

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Thursday, 20th August, 2020

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, going by the number of Members in the Chambers, I want to direct that the quorum bell be rung for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Deputy Chief Whip, can you confirm if we have the requisite quorum.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have the required quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Mr. Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of the day.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Next order!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, we are struggling to have the network run the Zoom. Once that is done, we shall be able to give the ID and the password to those Member who are reaching us virtually.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu):Next order!

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

MOTION

THE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM, SITE VISITS TO MASENO ATC AND ASSESSMENT OF THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE LIVESTOCK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

BY

HON. VITALIS OTURA

CHAIRPERSON, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu):Yes Hon. Vitalis Otura.

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Honourable Members who have turned up for this session to listen to this report on the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee report on the consultative forum, site visits to Maseno ATC and Assessment of the beneficiaries of the livestock distribution program by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

PREAMBLE

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Agriculture, Irrigation, Livestock and Fisheries in its sitting noted that since the House will be proceeding for the Long Recess effective 13th July, 2020 to 11th August, 2020 and there were pending tasks that had not been concluded, it was prudent that the Committee invoke the provisions of Standing Order No. 165 and make a formal request to the Office of the Speaker to authorize the Committee to convene sittings during Recess to enable it conclude the pending works that were scheduled and were time constrained as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic that compelled the Assembly to adhere to strict Protocols that required minimal movement and regulated gathering of its citizens to help in lowering the Covid 19 transmission curve.

The Committee communicated to the Office of the Speaker to allow the Committee convene Special Sittings as from 13th July, 2020 to 10th August, 2020 vide an Internal Memorandum from the Committee dated 01st July, 2020(see annex i). The Office of the Speaker consented to the request and instructed the Committee to prepare a Work plan of activities with clear objectives for the intended activities which the Committee obliged and was approved by the Hon. Speaker.

Mandate of the Committee

The Committee on Agriculture, Irrigation, Livestock and Fisheries is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 193 to perform the following functions as stipulated 193 (5) as below;

1. There shall be select committee to be known as Sectoral committees the Members of which shall be nominated by the County Assembly Business committee in consultation with County Assembly parties at the commencement of every County Assembly.
2. A Member appointed to a Sectoral committee at the commencement of a County Assembly or at any other time during the term of a County Assembly shall, unless the County Assembly otherwise resolves, serve for the term of that County Assembly.
3. Unless the County Assembly otherwise directs, the sectoral committees and the subject matter respectively assigned to them shall be set out in the second schedule.
4. The mandate of Sectoral committees in respect of the subject matter assigned under the second schedule of these Standing Orders shall only be exercised within the limits contemplated under Part 2 of the Fourth schedule to the Constitution.
5. The functions of Sectoral committees shall be;
 - a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments;
 - b) Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
 - c) Study and review all the County legislation referred to it;
 - d) Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measures by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;

- e) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- f) To vet and report all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 187 (Committee on Appointments).
- g) Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the composition of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee under the County Assembly Standing Orders No. 193 is constituted as stated; -

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| 1. Hon. Vitalis Otura | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon Jane Manuche | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Samson Ameso | - | Member |
| 4. Hon. Judith Ogaga | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Pst. David Arao | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Seth Okumu | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Aslam Khan | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Roy Samo | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo | - | Member |
| 10. Hon. Maurine Otiang' | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Ken Ooko | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. John Atieno | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. Johnson Guya | - | Member |
| 14. Hon. George Ogutu | - | Member |
| 15. Hon. Kenneth Onyango | - | Member |

Secretariat

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| 1. Omollo Isaac | - | Committee Clerk |
| 2. Maximilla Awour | - | Committee Clerk |
| 3. Zablon Otiende | - | Rapporteur |

4. Maximilla Awour - Committee Clerk
5. Risper Auma - Serjeant-at-Arms

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

The Committee in discharging its mandate was guided by the following TORs.

- a) Ensure prudent use of funds as stipulated in section of the County Government Act, 2012 and the PFM Act, 2012 (Value for Money) as indicated in the Budget Estimates.
- b) Stakeholder Involvement in the Distribution of Livestock to Beneficiaries.
- c) Socio-economic impact to the beneficiaries.
- d) Operational efficacy and Challenges encountered by Maseno ATC, AMS Rabuor, Dairy Co-operative Societies and Individual Dairy farms within the County.

SITTING OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Committee held its initial sitting on Tuesday, 11th July, 2020 to chart the way forward and how the Programme will be executed to ensure tangible result in line with the request that was made to the Office of the Speaker to allow the Committee to convene session during the Recess.

The Committee mandated the Secretariat to prepare an action plan (see annex ii) that will run as from 13th July, 2020 to 09th August, 2020 incorporating the following listed agenda;

- a) Consultative Forum with the Line Department on the Legislative Proposal on the AMS and Revolving Fund.
- b) Site Visit to Beneficiaries of Livestock Distribution Programme by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation.
- c) Visit to the Agricultural Training College, Maseno and others
- d) Report writing by the Committee on Activities undertaken.

The Secretariat prepared the Action Plan as directed by the Committee as indicated below which was adopted and forwarded to the Office of the Speaker for approval;

ITINERARY/PROGRAMME DURING RECESS (AUGUST, 2020)

EFFECTIVE 13TH JULY, 2020 TO 09TH AUGUST, 2020

Date	Action plan	Objective of the Activity	Responsible Persons
13 th to Thursday, 16 th July, 2020	Consultative Forum with the Line Department on the Legislative Proposal on the AMS and Revolving Fund	- Capacity Building of the Committee Members on the Legislative Proposal and Object of AMS - Modalities of Creation of Revolving Fund for continued operations without fiscal year limitations	- Members, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee. - Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (Executive)
Monday, 20 th July, 2020 to Thursday, 23 rd July, 2020	Visit to the Agricultural Training College, Maseno and others	- Enhancing of Revenue Stream for the Department and the County, Challenges encountered -Remedial/ Mitigating Measures	- Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Members.
Monday, 27 th July, 2020 to 30 th July, 2020	Site Visitation of Beneficiaries of Livestock Distribution by the Department of Agriculture,	- Ascertain Quantity, Quality and the Modalities and Criteria of Distribution to Beneficiaries	- Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Members. - Executive,

	Livestock and Fisheries and Irrigation	(Oversight) - Economic and Social Impact to farmers - Sustainability and Production System Assessment - Policies promoting Livestock Production	Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
Monday, 03 rd August, 2020 to Thursday, 09 th September, 2020	- Report Writing by the Committee on Activities undertaken	- Tabling Reports before the House	- Members of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee members, I wish to extend our gratitude for the invaluable support accorded to the committee by the office of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly towards ensuring that the committee mandate is achieved within the limited timeframe where the Committee was facilitated with vehicles to ease their mobility and promote access to participants who were the key respondents to this noble exercise to enable and cause its success.

Further, I wish to thank the members of the Committee for having taken their time out of the busy schedule to ensure that they participated and played their Key roles of Legislation, Oversight and Representation as stipulated in the Constitution and other relevant laws. Without forgetting the Team from the Executive wing who honored the invitation by the Committee to hold a consultative meeting and provide the Committee with a deeper insight on the Department/Sector Priorities and objectives.

In addition, Hon. Speaker, it is worth noting that during the Committee meetings, Members complied with the Ministry of Health Protocols regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, where the Committee ensured that both in-house sittings with participants and out-reach activities were conducted in strict adherence to the Ministry of Health decrees such as maintenance of Social

Distance, Wearing of Masks, regular washing of hands using soap and water and Sanitizers when necessary to enhance proper safety of the members and others.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee conducted its activities based on the Action plans approved by your office as indicated above in the following sequence;

WEEK I – MONDAY, 13TH TO THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 2020

CONSULTATIVE FORUM WITH THE LINE DEPARTMENT ON THE LEGISLATIVE

PROPOSAL ON THE AMS AND REVOLVING FUND

The Committee in week 13th to 16th July, 2020 held a Consultative Forum with the Line Department of Agriculture, Lock and Fisheries. Also in attendance was the representative from Agriculture Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP). The Committee had the following agenda to be deliberated upon.

- i. Legislative Proposals to enable effective operations of the Agricultural Sector.
- ii. Maseno ATC, Viability, Challenges and Milestones.
- iii. Agriculture Mechanization Services - Revolving Fund.
- iv. Donor Funded Projects in the Department.

In attendance from the Department were as below;

- a) Dr. Paul Omanga - Chief Officer, Agriculture and Irrigation
- b) Rosemary Ralouch - Chief Officer, Livestock and Fisheries
- c) Mrs. Joyce Okwara - Principal Maseno ATC
- d) Alfred Ajulu - Director, Agriculture and Irrigation
- e) Silvester Oketch - Director, Livestock and Fisheries
- f) Oduor Obingo - AMS Rabour
- g) Isaac Dawo - Director, ASDSP Projects

1. Legislative Proposals

The Department highlighted the following legislative proposal that have been passed by the Assembly and those in draft form as below;

- a. Kisumu County Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, 2019 (passed and now a law)
- b. Kisumu Crop Bill, 2019 (passed and now a law)

- c. County Poultry Development Policy – (Draft)
- d. County Dairy Development Blueprint - - (Draft)
- e. County Animal Welfare Bill – (Draft)
- f. Agriculture Mechanization Fund – (Draft)
- g. Revolving Fund for the ATC – (Draft)
- h. Regulation on Pig Production (Draft)
- i. Agriculture Development Fund(Draft)

The committee demanded that the regulations supporting the laws and implementation status of the enacted laws be shared with members in order to ascertain the impact of the laws towards the growth of the sector. The Department was also instructed to streamline and forward the other drafted bills for consideration by the house.

2. Agricultural Mechanization Services at Rabuor.

Chief Officer Agriculture and Irrigation and the AMS manager at Rabuor informed the Committee members that the project had faced several challenges in pursuit to fulfilling its objective of enhancing agricultural productivity and output by offering affordable tillage services to farmers and training machine operators for skilled manpower.

They also adduced that some of the challenges that contributes to the decline of revenue generation by the enterprise includes; transfer of some of the plants to the Public Works Department and auctioning of some of the tractors, Late disbursement of funds for Maintenance, Repair and fueling of the tractors and lack of enough reliable casual employees.

The department therefore proposed to initiate the revolving fund which would promote the availability of funds for Maintenance, repair and timely fueling of the tractors to enable provision of timely tillage services to farmers on season in order to reduce the heavy ploughing cost incurred by farmers through hired tillage services by private tractor owners thus increasing productivity and the overall output.

The Committee members in concurrence with the Department on the need for the revolving fund to improve the sectors efficiency and productivity, still demanded an assurance that the funds

will be objectively and prudently utilized and that all the tractors will be operational in order to create impact on the sectors growth and development.

1. The members also advised that the AMS director should appropriate enough funds for Operations and maintenance at the budget making stage for proper running of the tractor services. The Director AMS was equally required to provide a list of all employees working at the facility in order to explicitly express the labor deficit.

3. Operations at the Maseno Agricultural Training College (MATC)

The Principle for Maseno ATC briefed Members that the facility has been underperforming. In addition she informed committee members that the performance decline is collinear to the withdrawal of the revolving fund that was formally used to promote Commercial enterprise activities within the facility. She gave a clear comparative framework of the pre withdrawal and the post withdrawal effects of the revolving fund and it was evident that the facility generated more revenue of up to 10million per given FY during the era of the revolving fund against a meager Kshs.200,000 of the post withdrawal period.

She also recorded that the bureaucratic process of procuring items currently adopted by County Government is discouraging most clients from preferring their services to those of other similar intuitions due to the inflexibility of suppliers to cope with consumers' preference since suppliers always want to maintain the description in the Local Suppliers Order (LSO).

Members consequently recommended that the ATC should prioritize its core mandate of providing agricultural training services to the society in order to enhance growth and development of the sector. They equally discouraged the dependence of the institution on purchasing agricultural related commodities stating that the center should be able to independently produce their consumable commodities rather than purchasing from the market and to greater extent act as model farm.

WEEK II - MONDAY, 20TH JULY, 2020 TO THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 2020

2. VISIT TO THE AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE, MASENO

The Committee during the week beginning Monday, 20th July, 2020 to Thursday, 23rd July, 2020 undertook visits to the Maseno Agricultural Training College to assess its operational efficiency. The delegation from the Assembly were received by officers deployed at the institution.

- a) The Director at the Maseno ATC briefed the Members that the facility has been underperforming. This is due to the withdrawal of the revolving fund that was formally used to promote Commercial enterprise activities within the facility. She gave a clear comparative framework of the pre-withdrawal and the post withdrawal effects of the revolving fund and it was evident that the facility generated more revenue of up to Kshs.10 MILLION per FY during the era of the revolving against a meager Kshs.200,000 of post withdrawal period.

Overview of Maseno ATC

Maseno Agricultural Training Center was founded in 1958 after the launching of the Swynnerton plan (colonial agricultural policy) which called for the intensification of African agriculture. Since then Maseno A.T.C has continued to play a major role in the development of both livestock and crop production in Kisumu County which forms its mandate area. Maseno A.T.C activities are broadly carried out in two forms; Demonstration Farm Fund (DFF) and TRAC (Training & Accommodation). The ATC currently has a modern training complex with a capacity of 33 self-contained rooms, 5 class rooms, a large conference hall,3 offices ,a serving bay/open space and a visitors lounge. In addition to this the ATC is open to host other Stakeholders by offering accommodation services for their trainings purposes.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the County Government Act, 2012 devolved Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation functions to the County Governments. As at 2013 the whole country only had 34 Agricultural Training Centers and Maseno Agricultural Center therefore remained as the ATC to serve the Kisumu County residents.

Pursuant to the transfer of agriculture functions to the County Government as from 4th March 2014, the ATC was officially handed over to the County Government of Kisumu with effect from 28th February 2014. It was envisaged that the ATCs were to continue to be used for the training of farmers for which they were established. Any proposal to convert the ATCs into any other form of institution should be done in consultation with the National Government, a proposal that was clearly defined in the DFF Manual Revised 2013.

Objectives

The overall objective of ATC is to provide quality training services and facilities for enhancing agriculture and development.

Specific objectives for ATC are:

- I. To improve access to agricultural technologies, innovations and information;
- II. Provide quality training facilities for agricultural development;
- III. Promotion of sustainable land use and conservation of natural resources;
- IV. Promote household food security;
- V. To provide improved germplasm to users.
- VI. Promote value-addition and utilization of agricultural produce; and
- VII. Promote commercialization of agricultural enterprises.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS FARMS FUND AND ITS OPERATIONS: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

During the meetings, the ATC Technical Staff took the Hon Members of the Agriculture Committee on the operational framework of the DFF Manual (Revised 2013) and how it was intended to continue helping the ATCs provide services to the farmers and other stakeholders.

Below is a summary of key issues in the Manual that were brought to the attention of the Honourable Committee Members:

- Demonstration Farms Fund was created specifically for running of commercial enterprises at the ATCs. The fund was established by the Exchequer and Audit Act, CAP 412 Laws of Kenya, through the LEGAL NOTICE No. 456 of 16th November 1990. The legal notice was to be reviewed and re-aligned to fit into the devolved government system.
- Since the 2nd edition of the DFF manual in May 2011, there have been numerous changes in the manual especially the aspects of new system of governance through devolution. In addition there have been other new ways of operations introduced within the DFF especially re-investment of the surplus DFF funds. All these dynamics have led to the need to review the manual and include the changes for clear guidance to the ATCs and other users of the manual.

- The objective and purpose of the fund is to provide resources for development and running of the commercial activities (enterprises) at the ATCs on a revolving basis. The ultimate goal of the fund is to make the ATCs self-sustaining.
- In the engagement of casual labour the ATCs will be expected to follow the terms and conditions of employment as provided for in the various relevant laws. The most applicable ones are the Employment Act (Cap 226), Wages and Conditions of Employment Act (Cap 229) and Workman’s Compensation Act (Cap 236)
- The 30% of the remitted funds accruing from the DFF activities by the ATC will be apportioned at the ratio of 1:2 to the ATC and the county government respectively. The funds retained by the ATC will be re-invested in the ATC as recommended by the TMC and approved by the B.O.G. The county government may from time to time review the investment portfolio upwards.

PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT 2012: ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMONSTRATION FARM FUND AT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Through a Circular dated 24th July 2014 highlighting that the Demonstration Farm Fund were devolved together with the functions of the Agricultural Training Centers vide the Gazette Notice No. 30 of 17th March 2014 and actualized by one Legal Notice No. 33. The Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture in 2014 after considering the relevant provisions of the Public Finance Management Act advised as follows:

“Section 24(4) of the Act empowers the Cabinet Secretary to establish a national government public fund with the approval of the National Assembly .The fund was only for policy issues in the Ministry”.

“Section 116 of the Act empowers a County Executive Committee member for finance to establish County Public funds with the approval of the County Assembly”.

In this respect therefore since the issues relating to agriculture are under the purview of the County Governments as provided for under Part 2 of the Fourth schedule of the Constitution, the

mandate to establish a county funds lies with the County Governments under section 116 of the Act.

CHALLENGES

The following are the key challenges facing the Maseno Agricultural Training Centre:

- I. The DFF Fund as envisioned and proposed in the Revised Manual of 2013 has never been operationalized hence there is no revolving fund to aid in day to day management of commercial enterprises in the farm .
- II. With the failure to enact the DFF Act as proposed, the ATC is not able to effectively offer both residential and non-residential trainings by stakeholders as would be desired.
- III. There is persistent lack of recurrent funds to conduct ATC Farmer-based trainings in spite of actively participating in the budget cycle each year and preparing comprehensive program based annual work plans.
- IV. In the last two years, the Procurement of foodstuffs through suppliers for the Training and Accommodation (TRAC) has greatly contributed to decline in revenue collection since its both cumbersome, time consuming and expensive.
- V. In view of lack of regular farm funds through the recurrent expenditure, the ATC is unable to come up with modern farming technologies that can be used to train farmers and students and for increased income generation.
- VI. Following a Circular from the County Secretary dated 6th December ,2018 REF CGK/HR/CS/PRL/12/2018(15) instructing the Principal not to hire casuals without linking up with his office and subsequent directions from the Chief Officer's Office to stop hiring them ,the ATC Farm has never been maintained at all hence the current bad state.
- VII. Since November 2019 the Security Firm; Pride Kings services withdrew their services and the ATC is badly exposed to external threats as at now.

WEEK III – MONDAY, 27TH JULY, 2020 TO 30TH JULY, 2020

BENEFICIARIES OF THE LIVESTOCK DISTRIBUTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND IRRIGATION.

The Committee prepared a work schedule for it's out-reach program to the Livestock Distribution beneficiaries per Sub-county as follows;

No.	Date	Sub-county	Ward	Beneficiary
1.	Friday, 24 th July, 2020	Kisumu West	Central Kisumu	Eunice Andayi
2.	Tuesday, 28 th July, 2020	Kisumu Central	Migosi Ward	Musa Ibrahim
3.	Tuesday, 28 th July, 2020	Kisumu East	Kajulu Ward	Kajulu Dairy Farmers Co-operative Society
4.	Wednesday, 29 th July, 2020	Nyakach	South East Nyakach	Pastor Albert Onyango
5.	Wednesday, 29 th July, 2020	Nyakach	South East Nyakach	Pastor Tom Ondora
6.	Wednesday, 29 th July, 2020	Nyakach	South East Nyakach	SokoKahawa Co-operative Society
7.	Wednesday, 29 th July, 2020	Nyakach	South East Nyakach	Ka-chek Irrigation Farm
8.	Thursday, 30 th July, 2020	Muhoroni	Muhoroni	Osiepe Dairy Farmers Co-operative Society

OBJECTIVE OF THE ACTIVITY

- i. Ascertain Quantity, Quality, Modalities and Criteria of Distribution to Beneficiaries (Oversight)
- ii. Criteria for Distribution and Stakeholder involvement (MCAs)
- iii. Socio-economic Impact to farmers and Training of Beneficiaries
- iv. Sustainability and Production System Assessment.
- v. Challenges encountered by Beneficiaries and Remedial Measures.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS DURING SITE VISITS TO BENEFICIARIES OF LIVESTOCK DISTRIBUTION.

A) Friday, 24th July, 2020 - Kisumu West Sub-county.

Name of Beneficiary: Madam Eunice Andayi

Number of animals issued to the farmer: One Heifer Cow (In calf Ayrshire breed)

Number of Calving: Twice with healthy 14 months heifer and a 3 months old calf.

Total number of Livestock in the Farm: (8) -4 milking cows, 1 heifer, 3 calves

FY: 2017/2018.

The Committee visited the mentioned dairy farmer in Central ward, Kisumu West Sub-County who benefited from the Livestock distribution Programme during the FY 2017/2018. This is subordinate to the oversight role of the Committee and the need to assess the socio-economic impact of the Programme to the farmers. Members observed that the animal is healthy, has calved twice and is major source of income to the farmer.

Members recommended that the farmer should be considered in the next budget with another animal since the farm is properly managed, inspiring and a good model peri urban agriculture practice.

B) Monday, 27th July, 2020 - Kisumu Central Sub-county, Migosi Ward

Name of Beneficiary: Mr. Musa Ibrahim

Livestock issued: One Alpine Goat

Total Number of Livestock Reared: Dairy Goats (12 Alpine Goat breeds).

The Committee visited Kisumu Central Sub-county, Migosi Ward livestock beneficiary of Twelve Dairy Goats (Alpines).

The Beneficiary stated the following;

- a) Practices Peri Urban farming which does not require much space.
- b) Beneficiary of both Dairy Goats and Rabbits in the last three subsequent FYs.
- c) The County uses his farm as a Model Farm when other Institutions pay visit or for Study Tours.
- d) During the ASK Shows, the farmer has won awards and produced Champions for both the male and female goat categories in succeeding years since FY 2017 to date.
- e) Dependent on the Goats and Rabbits for socio-economic gains. (Wealth creation through sale of livestock products i.e. meat and milk and enhancement of food security etc.)

- f) The dairy Goats produces 5 liters in the morning and late in the evening which is sold to the locals thus enhancing nutrition amongst the locals.
- g) Recycles animal Droppings to make organic manure which is sold as Fertilizer to farmers mainly for Top Dressing.

C) Monday, 27th July, 2020, Kisumu East Sub-county, Kajulu Ward

Name of Beneficiary: Kajulu Dairy Farmers Co-operative Society

Breed: Dairy Cows (In calf Heifer)

Number of Livestock issued: 12 (Twelve)

FY: June, 2019

The Delegation from the Assembly visited Kajulu Dairy Farmers Co-operative Society in Kisumu East Sub-county, Kajulu ward. The Dairy Farmers Co-operative Society was also a beneficiary of the following dairy value addition equipment.

- a) Pasteurizer
- b) Chilling Machine
- c) 12 dairy Cows.

The benefactors appreciated the effort put by the County Government through the area MCA to ensure that their proposal are taken into consideration during the Budget making process which in turn has enhanced the Socio-economic Standards of its Members and constituents who sell their commodities directly to the Co-operative Society. During the interaction with Members they stated as follows;

- a) Co-operative Society has 125 registered Members.
- b) Undertake 25 Deliveries.
- c) Production of 50 liters of milk in the morning and 30 litres in the evening (Approximately 80 Litres per day) depending on the Climatic Condition. Under Favorable conditions production rises to 130 liters per day.
- d) The Co-operative collects their milk from the registered Famers and sells to the locals and neighboring institutions.
- d) Availability of Chilling Tank and Pasteurizer which minimizes waste and enhances the quality of milk before sale.
- e) Value Addition – (Produce packed cultured and incubated milk (mala and Yoghurt) for sale to improve the economic standards of Members.

D) Wednesday, 29th July, 2020, Nyakach Sub-county, South East Nyakach

Beneficiary: Pastor Albert Onyango.

Livestock issued: Dairy Cow (in calf heifer)

Breed: Ayrshire

Number of cows issued: one

FY: 2017/2018

The Committee visited Nyakach Sub-county, South East Nyakach with the delegation being led by the Area MCA, Hon. Johnson Guya and the Mr. Benson Langat, Sub-county Livestock Officer. During the interview with Members of the Committee, the benefactor stated as follows;

- a) Beneficiary of Cow named it IDA ODINGA.
- b) The dairy cow has Improved the Socio-economic Standards of the smallholder farmer since he solely dependent on the cow for income and food security.
- c) The cow has a 3 months Calf sired through AI Services.
- d) The cow generates 14 liters of Milk per day which is sold to the locals at Kshs 70.00 per liter.
- e) Request that in the proceeding FY, he be considered for an additional Cow to his income and enhance continuity of the farm.
- f) County to endeavour to provide them with Chaff Cutter and quality fodder seeds for improved cattle rations.

E) Wednesday, 29th July, 2020, Nyakach Sub-county, South East Nyakach

Beneficiary: Pastor Tom Ondora

Animal species: Dairy Goats

Breed: one Saanen and one Alpine goat

Number of Goats issued: Two

Total number of Goats kept: five

On the same date 29th July, 2020, the Committee extended its visit within South East Nyakach ward where they visited Pastor Tom Ondoro who is a beneficiary of 2 Goats. The team was accompanied by the Area MCA who is equally a Member of the Agriculture Committee and the

team from the Line Department of Livestock. During the interrogation, Mr. Ondoro stated THAT:

- a) He benefited from 2 (two) Dairy Goats, 1 Saanen and 1 Alpine Breed.
- b) The Goats produces 5 liters each of milk per day.
- c) Goat milk sold at Kshs 120 per litre which translates to Kshs 7,200.00 per month as income received.
- d) The dairy goats has Improved the Socio-economic Standard of the family and that the family is solely dependent on the Goats for their livelihood and food security.
- e) Goat Milk has Therapeutic and Nutritional Value especially to those with terminal illness.
- f) In total he has 5 Goats which compelled him to employ a farm boy.

F) Wednesday, 29th July, 2020, Nyakach Sub-county, South East Nyakach

Beneficiary: SokoKahawa Co-operative Society

Seedlings: Coffee Berries

Quantity: 1,500 seedlings

On the same date 29th July, 2020, the Committee explored South East Nyakach where they visited SokoKahawa Coffee Co-operative Society who were beneficiaries of 1500 Coffee Seedlings. During the visit the Committee was welcomed by the Chairperson Mr. Lucas Onyango Ogutu and the secretariat who during the interrogation, stated THAT: by the time of visit the Coffee Berries were still in the farms.

- a) The SACCO was inaugurated in the Year 1958.
- b) SACCO benefited from 1500 Coffee Seedling in the FY 2018/2019. (variety, Ruiru 11)
- c) Have a Hopper and Dry Bed.
- d) By-product recycled to make manure and sold to farmers.
- e) Farm produces 15 tons of Pulp.
- f) Facility should be considered for funding in the subsequent FYs.

G) Wednesday, 29th July, 2020, Nyakach Sub-county, South East Nyakach
Demonstration Farm

Finally, the Committee further toured a demonstration farm in Koguta Sub-location in South East Nyakach. The demonstration farm is owned by one of the renowned residents of Kisumu County Dr. Chek. Members of the Committee were received by the Farm Manger Mr. Vincent Onyango. The Committee was impressed by the farm and deemed that Maseno ATC should replicate the agricultural activities demonstrated by the farm. The Committee had the opportunity to sample a variety of modern agricultural practices modelled in the farm and summarized as follows;

- a) Drip Farming to reduce wastage of water and to mitigate on drought and other adverse weather conditions.
- b) Orange Tree Grafting – Tangarine, Lemon and Cayafa.
- c) 70x70 meters (1 acre) Fish Ponds with 11,000 fish. (Tilapia).
- d) Apiculture technology (bee production) - Langstrothand Kenya top bar hives.
- e) Dairy Farming.
- f) Sale of Fresh Produce straight from the farm.

H) Thursday, 30th July, 2020, Muhoroni Sub-county, Muhoroni Ward

Beneficiary: Osiepe Farmers' Co-operative Society

Number of Livestock issued: Twelve (12) dairy Cows

On 30th July, 2020, the Committee conducted tour to Muhoroni Sub-county where they visited Osiepe Dairy Farmers Co-operative Society Group who benefitted from 12 Cows to assist increase milk production and output and to enable the dairy plant operate efficiently and effectively utilizing the full capacity of the Processing plant which is the core business of the Group. Member were welcomed by Mr. Lucas Ngiende, the Sub-county Livestock Officer, Mr. Luke Nyang', SACCO Chairperson and Mr. Brian Otieno, the Plant Manager/Accountant. Member had a tour on the Dairy processing Plant and realized that the plant is equipped with the following components;

- a) Pasteurizer/Chilling Tank 40 Degrees.
- b) Cooling Tank – Capacity 5000 liters.

- c) Laboratory fitted with a lactometer to determine the purity of milk content to prevent adulteration and enhance quality milk sold.
- d) Undertake Value Addition.

The Chairperson and the Manager gave the Committee a deeper insight on the CO-OPERATIVE affairs and stated as follows:

- a) High Utility Bills (Water and Electricity) of Kshs 70,000.00 per month due to the Cooling Plant Electricity Consumption.
- b) The management was not specific on the Revenue generated by the SACCO.
- c) SACCO has 175 registered Member who earn annual dividends.
- d) Milk sold at Kshs 45.00 per litre to the Co-operative and the Co-operative in turn sell the fresh milk at Kshs 50.00 per litre to other customers and consumers.
- e) Surplus Milk sold to neighboring Counties.
- f) Value Addition – Mala, Yoghurt manufactured

Challenges encountered by Farmers

- a) Lack of Capacity Building to Farmers on latest Technological trends in the Agriculture Sector.
- b) Lack of Animal Feed Company in the County to enhance feed availability.
- c) Inadequate Extension Services which should be deployed to the Ward Level.
- d) Lack of clear criteria and modalities and Stakeholder involvement in the distribution of Livestock and other Programmes undertaken in the Wards.
- e) Lack of Access to Credit facilities and reliable Markets to sell the products.

Recommendations

The Committee during its visits identified gaps that require the County Government of Kisumu to Intervene and support the sector to grow and develop.

- I. The department should consider immediate employment and deployment of casual workers at the ATC to increase its productivity and equally deploy a security Firm to guard the institution against intrusion and theft.
- II. The Department should create and introduce an ATC bill with a clear framework outlining its structure, functions, departments and operations.

- III. Decentralization of the procurement of the ATC infrastructure and Development to help in necessary follow up as per yearly approved work plans.
- IV. The institution should produce its own consumables against procuring the foodstuffs at the market and consequently act as a model farm where the Community can borrow and acquire basic agricultural skills and knowledge.
- V. ATC should prioritize its core objective of providing agricultural training services to enhance growth and Development of the sector.
- VI. The Crop and Livestock directorate to relocate to Maseno ATC to promote effectiveness of the institution.
- VII. The Fisheries Directorate to relocate to Pipeline to enhance the sector's growth and development.
- VIII. Irrigation directorate to occupy the Departmental building behind the prosperity house.
- IX. Periodic Training of Farmers on latest Technological development in the Sector on the recommended quality of animal Breeds more resistant and adaptable with good production capacity since most common AI services results in poor quality breeds whose survival and productivity is limited. The County Government should equally fast track operationalization of the AI plant at Nyangore (chemelil/Tamu ward) for efficient and quality breeding.
- X. The County should in future establish an Animal Feed Manufacturing Factory to cushion Farmers from exorbitant prices in the market.
- XI. The need to employ and deploy agricultural Extension officers at Ward level for proper access to extension services.
- XII. Livestock should be distributed to registered members of groups and Co-operative Societies for ease of tracking and tracing.
- XIII. The County should endeavor to provide certified Veterinary Services to farmers for free and the Vets be employed and deployed at the Ward level for ease of access.
- XIV. The County should endeavor to construct a Hay Barn per Sub-county to assist in storage of Feeds to enhance feed availability during adverse weather conditions.
- XV. The County should consider facilitating the establishment of Coolers and provide Co-operative Sacco's with Power Backup to mitigate on Utility Costs.

- XVI. The County should introduce revolving fund to the farmers to assist them access funds to purchase Farm Inputs on time and enable farmers meet other daily management and operation requirement for increased productivity.
- XVII. The County should help fetch and provide markets to Farmers for their Value Added products.
- XVIII. The County should engage Development Partners such as (ILRI, USAID, RTIetc) to help Build Capacity of Farmers for more knowledge for increased agricultural production and yields and to inspire farmers in urban areas to embrace Peri-Urban agriculture for the success of the sector.
- XIX. The County government should consider revitalizing the ATC and other related intuitions to offer proper agricultural training services to farmers.
- XX. The County government should encourage agricultural production by offering incentives and subsidies on inputs cost.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee was not able to conduct visits to all the Sub-counties i.e. Seme and Nyando as intended due to constraint of time. In this regard, we are committed to continue with this exercise to its conclusive end.

CONCLUSION

The Committee would like to implore this House to deliberate and consider adopting this report and ensure that resolution passed in this House is communicated to the Department appropriately.

Thank you. May I call upon Hon. Jennifer Obonyo to second?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Proceed Hon. Obonyo.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, A report by the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee on their Consultative Forum, Site Visits to Maseno ATC and Assessment of the Beneficiaries of the Livestock Distribution Program by the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries was procedurally laid in this House. A Notice of Motion was given and today the motion has been moved by Hon. Otura and seconded by Hon. Obonyo. I now want to propose it for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Muga.

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this report and thank the committee for producing such a comprehensive document. This report has clearly shown that livestock were distributed and it is improving the livelihood of our people.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the Honourable Members who accompanied the Committee during these visits. The report clearly shows that our people are able to achieve a lot when they are given startups. A lot needs to be done more like pumping more cash to the agricultural activities because it is the number one source of our livelihood. Our children will not be malnourished when milk is available. When there is milk, our economy can grow through sales. Therefore, I want to say that, I fully support this Report. It is a challenge to other committees that in case you need results, you must involve the Representative of that area who will give you the true picture of affairs. Thank you Mr. Support and I support the Report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Muga. Before I give Hon. Khan, I want to recognize Members who are virtually present. I can see Hon. Misachi, Hon. Arao, Hon. Olima, Hon. Genga, Hon. Beatrice Pamela, and Hon. Beatrice Odongo.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Proceed Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Report though I am a Member of this Committee. I believe I am audible enough.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hansard, confirm if you can hear Hon. Khan. Proceed Hon. Khan.

Hon. Khan: I think I am now clear. Mr. Speaker I rise to support this Report, though I am a Member of this Committee, my suggestion would be that we need more time since Agriculture is a very key sector in our daily lives and in Kisumu County at large. When you look at the nine legislative proposals given by the committee, you will find that only two bills have been passed while seven are still in draft stage. It would be in order if we are given much time to consider legal avenues and ensure, in conjunction with the Executive, to operationalize them so that they become laws. This will in the turn be a big boost to the farmers at large.

Mr. Speaker, on the Agricultural Mechanizations Services (AMS) in Rabuor, the facility is not being harnessed to the bare minimum. It is performing below par. With all such equipment, we need to revitalize the sector to enable farmers to benefit. What we are seeing is that the equipment available do not match the work output.

Mr. Speaker, we have talked about Maseno Agricultural Training College (ATC). Mr. Speaker, the institution has become a commercial entity instead of being a Centre for Training for farmers which is its core mandate. Mr. Speaker, we need to inject money into it and get away with the issue of casual workers. Let us employ workers that can be of use to that facility. In addition, we should discourage accommodation services offered at the same facility. We want the institution

to be role model for farmers so that they get trained on modern techniques of farming which would in turn spur growth in this sector.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of livestock, I thought Maseno ATC would be the appropriate centre for purposes of livestock multiplication. Rather than buying livestock from outside our County, we can produce our Artificial Insemination (AI) Semen and Breed Claves for distribution to farmers. This will increase food and milk production in our County. If we are going to rely on buying such from other counties, it would betray the fact that we have a big facility equal to the task.

Mr. Speaker, it would be prudent to improve Maseno ATC to be a model where farmers can learn horticulture. Mr. Speaker, it is saddening to notethat, we are importing Ginger and Garlic from Ethiopia yet the same can be locally produced. We can get into the Value Chain Production of Ginger, Garlic and Onions whose prices are high in supermarkets. I believe that we can prepare ourselves so that we can use the same facility to produce and export through Kisumu International Airport, which is our pride. We have cooling facilities stationed at the airport in to assist in that regard.

Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to speak much. Mine would be to look into the ways in which we can harness the potential of our facilities for the better. This committee should be given more time and supported through the office of the Clerk and that of the Hon. Speaker. We can still consider Sugarcane and Cotton farming, now that we want to revive KICOMI. We need to think outside the box so that we bring all those Sub-sectors into this committee and move forward. Thank you. I support this Report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. George Olwal.

Hon. Olwal: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support this Report and thank the committee for taking their time especially on the Oversight role as Members of the County Assembly. I want to commend and appreciate them for the good job they have done. They visited beneficiaries of goats and other animals given by the County Government.

Mr. Speaker, I just have some few observations on the Report. I can see that much of our role was captured. The committee also went ahead and checked on Value Addition that this important exercise meant to the locals. The committee also highlighted several challenges they found out during their visitations.

On their first point they referred High cost of feeds. Mr. Speaker, you are aware that in animal Husbandry, almost 80% of the production cost goes to feeds. There is need therefore for the County Government to consider pumping in funds for agricultural incentives to cushion and reduce the cost of production to our farmers. Consequently, we should consider Urban Farming especially now that Kisumu County has a City within its County. When I heard that the team was visiting Kisumu Central, I expected to hear more of Urban Farming than the Rural Farming; such

things as animals that can co-exist with farmers in the urban setting like the dogs. It is also important for the Committee to recommend more funds to urban agriculture. We have also heard of the agribusiness aspect of Agriculture. As they visited these places we heard of farmers setting up for them value addition to sell in the market, a move that is quite encouraging.

However, we saw lack of biotech; a technology concerning agriculture, especially in breeding in what Hon. Khan termed as AIE. There is need to put in more money so that our Agricultural Training College(ATC) is equipped especially as a breeding tool for our farmers. Of key importance, which I didn't hear the Committee mentioning was if there is Memorandum of Understanding signed between the beneficiaries and the County Government. It is key to have a binding agreement with the beneficiaries, also, on the basis of trickled down Economics, so that whatever they are given, they hold it in trust to trickle down to other community members. I am not sure whether they looked into the two mentioned above. Otherwise, I hope and pray that this exercise will continue, and money will be pumped into it especially on the sustainability of this project both short term and long term. In addition, we need to move away from subsistence to commercial farming due to availability of international flights in this County. We need to consider Horticultural Farming so that we can sell our produce to other Counties and internationally, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you very much Hon. Olwal, I have just noticed that you are talking about beneficiaries and the distribution of canines/dogs. Looking at the Report, it talks about livestock so I am not sure if we have distributed dogs and if it is so then I want to be one. However, the report was based on those livestock, which were distributed but nevertheless thank you for that observation for some of us who love dogs. Hon. Olwal, your points are self-explanatory therefore needs no more clarification.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. George Ogutu, Member for West Nyakach Ward.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am one of the Members of the Committee for Agriculture and I want to appreciate the Committee for a great job. Although during this tour I was ill from Malaria and could not join the team. There are areas we should be keen on, especially if we have only one ATC, which is at Maseno. We give out a lot of money every year in purchasing these livestock; cows, goats, and this time probably include rabbits because I believe that this is the right college to produce this particular animal. We give other Counties much money on the purchase of livestock, and I remember the last one we purchased had to pass through several Counties including Meru County, where we got the type of goats we wanted. I believe that this college can produce this particular breed so that we can give to our farmers, and this calls for doing the right thing at the right time. Let us find a way in our Committees because this has come to our meetings.

Mr. Speaker, this Department was asking for some money so that they can become self-sufficient without relying very much on the budget cycle. If we can give these colleges seed money then, we are assured that the intended breeds are produce. It should not be just a College but a production factory back to our farmers. Mr. Speaker, I believe that this college holds a large piece of land, which would include vegetables in terms of tomato production enough to serve the County at large and even more. As you are aware that the County of Kisumu heavily relies on other Counties' produce yet we have our way of doing just as other Counties are. Let us therefore give this institution adequate funding so that when we need to purchase say, 500 calves, then they will be ready to produce that for us instead of sourcing from other people or Counties. The idea is to ensure we also produce within our County and fund farmers around here.

Mr. Speaker, I am of the opinion that the management of this College be funded with the seed money so that they can be accountable in the future in case of a mishap. I believe that some Honourable Members of this Committee were not very comfortable with this seed money but they can see the value it can do. The seed money can help this county. Before giving other counties money that is supposed to help our county, let us invest that money within our county. I believe they have good personnel which can rear these calves and goats so that we can give our farmers. Hon. Olwal also talked about a Memorandum. As an Assembly, I think it is high time we thought beyond that. Let the Assembly give out some guidelines on this particular farming so that when the county government gives a cow to a farmer, it is given permanently; it is not returned to the county government. Let us find a way in after a farmer has been given a cow, upon reproduction he can give back to the community, for example by giving the calf to his neighbor for it to empower our people. I support the report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Benny Pete Oiko

Hon. Oiko: Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the report to be tabled in the Assembly by the Agriculture Committee, it is an indication that committees are waking up to do their oversight role so that we can see where we started and where we are heading to. I start with the Agricultural mechanization services at Rabuor. This Department has been lying idle for some time because of poor allocation of fund. It is important that this is looked into so that the department is properly funded to offer its services to the people of Kisumu. This department used to offer services of tractors to our farmers but this has collapsed. I call upon the Agriculture Department to ensure this institution is revived so that farmers can get tractors in time during ploughing seasons. They were offering tractors at a considerably fair rate. But the tractors that were there have been grounded. This requires keen attention of the Department to ensure the institution is fully revived.

On the distribution of Dairy animals to our people in Kisumu County, the picture given is that they can be traced. This is good because we were empowering our people so that they can get income. If well done, the milk production in Kisumu County will improve. But these dairy

animals are not being given to individual as such. They are being given to individuals in the cooperative societies. After giving birth, they are expected to distribute them to other members of the cooperative societies.

On the Agricultural training centre at Maseno, we need to pay attention to it so that we can have our institution that can train our farmers. Long time ago, peasant farmers used to be trained there and the outcome was very positive. Unfortunately this has collapsed. I appeal to the new Chief Officers to pay attention to the matter so that we can see the value of the training institute. We need to give good allocations to the training institution so that the county can benefit out of it.

But the other picture I am getting from this report is lack of manpower in the Agriculture Department. This is supported by a record that has been presented by the Agriculture Committee in this Assembly that most staffs have retired. This needs to be formalized so that the staffs who have retired can be replaced so that our people can get value for money from the Agriculture Department, the extension officers, livestock officers because most of these people have retired. They need to be replaced so that the Department can be active.

My humble plea is that when committees go on this way, we shall get the Departments on their feet and Kisumu County will see some good work being done. I support the report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Judith Ogaga.

Hon. Ogaga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report. I want to commend my fellow members in this committee for the good work, though I want to say that the visits were one sided. The visit schedules were drawn by the executive. I think they only chose successful farmers so that we were not able as a committee to visit farmers that were not having success for us to learn from them whether they lacked knowledge or had certain challenges that made them fail because it can't be 100 percent perfect as the committee found out. Secondly, the objectives of the Maseno ATC are very impressive especially the specific objective No. 5 where they intend to provide improved germoplasm to users. Germoplasm means living genetic resources for example seeds or tissues that are meant for animal or plant breeding. If they do this then it means for plant and animal breeding and preservation will improve. This will improve the livelihood of our people. Although I say I like the objectives, from our one on one interaction with the ATC staff especially the Principal, I think their attention is not so much on the objectives stated here. They have put their attention to run it as a hotel where they expect people to go there for accommodation and have meals as well but that is a challenge to them. So as a House I would urge us to ensure that we do our oversight role very well like we have started so that we bring back the attention to their specific objective for the (Agricultural Training Center) ATC and run its agenda that it was meant for.

Thirdly, there are various farming activities that we could engage in or our farmers or even us as a County, but you find that year in, year out, the support we give to our farmers is just business

as usual. We give cows, goats and that has been the norm. I want to now praise my colleague Hon. Olwal for his contribution because he has suggested that in future we should try giving out dogs as well. At one point we argued with Hon. Ogutu and today I sell fish, which is also very difficult to get from within Kisumu County. The fishes are rare and if you get some from the people who are doing fish farming or business, they are costly. Ninety five per cent (95 %) of the fish we consume here in Kisumu come from Siaya County and some of them come as far as Jinja in Uganda. Every morning if you go to that place adjacent to Patel Flats you will find our women who sell fresh Dagaas queuing in wait for Dagaas from Usenge in Siaya County where I come from and I thank them for working hard.

The County Government should give support to our farmers in various areas, a principle known as Civic Driven Change without giving them what we feel they should have or rather what we have for them in store. We normally get it wrong from the planning stages. We should urge them to go for Public Participation so that their priorities are well captured.

My other agenda that I would like to put across is that we should do Civic Education as stake holder No. 1 which in our case is the County Government. During most of our meetings or interactions we expect National Government to do it but I think we are the ones who are affected. If our people are not properly informed, they will not act accordingly as in seek assistance plus holding us accountable.

They need to give out their priorities so that when the County Government would be giving them support, it will be according to their needs hence the betterment of their livelihood.

Another thing is that we have cabbages which are not planted anywhere in Kisumu County but import mostly from Western Province even the Traditional ones. I am happy to name a small scale farmer from my Ward (Central Kisumu) who people have even nicknamed *Ginger*. I wish we encourage them to practice different kinds of farming activities like that.

The Ministry for Agriculture should also be informed so that whenever we have something for the farmers, we reach as many farmers as possible not only their preferred ones.

I am also happy that we have talked about Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) but apart from it, what about mentorship programme? Do we have something for the people who are nowhere in Agricultural sector but could be mentored to be somewhere? Our youths are jobless and are just out there with no one caring about mentoring them yet we know that through this sector they can do very well hence improve their lifestyle as well as the livelihoods of their dependants, through the activities they would engage in.

Finally, there is a No. 11 recommendation by the Committee stating that they need to employ and deploy Agricultural Extension Officers at Ward level for proper access to extension services. I have always mentions that, our Extension Officers are not well taken care of and that goes down to their services to the people. If you come to my Sub County (Kisumu West), the Officers

are squatting in the offices they were given by some well-wishers in Ojola. They do not have properly furnished office.

I am sorry to be part of this Committee even though so far so good but, let the County Government do something to take care of our Extension Officers as well as other field workers. There are so many who do not have offices and consequently suffer a lot. Go to Kosawo where we have the Liquor Licensing People. It is a small room shared by several officers. This in turn intimidates them and therefore derails their morale to work.

The Extension Officers like Ward Administrators have no furniture in their offices. So how are our people going to be served in those environments? For lack of a better word, the officers have not been motivated by their boss. So, apart from just having Extension Officers at the ward level, I think we should also consider a good working environment to motivate them, they will also come closer to their farmers instead of idling in the offices yet we are here complaining about their underperformance. The ones working depends on well wishers such as my fellow MCAs who facilitate them in most cases whenever they are going to visit their farmers. That is very wrong since we have resources which are not trickling down to them.

Otherwise, I want to thank the committee and hope the Assembly will consider their facilitation so that they continue serving the two sub counties (Seme and Nyando) that they did not visit. Kudos to our Governor (Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o) too, for the good job that he is doing.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you hon. members I am getting communication from Hon. Aslam that he had debated but he wants a camel to be included in the list of the new animals, so that he can get one. Hon. Chairperson, kindly take note on that. Yes Hon. Jane Manuche.

Hon. Manuche: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the debate on this report has been exhausted and I would like to call upon the mover to reply, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Vitalis Otura

Hon. Otura: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. My microphone is not good and I think I should be given the portable one.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Member, your microphone is working, please proceed.

Hon. Otura: Mr. Speaker I want to take this last opportunity to thank those who have contributed towards this report. As I start; I thank you very much Hon. Muga for the encouragement. it is true that Agriculture is the economic backbone of our Country; to Hon. Aslam, I say thank you very much because it is true that trading attracts stakeholders across borders not only from the residents of Kisumu County hence the need for the accommodation facilities at the ATC.

Mr. Speaker the contributions should be taken seriously because, the accommodation element known as TRAC (Trading and Accommodation) only attracts the trainees and taking into considerations, the trainings are done also to the students.

When the schools, colleges come to visit the Maseno ATC, they will easy time because of the readily available accommodation. That is why all the times the ATC management insists on the matter of accommodation.

In future we need to introduce other types of activities like the horticulture. I want to tell you that as we speak, the Maseno ATC were practicing these but due to the poor management which has exhibit, the horticulture part of it is equally dead. But, in the future let us have the horticulture and devolve it to our farmers at the ground so that when we will be going around next time we shall report on the same. Hon. Olwal it is true that in future we need to introduce other types of activities like horticulture. As we speak at Maseno ATC, they were practicing this but due to the poor management the horticulture is equally dead but in future we need to have this at the Maseno ATC and let this be trickled down to the people on the ground so that when we go round again we can also report on the same.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Otura.

Hon. Ogaga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the Revolving Fund which you were talking about is the major problem. Hon. Speaker the concern of Hon. Ogutu is genuine in the fact that even the National Government introduces the Development fund and that fund was given to the ATCs which are only 34 in Kenya and this fund used to in institutions very well to an extent that it was ploughed back to the National Government as revenue. In our system we only talked of revolving fund and this is just the same as development fund where you give to the institution and they become self-sufficient. Contrary to the current trend where everything is centralized and they make requisition to the Finance department thus with all the bureaucratic process over there it takes too long that will not cope with the demand.

I would like to thank Hon. Pete for also touching on the AMS; the AMS and the ATC need revolving fund because of the nature of their operation. For purposes of efficiency they also need to be empowered. If there is no enough manpower then I don't know how the AMS and ATCs are going to operate because under the ATCs, weeding and feeding of livestock is done by the casual workers; all the professionals who are there are only acting as supervisors.

Finally I would like to respond to Hon. Ogaga's sentiments that truly we indeed visited successful farmers. We did this specifically to encourage and the focus was on successes. We wanted to see if it is true that we can bank on the success of the Livestock Distributed and the training facilities at the ATCs. That does not negate our work as a committee to also look into why there are failures in other areas and request that we be given another opportunity to visit other areas whereby we will focus on the comparative analysis on the failures and we with the

successes then we get to know if we are on the right track. The ATC Manager focused on the TRAC (Training and Accommodation) not because the ATC is not a priority to the institution. The TRAC here is simply the training and accommodation component that is used to be as their bait because, by having that accommodation there are schools around that would take their students there for training at subsidized rates since it is owned by the Government other than being used for commercial purposes like the ones in town which are very expensive. We proposed to work with institutions like USAID because of the mentorship.

Generally I would say that this exercise needs to be given more time and as the Chairperson I would want to put it very clear that going forward we would want to make this department to be an economic backbone of our County. I did say that there were two Sub-counties which were never visited and we would want to organize on how we can be visited. All in all I would like to thank the Hon. Members for supporting this report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Thank you Hon. Otura. Hon. Members a report from the committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the Consultative Forum, Site Visits to the Maseno ATC and Assessment of the Beneficiaries of Livestock Distribution Program by the Department of Agriculture and Irrigation, Livestock and Fisheries has been moved by the Chairperson, seconded by the Deputy Chief Whip and debated upon. I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Hon. Members the report on Consultative Forum, Site Visits to the Maseno ATC and Assessment of the Beneficiaries of Livestock Distribution Program by the Department of Agriculture and Irrigation, Livestock and Fisheries is hereby adopted today Thursday 20th August 2020 at 1635 hours.

Hon. Members, I would like to direct that the recommendation of the report be communicated to the Department Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries so that they take them into action. Hon. Members, I would also want to direct that this report be posted in the Assembly website so that the public can also view it as required by our Standing Orders. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): There being no any other business to transact the House stands adjourned to Tuesday 25th August 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 4.40 p.m.)

Addendum

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