote supplier development programs such as contract farming
- c) Advocate for inputs and equipment surveillance mechanisms to ensure compliance with set standards
- d) Promote subsidy programs to sourced inputs whose costs are prohibitive and may not be available in the County
- e) Develop frameworks for agricultural input subsidy including implementation follow ups
- f) Integrate extension and capacity building to all agricultural input subsidy or incentive programs

Committee Observation

- 1. The department has developed the Bungoma County Agriculture Inputs and Services Support Bill, 2026

Committee Recommendation

- 1. The County Assembly should fast track the processing of the Bungoma County Agriculture Inputs and Services Support Bill, 2026 to provide a legal framework for provision of farm input.
- 2. The department should through the Bungoma County Public Participation and Civic Education Act 2024 implement /Promote efficient distribution and access to quality and affordable inputs along the agriculture sector value chains through private public partnership, Promote supplier development programs such as contract farming, Advocate for inputs and equipment surveillance mechanisms to ensure compliance with set standards and Promote subsidy programs to sourced inputs whose costs are prohibitive and may not be available in the County.

6. Inadequate Agricultural Extension, Research and Training Development

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns due to natural and human activities like deforestation, improper waste management, unplanned urbanization, encroachment to forest land and emission of greenhouse gases

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Policy interventions

- a) Promote public private partnership in agricultural research, extension and training
- b) Strengthen research extension linkages
- c) Strengthen coordination among extension service providers
- d) Enhance and support public extension officers
- e) Institutionalize alternative extension methodologies
- f) Support development and implementation of training programmes for improving the capacity of ATVET/VTC institutions

Committee Observation

1. The department only submitted a list of extension officers without a report on how they have been working.
2. The department has not Institutionalized alternative extension methodologies
3. The department has developed the Bungoma County Agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ATVET)promotion policy

Committee Recommendations

1. The department should provide Monitoring and Evaluation reports from extension officers across the County for the FY 2025/2026 and subsequent quarterly periods within 30days of adoption of this report
2. The department should develop Institutionalized alternative extension methodologies
3. The department should submit the implementation status of the Bungoma County Agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ATVET)promotion policy within 14 days.

7. Underutilized Irrigation Potential

Water resources are critical to agricultural productivity in Bungoma County; however, the sector is highly dependent on seasonal and variable rainfall, making crop, livestock, and fish production vulnerable to dry spells. Water-use efficiency remains low in both irrigated and rain-fed agriculture due to limited adoption of appropriate technologies. In addition, increased encroachment on the Mt Elgon water tower, wetlands, and riparian areas poses a threat to water availability in the county.

Policy interventions

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- a) Enhance Public-Private Partnership in agricultural water and irrigation infrastructure development
- b) Strengthen institutions involved in the management of water in the agricultural sector
- c) Promote adoption of efficient water use technologies in agriculture
- d) Promote the protection of the Mt Elgon water tower, catchments, wetlands and riparian areas.
- e) Develop effective county irrigation information management systems
- f)

Departmental Submission

The Department, in collaboration with development partners, has undertaken the rehabilitation and improvement of several water resources infrastructure projects Kabkara dam and Kabkara catchment in Lwandanyi NAVCDP, Magemo dam in Ndivisi ward National Irrigation Board, Sitabicha dam in Bumula FLLOCA and Wabukhonyi dam in Bumula Siboti ward NAVCDP

Committee Observations

- 1. That the department has enhanced Public Private Participation in agricultural water and irrigation infrastructure development.
- 2. That the department has strengthen institutions involved in the management of water in the agricultural sector.

Committee Recommendations

- 1. The department should develop efficient water use technologies in agriculture and develop measures to promote the protection of the Mt Elgon water tower, catchments, wetlands and riparian areas.
- 2. The department should initiate capacity building of the Community on Irrigation technology and equipment.
- 3. The department should support establishment of solar powered Irrigation kits.
- 4. The County's department of Monitoring and Evaluation should follow up on the implementation status of the projects and submit a report to the County Assembly

8. Inadequate Agricultural Mechanization

Agricultural mechanization is essential for reducing labour requirements, improving efficiency, and increasing farmers' incomes. Although there is high demand for small-scale mechanization in Bungoma County, adoption remains low due to the high cost of machinery, poor distribution and availability of equipment, a shortage of skilled operators, and weak research-extension linkages that limit technology transfer.

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The County Government, through the Agricultural Mechanization Services, supports farmers by providing affordable and timely mechanization services. However, these services face operational challenges. Private sector investment in agricultural mechanization is also limited, with few investors having insufficient resources and capacity to effectively meet farmers' mechanization needs.

2.1.3. Funding summary

Honorable Speaker,

The Project is earmarked for a duration of four years. Its cycle runs from December 2023 to August 2027. It operates with a current year approved budget of Kshs 390,000,000: i.e Recurrent at Kshs. 37,500,000 and Development Kshs. At 352,500,000.

The Fund had a balance brought forward of Kshs. 272,900.

The County Government made a counterpart contribution of Kshs. 5,000,000 which was later adjusted to Ksh. 10million during the First Supplementary budget.

The table below highlights the funding summary:

A. Source of Funds

Source of funds	Commitment		Amount received to date – (31 st December, 2025)		Undrawn balance to date (31 st December, 2025)	
	EUR	Kshs	EUR	Kshs	EUR	Kshs
	(A)	(A')	(B)	(B')	(A)-(B)	(A') - (B')
(i) Grant						
World Bank (IDA)		390,000,000		0		390,000,000
Counterpart Funds						
County Government of Bungoma		5,000,000		5,000,000	0	0
Total		395,000,000		5,000,000		390,000,000

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B. Application of Funds

Application of funds	Amount received to date – (31 st December, 2025)		Cumulative amount paid to date – (31 st December, 2025)		Unutilised balance to date (31 st December, 2025)	
	EUR	Kshs	EUR	Kshs	EUR	Kshs
	(A)	(A')	(B)	(B')	(A)-(B)	(A')-(B')
(i) Grant						
World Bank (IDA)		0		0		0
(i) Counterpart funds						
Balance from previous period		272,900				
County Government of Bungoma		5,000,000		5,266,100		6,800
Total		5,272,900		5,266,100		6,800

Summary of Overall Project Performance:**i) Budget Performance****Honorable Speaker,**

The overall budget performance during Quarter 2 was below expectations. The programme recorded low absorption levels across most planned activities. Even though funds were budgeted, many activities were not implemented due to delayed and uncertain funding disbursements, leading to postponement of trainings, capacity-building initiatives, and stakeholder engagements. Expenditure was therefore limited to a few coordination and reporting activities. The slow release of funds constrained timely execution of programmes, posing a risk to achieving planned outputs and value for money within the financial year.

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ii) Physical Progress**Honorable Speaker,**

Overall physical progress during Quarter 2 remained limited, with most planned activities across all Key Result Areas at preliminary or initiation stages. While governance structures were established and a few coordination meetings, reporting tasks, and performance contracting activities were completed, the majority of core implementation activities such as trainings, capacity building, system development, and stakeholder sensitization were not undertaken. Consequently, cumulative physical achievements fell below quarterly targets, indicating slow progress towards expected outputs and outcomes for the financial year.

iii) Absorption Rate

The absorption rate during Quarter 2 was low, reflecting minimal expenditure against the approved budget. Although funds were allocated for most planned activities, delayed and uncertain disbursements significantly constrained spending. As a result, only a few essential coordination meetings and reporting activities were financed, while the majority of implementation activities remained unfunded. The low absorption rate underscores challenges in fund flow and utilization efficiency, which adversely affected timely execution of planned outputs for the quarter.

During the first half of the Financial Year (FY 2025/2026), no disbursement was received from the World Bank. However, counterpart funding amounting to Kshs. 5,000,000 was received, of which 100% was absorbed. The overall programme absorption rate remains below optimal levels, largely constrained by delayed release of funds.

Submission by the department

The department submitted that they have developed the Bungoma County Agro-ecology strategy 2025- 2034. The Strategy sets out a framework to transition the county's food systems towards sustainability, resilience, and inclusiveness. It aligns with global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and national Strategies like the National Agro ecology Strategy for Food Systems Transformation (2024–2033), highlighting agro-ecological principles for food security, climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and social equity.

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It promotes sustainable practices, climate smart agriculture, biodiversity conservation, and social inclusion. Initiatives such as the Bungoma County Climate Change Action Plan (2023–2027) and Food Safety Policy (2023) further bolster resilience and food security

Committee Observations

1. The department has partially implemented the intervention.
2. That the department has initiated programmes to implement the intervention including the development of the Bungoma County Agro-ecology strategy 2025-2034 which addresses the issue of low Resilience to Climate Change Impacts in Agriculture.

Committee Recommendations

1. The department should fast-track the submission of the Bungoma County Agro-ecology strategy 2025-2034 for consideration and adoption by the County Assembly.
2. That upon adoption of the strategy, the department should allocate funds in the upcoming budget cycle to operationalize the framework and ensure its climate resilience interventions reach smallholder farmers.
3. That the department should submit a biannual progress report to the Committee on the roll-out of the Bungoma County Agro-ecology Strategy (2025–2034), specifically highlighting milestones achieved in mitigating climate change impacts in agriculture.

Inadequate Agricultural Financing and Investment

Agriculture is the county's main economic driver, contributing more than 43% of the Gross County Product (GCP). Despite its importance, the sector receives only about 7% of the county budget annually—below the 10% target set by the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme Maputo and Malabo declarations. Much of the funding is tied to conditional grants, leaving insufficient resources for extension services and sector development. Private sector investment is also limited due to poor access to finance, high investment risks, and inadequate infrastructure.

Policy Interventions

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- a) Develop capacity of agricultural policy actors for increased budgetary allocation
- b) Promote Financial Inclusion through alternative financing models, including blended finance, risk sharing mechanisms and micro finance tailored to agriculture
- c) Promote and expand Public-Private Partnerships to scale up agricultural financing and investment.
- d) Develop Targeted Agricultural Funds including establishment of commodity stabilization and revolving funds.
- e) Promote affordable agricultural insurance and risk mitigation strategies to enhance financial security for sector players.
- f) Develop and support capacity building programs on financial literacy and governance among Agricultural Value Chain Actors.

Submission by the department

The department indicated that initiatives targeting the Agricultural Financing and Investment are underfunded by the County Revenue Fund.

Committee Observation

The Committee noted that the submission by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative Development, which indicates that initiatives and programs targeting Agricultural Financing and Investment remain pending due to underfunding.

Committee Recommendation

That the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative Development should be allocated specific development funds in the upcoming Supplementary Budget to operationalize the pending Agricultural Financing and Investment frameworks

Underdeveloped Food and Feed Safety Systems

Food safety management in Bungoma County is implemented through a multi-sectoral system involving various county departments and regulatory agencies operating under different laws and

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regulations. However, weak coordination and overlapping responsibilities among these institutions lead to ineffective enforcement of food safety standards and regulations.

Policy Interventions

- a) Enhance coordination and enforcement of existing food laws and regulations
- b) Promote capacity building in feed and food safety
- c) Strengthen traceability systems in the food chains
- d) Strengthen monitoring & Surveillance systems
- e) Enhance food safety financing
- f) Enhance mitigation measures on Emerging and Re-Emerging Food Safety issues.

Submission by the executive

The department submitted The Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Act, 2025, which establishes the Food Safety Coordinating Committee and defines the responsibilities of food operators.

The Act seeks to address inadequate coordination and enforcement of existing food laws and regulations, as well as weaknesses in monitoring and surveillance systems.

Committee Observations

1. That there is enhanced coordination and enforcement of existing food laws and regulations and that the department promotes capacity building in feed and food safety
2. That the ACT provides for strengthened traceability systems in the food chains, strengthened monitoring & Surveillance systems, enhances food safety financing and mitigation measures on Emerging and Re-Emerging Food Safety issues.

Committee Recommendations

1. That department should gazette and operationalize the Bungoma County Food Safety Coordination Act, 2025.
2. The County Executive Committee Member should develop Regulation to operation the Act.
3. The department should budget and implement programs towards Food and Feed Safety Systems in the subsequent financial year.

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13. Inadequate Agribusiness, Value addition and Marketing in Agriculture Sector

Agricultural markets in Bungoma County are dominated by individual farmers and traders, making producers vulnerable to exploitation by middlemen. This results in low product prices, high marketing costs, and reduced incomes for farmers. Access to market information is limited due to inadequate information-sharing platforms and low awareness of existing services. Additionally, the shortage of reliable off-takers for agricultural products constrains value chain development and limits the growth of agricultural enterprises.

Policy Interventions

- a) Enhance access to internal and external resources for investment in agribusiness
- b) Develop market structures, improve access to markets and strengthen linkages through Public-Private Partnership models.
- c) Support agribusiness programs aimed at equipping value chain actors with knowledge and skills.
- d) Enhance value addition and agro-processing services among value chain actors
- e) Establish and strengthen producer organizations including formation of cooperative societies.

Submission by the department

The department submitted a report for training held on 15th July 2025 at Fairview Hotel Kisumu on Entrepreneurship and Business development approaches. The report indicates the Department partnering with GIZ aimed to create sustainable income generating opportunities for youth in the agri-food sector across several counties in Kenya Bungoma included.

Committee Observation

1. The department is supporting agribusiness programs aimed at equipping value chain actors with knowledge and skills.
2. The department has not established and strengthen producer organizations including formation of cooperative societies.
3. There is no evidence of Enhancing access to internal and external resources for investment in agribusiness

Committee Recommendation

The Department of Agriculture should budget and implement programmes on Agribusiness, Value addition and Marketing in Agriculture Sector and further cascade the training to all players in addition to the youths.

14. Low Utilization of Information and Data Management

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Accurate data, timely communication and information sharing in the sector is important in the development, exploitation and management of resources. A wide array of data and information is required for decision-making. The Agricultural Sector's potential for reducing poverty and contributing to economic growth has remained largely untapped due to lack of accurate data necessary for planning, financing and implementing programs.

Policy interventions

- a) Promote use of ICT for knowledge management in agricultural sector.
- b) Establish agriculture sector value chain profile and databases
- c) Promote access to timely and reliable agricultural data and information in the sector.
- d) Support and develop county agricultural management Information systems
- e) Strengthen the capacity of actors on data collection and dissemination
- f) Promote development of communication strategies for the agricultural sector.

Submission from the department.

The department indicated that initiatives targeting the low utilization of information and data management are still pending.

Committee Observations

1. The department has not implemented this intervention
2. The department has not initiated any program targeting the low utilization of information and data management.

Committee Recommendation

The department of Agriculture should immediately design and implement a comprehensive and information management strategy to address low system utilization and improve agriculture data tracking.

15. Weak Enabling Environment

Effective transformation of the agriculture sector requires transparent, accountable and inclusive governance systems. Key elements include strong policies and legal frameworks, effective institutions, active stakeholder participation and provision of incentives that create an enabling environment for agricultural growth and development.

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Policy Interventions

- a) Develop, review and enforce legal and electoral framework in the agriculture sector.
- b) Strengthen county agriculture sector institutional and co-ordination framework.
- c) Support inclusive farmer participation in policy development, review and implementation process
- d) Promote linkages among the county government, national government and other stakeholders in the Agriculture sector

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the Bungoma County Agricultural sector co-ordination bill 2025 which provides the establishment of the county agriculture sector steering committee (CASSCOM), establishes an institutional and legal framework for engagement and coordination with the development partners, provide information to relevant stakeholders and create a link with the national government.

Committee Observations

- 1. The intervention has been partially implemented.
- 2. That the bill develops reviews and enforces legal and regulatory framework in the agricultural sector.
- 3. That the bill strengthens county agriculture sector institutional and coordination framework.
- 4. That the bill proposes inclusive participation in policy development, review and implementation process.
- 5. That the bill promotes linkages among the county government, national government and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector.

Committee Recommendations

The committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperative Development should fast-track the consideration of the Bungoma County Agricultural sector coordination bill 2025 which will streamline partner operations and coordination to enhance service delivery to the residents of Bungoma County.

16. Low Consideration to Cross-cutting Issues

Cross-cutting issues are factors that influence crops; livestock and fishery value chains either directly or indirectly, but are not specific to any one sub-sector. These include gender, youth, vulnerable groups and governance, all of which affect agricultural development and outcomes.

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a) Gender and social inclusion in Agriculture

Gender refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviors and relationships associated with women, men, girls and boys which vary across societies and over time. In the local context, men predominantly make decisions while women and children implement them, leading to unequal resource allocation and reduced productivity of agricultural enterprises.

Policy Interventions

- a) Promote development and dissemination of transformative technologies and practices in the agricultural sector that are gender sensitive.
- b) Promote gender mainstreaming in the agriculture sector.
- c) Provide mechanisms for identification of vulnerable groups at lower devolved units and institute affirmative action programs.
- d) Promote gender affirmative policies and regulations.

Submission by the department

The department submitted the Bungoma County Youth Agribusiness Strategy 2022-2027, which addressed the issue of gender mainstreaming. In particular, it seeks to empower young women to contribute to decision making and remove barriers to their factors of production such as land.

Mr. Speaker: We are approaching the finishing line, so don't worry.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Thank you, Speaker, for allowing me to take a sip of water.

Submission by the department

The Department submitted the Bungoma County Youth Agribusiness Strategy 2022–2027, which addresses the issue of gender mainstreaming. In particular, it seeks to empower young women to contribute to decision-making and remove barriers to their access to factors of production such as land.

The Department conducted capacity-building programmes for women and youth on value-addition activities along key nutrition-sensitive value chains, including African leafy vegetables, groundnuts, orange-fleshed sweet potatoes, poultry, and oil crops.

Committee Observations

1. The committee notes that this intervention has been partially implemented since they have not submitted the Bungoma Agro- Ecology Strategy 2025-2034.

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2. The executive lacks intentional budgeting and implementation of programs related to the vulnerable.

Committee Recommendation

Institutionalize Gender and Youth Responsive Budgeting and Programmes by creating a specific, ring-fenced budget for women and youth programs and set strict rules for its implementation.

b) Governance

Agricultural governance involves promoting growth and development in the agricultural sector through effective institutions, adoption of technology and innovation, implementation of policies, compliance with laws and regulations, and active participation of all stakeholders.

Policy Interventions

1. Strengthen governance structures in the agricultural sector
2. Promote comprehensive stake holder engagement
3. Strengthen grievance redress mechanisms for the sector
4. Promote capacity of all actors on good governance and resource mobilization

The department in partnership with SAF Africa held capacity building of women and Youth on advocacy. The training empowered women to participate more meaningful in policy advocacy and budgeting process so they can have their issues prioritized in both formulation and budgeting by the County Government.

Committee Observation

The department has no budget to conduct civic education to enable vulnerable groups to actively participate in governance and decision-making.

Committee Recommendation

The department under the Public-Private Partnerships framework should prioritize budgeting for civic education at least once every financial year to enable vulnerable groups to actively participate in governance and decision-making.

COMMITTEE GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

THAT the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development has partially implemented the interventions in the approved policy. The implementation of House resolutions requires adequate financial resources during the budget making process by the Executive and also the County Assembly for effective oversight by the Committee on Implementation.

COMMITTEE GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the county Government departments should be factoring in their budget proposals funds meant for implementation of House Resolutions for consideration by the County Treasury while preparing annual estimates for approval by the County Assembly, whereas the County

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Assembly through the Liaison Committee should consider increasing the allocation of monies to Implementation Committee to enable effective execution of its mandate which covers follow-up on all House resolutions across the County's departments. Treasury should ensure appropriations of funds for the implementation of House resolutions following the adoption of a House resolution for the public to derive intended benefits.

Honourable Speaker, the annexed charts were voluminous and they were annexed as soft copy and the Members can check. And the adoption schedule Mr. Speaker, is duly signed by all Honourable Members of the Implementation committee. Allow me at this juncture, Honourable Speaker, to call upon Hon. Eric Wekesa to second the motion. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Timothy Chikati. Hon. Eric Wekesa; you have the honor of seconding the committee report, please.

Hon. Erick Wekesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, for the opportunity. Let me start by thanking the Chair, my able Chair, who has read the report not just eloquently, but the speed almost equal to that of lightning. The pages have been moving until some of us were worried, and he pronounces the word, Mr. Speaker, English the way it is, until you can't know he is the one, so, let me thank the Chair for that.

Honourable Speaker, without much ado, let me first of all emphasize the importance of the 2023 Agricultural Sector Policy, because it does not only cover food, but it covers the food safety. How we can, from the beginning part of it, how the policy can help provide food security for a secure County and Country. Agriculture being the backbone of this Country, how we can mechanize and make it not just subsistence, but economic to add to what we have as a County.

We cannot have everybody employed, Honourable Speaker, but if we turn this Agricultural Sector to fully be of financial benefit, we can engage young men, we can engage our women, and that policy covers everything. The follow-up of the committee discovered some few things which have been highlighted in the observations that apart from, away from us having as a House passed and identified what should be done; we have inadequacy in terms of financing our recommendations as a House. So, the policy has touched a little bit on how we can mitigate the financial, or suggested how we can mitigate the financial shortfalls to achieve fully what the policy recommends.

We have also highlighted, Honourable Speaker, the leadership challenges we have. There are places we have identified and discovered that we have, yes, we have even the finances, but we lack the goodwill, and the goodwill to implement these policies squarely falls on the office

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holders and the office bearers. So, we have done our recommendations over the same. That office bearers should not just be sitting on good policies passed by this House, looking at them without acting because the consequences are dire and the benefits can be enormous if done rightly according to the recommendations.

Honourable Speaker, as I conclude seconding this very important report, we have an issue to do as a County, mechanizing and using technology to promote our farmers. Honourable Speaker, people are using the same fertilizer across the nine Sub-counties in this County. I suspect that the soils we have are not the same, but soil testing and recommendation, Policies are in this House recommending that we have soil testing and maybe recommend a farmer in Mt. Elgon not to be using the same fertilizer as a farmer in Bumula or Tongaren.

You discover that, Honourable Speaker, even the farm inputs we purchase as a County, we just purchase blindly, and we purchase for the sake of political expediency, if I'm not wrong. The Executive has not diversified or recommended different types of inputs for different regions. So, this policy, Honourable Speaker, has highlighted and recommended very serious recommendations and way forward that can help our people, so, that we can have maize in Sitikho doing as well as that maize in Mt. Elgon or somewhere in Bumula because of the diversification of the farm inputs. As I finish, let me just laud the committee, once again, and the department, as I support the report, Honourable Speaker. I second the report. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, thank you Hon. Timothy Chikati for moving the report and equally Hon. Eric Wekesa for seconding the committee report. Allow me now be able to proceed and propose a motion for debate so that members can have a chance to make contributions of the same.

Honourable Members, a motion has been moved, and been seconded, that this House adopts the report of the committee on the Implementation status of Bungoma County Agricultural Sector Policy 2023 laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, 30th of June, 2026. I propose.

Honourable Members, allow me be able to proceed. First and foremost, Hon. Timothy Chikati, in view of what has prevailed; there is no right of reply over the same. Allow me, be able to go ahead and put a question to the motion as moved and seconded. Honourable members, a motion has been moved and been seconded, that the House adopts the report of the committee on the Implementation status of the Bungoma County Agricultural Sector Policy 2023 laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, 30th of June, 2026.

(Question put and agreed to)

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ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, an indication from Clerks-At-The-Table shows that was the last motion on our Order Paper. Therefore, we will adjourn today and resume Thursday, 2nd of July, 2026.

The House rose at 3.51 p.m.

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