

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

Official Report

SECOND ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021

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

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Good afternoon Honourable Members? Mr. Clerk take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Honourable Members and welcome to today Tuesday session of 23rd February, 2021. I have got two communications to make, I want to request the Members to remain behind after the session. We shall have some kind of informal meeting where we shall discuss some urgent matters concerning the emerging issues of Kisumu County and the welfare of the Members. Kindly inform those who are in on the same.

Two, I have shared in our WhatsApp forum about the pending works for each and every committee. I still want to direct that the committees share their reports so that the House Business Committee can consider them for scheduling for the purposes of discussions or debate.

I want to urge you that let us take our work seriously and I am afraid that it will be difficult for me to approve any committee activity if you have not submitted the report. Please just comply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order Mr. Clerk!

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT IN THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW HON. SAMWEL OTIENO DEDE, MCA NORTH KISUMU WARD

BY

HON. KENNETH ONYANGO

CHAIRPERSON, SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker, allow me to present today Tuesday 23rd, February 2021 the adoption of the Selection Committee Report in the Assembly House Committee Membership to accommodate the ne Hon. Samuel Otieno Dede, MCA North Kisumu Ward.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, following the swearing in of Hon. Samuel Otieno Dede as the new Member for North Kisumu Ward, the Committee on Selection sought for Realignment of House Committees to accommodate the new Honourable Member.

The committee wrote a memo to the Hon. Speaker seeking permission to hold Special Committee sitting on Friday 12th February, 2021 and Tuesday 16th February, 2021 to deliberate on the same.

Mandate/Legal Framework

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee on Selection derives its mandates from County Assembly Standing Orders No. 155 read together with Standing Orders No. 156 and 157 which stipulates;

155. (1) There shall be a select Committee, to be designated the Committee on Selection, consisting of the Leader of the Majority Party who shall be the Chairperson, the Leader of the Minority Party and not less than nine and not more than eleven other Members, who shall be nominated by the County Assembly parties and approved by the County Assembly
- (2) The Committee on Selection shall nominate Members to serve in Committees, save for the membership of the County Assembly Business Committee and Committee on Appointments.

(3)The Committee on Selection shall be appointed within ten days on assembly of a new County Assembly.

Committee Membership

The Committee on Selection comprises of the following;

Members

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| 1. Hon. Kenneth Onyango | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Priscah Misachi | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Pete Oiko | - | Member |
| 4. Hon. Consolata Ollows | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Nancy Owiti | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Paul Okiri | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Erick Agolla | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. (Pst.) David Arao | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo | - | Member |
| 10. Hon. Habil Nyasuna | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Ken Ooko | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. Ken Ageng'o | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. Rashid Miruka | - | Member |

Secretariat

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| 1. Angelyne A. Obonyo | - | Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Patrick Okoyo | - | Hansard |
| 3. Risper Auma | - | Sergeant-at-Arms |
| 4. Dominic Muinde | - | Legal Counsel |
| 5. Grace Kung'a | - | Secretariat |

Acknowledgment

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

I would like to express my special thanks to Members and secretariat of Selection Committee for their valuable input that lead to success of this exercise.

I also would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk for their unwavering support and to every Member of the County Assembly for their co-operation.

NOMINATION OF HON. SAMUEL DEDE TO COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

The committee, in nominating Hon. Dede to various committees considered the number of committees currently held by each Member of the County Assembly.

The following Members had 9 (nine) committees and were generous enough to voluntarily relinquish one of their committees to Hon. Dede.

All said and done Mr. Speaker, Hon. Samuel Dede was awarded a total of Seven Committees, General Oversight included as listed below;

- i. Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee, replacing Hon. Seth Okumu.
- ii. Co-operatives, Finance, Trade and Enterprises Committee, replacing Hon. Beatrice Odongo.
- iii. Culture, Children, Youth and Community Services Committee, replacing Hon. Vincent Jagongo.
- iv. Labour, Welfare and Social Services Committee, replacing Hon. Johnson Guya.
- v. Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, replacing Hon. (Pst.) David Arao.
- vi. Selection Committee, replacing Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.
- vii. General Oversight Committee.

The committee also considered Hon. Dede for committee leadership position and Hon. Priscah Misachi willingly surrendered her position as the Selection Committee Vice Chairperson to the Honourable Member.

PROPOSED RE-ALIGNMENT OF HOUSE COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

The Committee proposed and further presents to the House, the following changes in the House Committees as listed below, for consideration;

- 1) Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security (ALJCAG)
 1. Hon. Seth Okumu - Chairperson
 2. Hon. Beatrice Pamela Ochieng - Vice Chairperson
 3. Hon. Erick Agolla - Member
 4. Hon. Paul Okiri - Member
 5. Hon. Pst. David Arao - Member
 6. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member
 7. Hon. Roy Samo - Member
 8. Hon. Jacktone Ogendo - Member
 9. Hon. Vitalis Otura - Member
 10. Hon. Julius Genga - Member
 11. Hon. Ken Ooko - Member
 12. Hon. Caleb Omoro - Member
 13. Hon. Sally Okudo - Member
 14. Hon. Philemon Ojuok - Member
 15. Hon. Johnson Guya - Member

2) Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee (ALF)

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. Samuel Dede - Member
7. Hon. Aslam Khan - Member
8. Hon. Roy Samo - Member
9. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo - Member
10. Hon. Maureen 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

3) County Budget and Appropriations Committee (B&J)

1. Hon. Steve Owiti - Chairperson
2. Hon. Aslam Khan - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Nancy Owiti - Member
4. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Member
5. Hon. Paul Okiri - Member
6. Hon. Seth Kanga - Member
7. Hon. Joseph Olale - Member
8. Hon. Jacktone Ojwang' - Member
9. Hon. Kenneth Onyango - Member
10. Hon. Maureen Otiang' - Member
11. Hon. Benny Pete - Member
12. Hon. Johnson Guya - Member
13. Hon. Beatrice Odongo - Member
14. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member
15. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member

4) Co-operatives, Finance, Trade and Enterprises Committee (CFTE)

1. Hon. Paul Okiri - Chairperson
2. Hon. Victor Rodgers - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Sally Okudo - Member

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| 4. | Hon. Samson Ameso | - | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Joachim Oketch | - | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Florence Olang'o | - | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Steve Owiti | - | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Julius Genga | - | Member |
| 9. | Hon. John Atieno | - | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Ken Ageng'o | - | Member |
| 11. | Hon. Judith Ogaga | - | Member |
| 12. | Hon. Vitalis Otura | - | Member |
| 13. | Hon. Rashid Miruka | - | Member |
| 14. | Hon. Samuel Dede | - | Member |
| 15. | Hon. George Olwal | - | Member |
- 5) Culture, Children, Youth and Community Services (CCYCS)
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| 1. | Hon. Maurice Ngeta | - | Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Olga Aoko | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Jennipher Obonyo | - | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Florence Olang'o | - | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Beatrice Pamela | - | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo | - | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Jacktone Ogendo | - | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Pamela Odhiambo | - | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Jane Manuche | - | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Sally Okudo | - | Member |
| 11. | Hon. Caren Muga | - | Member |
| 12. | Hon. Caren Oguok | - | Member |
| 13. | Hon. Consolata Ollows | - | Member |
| 14. | Hon. Samuel Dede | - | Member |
| 15. | Hon. Rashid Miruka | - | Member |
- 6) County Delegated Legislation Committee (CDL)
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| 1. | Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo | - | Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Gard Olima | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Seth Kanga | - | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Joseph Olale | - | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Aslam Khan | - | Member |
| 6. | Hon. George Olwal | - | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Vitalis Otura | - | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Olga Aoko | - | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Caren Oguok | - | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Vincent Jagongo | - | Member |

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11. Hon. Consolata Ollows - Member
- 7) ECD, and Vocational Training Committee (ECDVT)
1. Hon. Pst. David Arao - Chairperson
 2. Hon. Judith Ogaga - Vice Chairperson
 3. Hon. Consolata Ollows - Member
 4. Hon. George Abaja - Member
 5. Hon. Joseph Olale - Member
 6. Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo - Member
 7. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
 8. Hon. George Olwal - Member
 9. Hon. Kenneth Onyango - Member
 10. Hon. Beatrice Pamela - Member
 11. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
 12. Hon. Beatrice Odongo - Member
 13. Hon. Rashid Miruka - Member
 14. Hon. Philemon Ojuok - Member
 15. Hon. Ken Ooko - Member
- 8) Health Services, Housing and Sanitation Committee (HSHS)
1. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Chairperson
 2. Hon. John Atieno - Vice Chairperson
 3. Hon. Nancy Owiti - Member
 4. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member
 5. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo - Member
 6. Hon. Pst. David Arao - Member
 7. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member
 8. Hon. Florence Olang'o - Member
 9. Hon. Jacktone Ogendo - Member
 10. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo - Member
 11. Hon. Vitalis Otura - Member
 12. Hon. Maureen Otiang' - Member
 13. Hon. Olga Aoko - Member
 14. Hon. Rashid Miruka - Member
 15. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
- 9) Committee on Implementation (CI)
1. Hon. Erick Agolla - Chairperson
 2. Hon. Roy Samo - Vice Chairperson
 3. Hon. Sally Okudo - Member
 4. Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo - Member s

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| 5. | Hon. Aslam Khan | - | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Vincent Jagongo | - | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Steve Owiti | - | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Maureen Otiang' | - | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Maurice Ngeta | - | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Caleb Omoro | - | Member |
| 11. | Hon. Philemon Ojuok | - | Member |
- 10) Labour, Welfare and Social Services Committee (LWSS)
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| 1. | Hon. Rashid Miruka | - | Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Consolata Ollows | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Vincent Jagongo | - | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Jennifer Obonyo | - | Member |
| 5. | Hon. Priscah Misachi | - | Member |
| 6. | Hon. Florence Olang'o | - | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Caren Muga | - | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Jacktone Ogendo | - | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Julius Genga | - | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Habil Nyasuna | - | Member |
| 11. | Hon. John Atieno | - | Member |
| 12. | Hon. Benny Pete | - | Member |
| 13. | Hon. Samson Ameso | - | Member |
| 14. | Hon. Samuel Dede | - | Member |
| 15. | Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo | - | Member |
- 11) Liaison Committee (LC)
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| 1. | Hon. Joachim Oketch | - | Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Steve Owiti | - | Vice-chairperson |
| 3. | Hon. Kenneth Onyango | - | Leader of Majority |
| 4. | Hon. Priscah Misachi | - | Majority Whip |
| 5. | Hon. Benny Oiko Pete | - | Leader of Minority |
| 6. | Hon. Seth Okumu | - | Member |
| 7. | Hon. Vitalis Otura | - | Member |
| 8. | Hon. Paul Okiri | - | Member |
| 9. | Hon. Rashid Miruka | - | Member |
| 10. | Hon. Jacktone Ogendo | - | Member |
| 11. | Hon. Inviolata Odhiambo | - | Member |
| 12. | Hon. Pst. David Arao | - | Member |
| 13. | Hon. Vincent Jagongo | - | Member |
| 14. | Hon. Habil Nyasuna | - | Member |
| 15. | Hon. Beatrice Odongo | - | Member |

16. Hon. Maureen Otiang'	-	Member
17. Hon. George Olwal	-	Member
18. Hon. Julius Genga	-	Member
19. Hon. Seth Kanga	-	Member
20. Hon. Caren Muga	-	Member
21. Hon. Maurice Ngeta	-	Member
22. Hon. Joseph Olale	-	Member
23. Hon. Samson Ameso	-	Member
24. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo	-	Member
25. Hon. Erick Agolla	-	Member

12) Committee on PIC/PAC

1. Hon. Maureen Otiang'	-	Chairperson
2. Hon. Benny Pete	-	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Julius Genga	-	Member
4. Hon. Paul Okiri	-	Member
5. Hon. Beatrice Pamela	-	Member
6. Hon. Roy Samo	-	Member
7. Hon. Nancy Owiti	-	Member
8. Hon. Seth Okumu	-	Member
9. Hon. John Atieno	-	Member
10. Hon. Johnson Guya	-	Member

13) Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee (PI&ICT)

1. Hon. George Olwal	-	Chairperson
2. Hon. Nancy Owiti	-	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo	-	Member
4. Hon. Priscah Misachi	-	Member
5. Hon. Victor Rodgers	-	Member
6. Hon. Joseph Olale	-	Member
7. Hon. George Abaja	-	Member
8. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo	-	Member
9. Hon. Habil Nyasuna	-	Member
10. Hon. Olga Aoko	-	Member
11. Hon. Kennedy Ageng'o	-	Member
12. Hon. Aslam Khan	-	Member
13. Hon. Johnson Guya	-	Member
14. Hon. George Ogutu	-	Member
15. Hon. Gard Olima	-	Member

14) Committee on Procedure and Rules (PR)

1. Hon. Julius Genga - Chairperson
2. Hon. Caren Muga - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Priscah Misachi - Member
4. Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo - Member
5. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo - Member
6. Hon. Elisha Oraro - Member
7. Hon. Kenneth Onyango - Member
8. Hon. Benny Pete - Member
9. Hon. Ken Ageng'o - Member
10. Hon. Beatrice Odongo - Member
11. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member

15) Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee (PWRT)

1. Hon. Seth Kanga - Chairperson
2. Hon. Johnson Guya - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Erick Agolla - Member
4. Hon. George Abaja - Member
5. Hon. David Arao - Member
6. Hon. Steve Owiti - Member
7. Hon. Jacktone Ogendo - Member
8. Hon. Kenneth Onyango - Member
9. Hon. Maureen Otiang' - Member
10. Hon. Habil Nyasuna - Member
11. Hon. Kennedy Ageng'o - Member
12. Hon. John Atieno - Member
13. Hon. Nancy Owiti - Member
14. Hon. Beatrice Odongo - Member
15. Hon. Paul Okiri - Member

16) Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage Committee (TWH)

1. Hon. Habil Nyasuna - Chairperson
2. Hon. Florence Olang'o - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Jenipher Obonyo - Member
4. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Member
5. Hon. Seth Kanga - Member
6. Hon. George Abaja - Member
7. Hon. Victor Rodgers - Member
8. Hon. Jane Manuche - Member
9. Hon. Caren Muga - Member
10. Hon. Caren Oguok - Member

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11. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
 12. Hon. Caleb Omoro - Member
 13. Hon. George Ogutu - Member
 14. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
 15. Hon. Consolata Ollows - Member

17) Committee on Ward Development Fund (WDF)

1. Hon. Joseph Olale - Chairperson
2. Hon. Caren Oguok - Vice-chairperson
3. Hon. George Ogutu - Member
4. Hon. Erick Agolla - Member
5. Hon. Judith Ogaga - Member
6. Hon. Samson Ameso - Member
7. Hon. Victor Rodgers - Member
8. Hon. Aslam Khan - Member
9. Hon. Florence Olang'o - Member
10. Hon. Habil Nyasuna - Member
11. Hon. Olga Aoko - Member
12. Hon. Kennedy Ooko - Member
13. Hon. Jane Manuche - Member
14. Hon. George Abaja - Member
15. Hon. Ken Ageng'o - Member

18) Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (WENR)

1. Hon. Samson Ameso - Chairperson
2. Hon. Kennedy Ooko - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member
4. Hon. Seth Kanga - Member
5. Hon. Samuel Dede - Member
6. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member
7. Hon. Steve Owiti - Member
8. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
9. Hon. Olga Aoko - Member
10. Hon. Caren Muga - Member
11. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
12. Hon. Philemon Ojuok - Member
13. Hon. Johnson Guya - Member
14. Hon. John Atieno - Member
15. Hon. Roy Samo - Member

19) House Powers and Privileges Committee (HPP)

1. Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro - Chairperson
2. Hon. Beatrice Odongo - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Benny Pete - Member
4. Hon. Priscah Misachi - Member
5. Hon. Beatrice Pamela - Member
6. Hon. Florence Olang'o - Member
7. Hon. Jacktone Ogendo - Member
8. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo - Member
9. Hon. George Olwal - Member
10. Hon. Caren Muga - Member
11. Hon. Kenneth Onyango - Member
12. Hon. Seth Okumu - Member
13. Hon. Ken Ageng'o - Member

20) Committee on Selection (CS)

1. Hon. Kenneth Onyango - Chairperson
2. Hon. Samuel Dede - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Consolata Ollows - Member
4. Pete Oiko - Member
5. Hon. Nancy Owiti - Member
6. Hon. Paul Okiri - Member
7. Hon. Erick Agolla - Member
8. Hon. Pst. David Arao - Member
9. Hon. Priscah Misachi - Member
10. Hon. Habil Nyasuna - Member
11. Hon. Ken Ooko - Member
12. Hon. Ken Ageng'o - Member
13. Hon. Rashid Miruka - Member

21) Welfare and Equal Opportunities (WEO)

1. Hon Pamela Odhiambo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Sally Okudo - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
4. Hon. Ken Ooko - Member
5. Hon. Judith Ogaga - Member
6. Hon Joachim Oketch - Member
7. Hon. Victor Rodgers - Member
8. Hon. George Abaja - Member
9. Hon. Julius Genga - Member
10. Hon. Olga Aoko - Member

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| 11. Hon Priscah Misachi | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. Caleb Omoro | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. George Ogutu | - | Member |
| 14. Hon. Philemon Ojuok | - | Member |
| 15. Hon. Caren Oguok | - | Member |

22) Appointment Committee

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| 1. The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Oraro) | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. George Abaja | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Aslam Khan | - | Member |
| 4. Hon. Joachim Oketch | - | Member |
| 5. Hon Jane Manuche | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Kenneth Onyango | - | Member |
| 7. Hon Benny Pete | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Caleb Omoro | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Beatrice Odongo | - | Member |
| 10. Hon Erick Agolla | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Nancy Owiti | - | Member |

23) House Business Committee

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| 1. The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Oraro) | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Joachim Oketch | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Kenneth Onyango | - | Member |
| 4. Hon Priscah Misachi | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Vitalis Otura | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Benny Pete | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Rashid Miruka | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Steve Owiti | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Seth Kanga | - | Member |
| 10. Hon. Caren Muga | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Jenipher Obonyo | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. Samson Ameso | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. Consolata Ollows | - | Member |

24) General Oversight Committee (GO)

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| 1. The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Oraro) | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Caleb Omoro | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Committee of the Whole House | - | All Members |

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee wishes to present Hon. Samuel Otieno Dede as a Member of the Committees I have mentioned.

In conclusion, pursuant to provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 158 (1), I present this report on behalf of the Selection Committee Members before this Honourable House for consideration.

I wish the Clerk of the Committee should make arrangements so that Hon. Samuel Dede to be sworn as the Vice Chairperson of the Selection Committee as soon as possible. We would wish this information to reach the administrative offices once the House passes this report. Thank you and may I ask the Vice Chair to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Priscah Misachi.

Majority Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am a Member of this committee and I appreciate the efforts we made to ensure that we come up with this report. I also want to say that being the Whip of the Majority Party, I saw the need to relinquish my position as the Vice Chairperson of this House Committee. There was need to accommodate the new Member. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the Leader of Majority has presented a Report from the Selection Committee for the consideration of the new Member Hon. Samuel Otieno Dede, MCA North Kisumu Ward for a number of committees. This was seconded by the Majority Whip.

I want to direct that we expunge the proposal of the Hon. Dede being the Vice Chair of the Selection Committee. I want us to refer to Standing Order No. 158 (3) and I read; *A Member shall not be a Member of a Committee of the County Assembly, unless the nomination of such Member into the Committee is approved by the County Assembly.*

We must debate the approval of Hon. Dede in those Committees that have been proposed and later the Selection Committee shall carry out its election and the results of such brought to the Floor.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority!

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, I stand guided. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): With that amendment, what we will be discussing is purely the approval of the Member into those Committees. The report is now open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this report since it will allow the member to serve in the committees. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): yes Hon. Linnet Muga.

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report to accommodate Hon. Dede in the committees. I also want to thank the Members who accepted to relinquish their committees. I want to inform the Member that having committees is a task. I hope you shall deliver. I wish you the best.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. For the second time in this Assembly, the re-alignment has been done and there is no quarrelling. I am happy with your leadership. I know the Leader of Majority expected me to oppose the report. I remember helping the Member to campaign and we promised to allocate him committees. I also thank the Members who accepted to relinquish their committees to the new Member. That is commendable. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Atieno John.

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I call the mover to reply?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you. This is the first time that the committees are being re-aligned without any altercation. That is the kind of maturity that we would wish going forward because when the consultations are done by the dominant party in this House then, nothing can go wrong. I want to wish Hon. Dede success as he joins these committees and please make a difference so that the people of North Kisumu Ward that you present can get value because representation of this Assembly is done through committees. Please invigorate these committees that you have been placed and let us have the difference. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Honourable Members, now that the Selection Committee report on the changes in the House Committees Membership to accommodate Hon.

Samuel Otieno Dede, MCA Kisumu North Ward has been moved by the Leader of the Majority, seconded by the Majority Whip debated and its time that I put a question on the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Selection Committee Report on the changes in the House Committees Membership to accommodate Hon. Samuel Otieno Dede, MCA Kisumu North Ward has been adopted today Tuesday 23rd February, 2021 at 3:21 p.m. I direct that the Selection Committee to have a Special Sitting and conduct the elections as proposed earlier by the Leader of Majority. The changes take effect immediately.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

MOTION

HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE
BENCHMARKING EXERCISE WITH THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KAKAMEGA
BY
HON. JOHN ATIENO
VICE CHAIRPERSON, HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. John Atieno.

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to present this report on behalf of the Chairperson, Hon. Vincent Jagongo. Pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders (Second Schedule) No. 193 read together with Standing Orders No. 194 (2c) which mandates the committee to prepare programs and activities to be undertaken in each Fiscal Year, the Committee on Health, Housing and Sanitation prepared its Annual Work Plan for FY 2020/2021 detailing errands to be transacted which amongst them, was a benchmarking activity.

Following the approval of the Liaison Committee, the Speaker of the Kisumu County Assembly permitted the Committee to carry out the benchmarking exercise in attempt to achieve its mandate.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the committee through the office of the Clerk, communicated to the Clerk of Kakamega County Assembly requesting to benchmark with their Standing Committee on Health Services (see annexure 1). Kakamega County Assembly in turn honoured the request granting the committee an opportunity to benchmark with them (see annexure 2).

Legal framework and Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the Committee derives its mandate from the provisions of County Assembly Standing Orders (Second Schedule) No. 193 which stipulates as follows:

The Committee shall investigate all matters relating to County health services, including, in particular County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlors and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; housing; and sanitation.

Objectives

The committee's objectives while undertaking this exercise were;

- i. Inquire into the support which the Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) receive from the county government.
- ii. Ascertain the number of volunteers within the county and their remunerations
- iii. Learn the activities conducted by volunteers within the county.
- iv. Inquire into challenges CHVs face while executing their duties.

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| 2. Hon. John Atieno | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Seth Okumu | - | Member |
| 4. Hon. Nancy Owiti | - | Member |
| 5. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. Pst. David Arao | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. Joachim Oketch | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Florence Olang'o | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Jacktone Ogendo | - | Member |
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| 11. Hon. Vitalis Otura | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. Maureen Otiang | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. Olga Aoko | - | Member |
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| 15. Hon. Gard Olima | - | Member |

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Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members and secretariat of the Health Housing and Sanitation committee for their valuable input and contribution during the entire benchmarking exercise with the sister committee of the County Assembly of Kakamega.

Equally, the Committee wishes to convey its utmost and sincere gratitude to the County Assembly of Kakamega fraternity for their amiable welcome and full cooperation throughout this exercise.

The Committee also applauds Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly of Kisumu for offering extreme support and a show of goodwill that culminated to this success.

It is therefore my honor and privilege on behalf of the members of the Committee to present to this Honourable House, the report on benchmarking exercise at the County Assembly of Kakamega for consideration and adoption.

Thank You.

Abbreviation

- CHVs Community Health Volunteers.
- CHEW Community Health Extension Worker.
- AMREF African Medical and Research Foundation.
- KANCO Kenya Aids NGOs Consortium.
- CABDA Community Asset Building and Development Asset.
- NHIF National Hospital Insurance Fund.
- MOH Ministry of Health.
- PPEs Personal Preventive Equipment.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, Community Health is a worldwide movement that focuses on the preventive aspect of healthcare by improving the knowledge of the community on health and health risks.

Community Health strategy is the first level of health care in the health structure where these community health workers conduct assessment of patients within the community then refer patients to the Dispensary which is Level 2.

Status of CHVs in Kakamega County

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, Kakamega County has a total of 4220 CHVs and 224 community health units which are linked to respective community dispensaries. Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) are chosen and appointed by their communities through barazas and work in community units comprising 10 individuals each.

Each CHV is assigned 100 households within the community which they are mandated to visit and give medical advice and support.

The county has various partners supporting CHV activities within the county namely; AMREF, M-Tiba, NHIF Bora, Afya Halisi, KANCO, CABDA and Living Goods which only support CHVs in Malava Sub County. They provide them with IC materials, internet connection, periodic trainings, bags, aprons, ICT materials e.g. phones and even host them for monthly progress meetings.

FINDINGS

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, with the earlier mentioned objectives, the committee had the following findings to note;

2.21. Support the CHVs receive from the County Government

- i. Kakamega County is currently working on a CHV Bill and amending the Imarisha Afya ya Mama na Mtoto Bill that will help streamline and/or reduce issues affecting CHVs;
- ii. CHV Kits such as a water proof bag, thermometers, BP machines, testing kits, drugs, disinfectants, water treatment chemicals etc.
- iii. Work Tools. These tools include; Household Registers (MOH 513), CHV Service Delivery Log Book (MOH 514), Community Referral Booklet (MOH 100).
- iv. The government also schedule regular training for the CHVs.

Activities carried out by the CHVs

The Community Health Volunteers play the following roles within the community:

- i. Conduct mapping and registration of people within the area they serve.
- ii. Report on various ailments within the community for onward submission to the Ministry of Health.
- iii. Conduct mobilization and issuing of utilities from the national and county governments e.g. vaccines, mosquito nets, etc.

- iv. Referral of patients to health facilities and conduct follow up.
- v. Defaulters tracing (Especially for cases of HIV patients) to ensure that they visit hospitals for their medications.
- vi. Organize for dialogue and action days (barazas).
- vii. Act as birth companions by accompanying expectant women to the hospital for deliveries.
- viii. Ensure general sanitation of the households.
- ix. Registration of clients into the NHIF universal health care program.

Payment of the CHVs

The payment of CHVs was to be made under the Oparanya Care fund as part of the regulation within the Kakamega County Maternal, Child Health and Family Planning Act of 2017 where payments to CHVs were to be channeled to the fund account that was to be developed for Kakamega County Maternal Child Health and Family Planning Act 2017 and funds retained therein for the budgeted purpose.

Initially there was an arrangement to pay the CHVs at the end of every month but this could not be achieved due to financial constraints in the government. This has seen them go several months without pay.

Out of the 4220 CHVs, 2735 are paid by the County Government while the remaining ones are paid by World Vision.

The CHVs in Kakamega County vary depending with the sponsor. Those sponsored by the County Government are paid a monthly stipend of Kshs. 3000 (They have however not received their payment for the past 6 months) while those under World Vision receive Kshs. 4000.

Challenges faced by the CHVs

- i. Lack of tools of work i.e. special identification jackets to be able to be identified by the community. This exposes them to hostility from the community.
- ii. Lack of tools of reporting. There should be gadgets/phones connected to the internet that gets information straight to the ministry as soon as they are keyed in.
- iii. Demoralizing stipend which has resulted into fall out of many CHVs.

GENERAL FINDINGS

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, having compared the above findings with the status of CHVs in Kisumu County (See Annexure 3) the committee had the following to note;

- i. The payments to CHVs is dependent on the department of treasury's priorities which is seriously proving to be an issue because the main challenge experienced in the payment

to CHVs was discovered to be occasioned by constant changing of accountants within their department, resulting to delays in disbursement of funds from the county treasury.

- ii. That there was an agreement on terms of payment between Kisumu County Government and the CHVs representatives to pay them after every three months.
- iii. A functional Community health strategy requires serious financial support from the accounting officers at the Ministry of health but when financial support is not accorded, management of CHVs becomes a big challenge.
- iv. That some CHVs had forwarded contacts of spouses as medium of payment and claim to have received no payment when indeed payment was made and the spouses squandered.

CHALLENGES

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, altogether, the committee noted that the CHVs face major challenges in general as stated below;

- i. The 3-months payment agreement has not yet been fully implemented.
- ii. Delay in disbursement of funds from the treasury result into delay in payment of CHVs.
- iii. Inadequate PPEs especially during this time of COVID-19.
- iv. Lack of work tools/equipment. Without identification cards the clients within the community cannot identify the CHVs thus they are non-compliant.
- v. Since health is a fully devolved function, the CHVs don't get any support from the National government and are fully dependent on the county government which is not very stable in offering support.
- vi. Ghost workers. The committee was informed that there exist quite a number of persons disguised as CHVs who are actually receiving payments at the expense of the actual CHVs who are working.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker and Honourable members, after serious deliberation on the above findings, the committee therefore recommends that;

- i. Since the CHVs play a very critical role in the community health strategy within the community in terms of keeping records of deaths; births (live births, still births, hospital vs. home deliveries), they should be facilitated effectively in order for them to perform their work with efficiency and needed morale. A functional system should be developed to enable timely disbursement of funds as agreed.
- ii. There should be a routine reporting system by the Ministry of Health, of all the community health workers who are in service so that the community health volunteers' data base can be maintained and kept up to date at all times to avoid issues of ghost workers and to help maintain adequate resources (esp. PPEs) in times of uncertainties such as COVID – 19.

- iii. The ministry should ensure that a county scheme of service for Community Health Volunteers is implemented as advised by the national government.
- iv. A county policy for Community Health Strategy to be developed and/or implemented with the inclusion of all key stakeholders.
- v. The county government should come up with avenues for income generating activities to empower Community Health Volunteers.
- vi. The Ministry of Health should develop a system requiring every CHV to have a national ID and a valid bank account for accountability as opposed to M-Pesa to avoid payment issues involving spouses.
- vii. In case of any changes as far as payment of CHVs is concerned, CHVs' representatives should be involved and/or made aware to reduce public outcry.
- viii. All pending payments to Community Health Volunteers for the previous financial years should be paid fully.
- ix. There is need to be included in the budget a provision for the CHVs supervisors that will act as a way of appreciating their work in the field.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the committee extends its appreciation to the office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support accorded to it in the execution of its mandate leading to the success of this activity.

It is now my pleasure on behalf of the committee to present this report to this Honorable House for adoption. I call upon Hon. Seth Okumu to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee Report on its Benchmarking Exercise with the sister committee of Kakamega County Assembly has been presented by the Committee Vice Chairperson Hon. John Atieno on behalf of the Chairperson Hon. Vincent Jagongo and seconded by Hon. Seth Okumu. I now want to open it for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Rashid Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I happen to be a Member of the said House Committee that travelled to Kakamega and all the information that are share here are true. Comparatively, I want to say that the responsibilities of the CHVs are almost the same but looking at what ours are doing is so bulky and what we are giving them in return is not commensurate and that is why we

have a lot of blame game. Going by the findings and recommendations that are in this report and if adopted then we shall help our health workers.

Looking at the mode of payment by our sister county, they are being paid by the County and they have partners like World Vision alongside other partners that are mentioned in the report but in Kisumu County, it is entirely the burden of the County Government. Going by the information that we have, they have gone with this stipend for a very long time. We therefore appeal with the department concerned if we could get other partners and civil society organizations to support this thus being quite helpful to us. What we also learnt as a good practice done better when using different partners is the mode of training. The mode of training is supported by many organizations, which if employed here would be quite impactful.

Lastly, I want to suggest to the Members that the activities that our Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) do to the community are very important. Let us help them by articulating that to the County government that they need to be paid. We realized that many organizations go and support them in Kakamega County unlike here in Kisumu County. I therefore urge my fellow Members to kindly help us to adapt this so that we could find changes and good service delivery from our CHVs, thank you Mr. Speaker, I support. I request you to also help us adopt the document so that it can be taken up by the county government.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Erick Agolla, Chairperson of the Implementation Committee.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker, just as Hon. Rashid has pleaded with Members to adopt this report, allow me likewise to plead with us for the adoption of this report and before I make my submissions. First, I want to thank the Chairperson and the entire committee as well as the secretariat for their good work.

Mr. Speaker, health is devolved function and my only concern is that there were some organizations supporting our CHVs long before the County Government of Kisumu got involved in remunerating them. One time, I met some of the CHVs and they were quite worried of the County Government of Kisumu because of the delays of their stipend that they were receiving. They were opting forgo the stipend and preferred to revert to the organizations that initially took care of them. My concern is where these partners went to and would like to plead with the committee to include the idea of us wanting other partners back. This is a regional county that should not be without these partners and seemingly the support that these partners are giving to this county is being channeled someplace else. Moreover, the monthly stipend of Kshs. 2500 is not equivalent to the work they are doing.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to plead with us that the government's stipend should be retained with an increase and we should call in other partners to ensure that our CHVs are well taken care of.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Benny Pete Oiko, Leader of minority.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker, the issue of CHVs/Workers is one that should not be taken lightly by this House. These are our people who offer essential services in the Primary Healthcare at the village level where the majority of our people live. Initially, they used to offer services without pay and due to their exemplary services, it was thought worthy to reward them with some little money. This is something that has been factored in the budget, that's why one would wonder why what is factored in the budget does not work out. In April last year, we raised this issue in this House that the CHWs/CHVs were not being paid then the department responded that they would get paid. They gave the picture that by the end of July last year, they were going to finish payment before the end of the last financial year. However, we are surprised to learn that the community health workers have not been paid for 10 months yet their money was factored in the budget.

Mr. Speaker, one would therefore question why they cannot be paid in time yet the money is factored in the budget. We must stand up and tell the Executive to give the CHWs what they owe them. We are being told of other organizations that are supporting CHVs, and our people should also go that direction. We know that these other institutions might not come in if they realize lack of seriousness. Let the CHVs be paid in time because their money had been factored in the budget for compensation.

Another discovery made in the case of Kisumu is that, their payment has not been honored by the Sub-County Health Officers, it looks like there is a weakness in this system. We need a system that has no loophole, which is known that by the end of this month, the payroll is prepared and the CHVs will get their pay. If the department have failed to handle this, then, we can call upon the County Public Service Board to come in and engage these people for proper record purposes.

Mr. Speaker, it is not in order to factor funds into the Budget and the year goes by, the beneficiaries do not get. As we talk now, payments for CHWs is in arrears. When the report was presented before this House, it was echoed that this could be followed up which has not been the case. So, let us be serious with our oversight role so that we help these CHWs. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Arao, MCA, Railways Ward and Chairperson, Education Committee.

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to correspondingly support this report. As it is indicated in the report I am a member of this House Committee of Health therefore, I took part in giving my views in coming up with the report.

Mr. Speaker, you are aware that, most of the areas that my fellow colleagues have touched on and when you look at page eleven of the report, you will realize that there is a similar challenge that was encountered, witnessed and testified in Kakamega County and also in Kisumu County. This is the challenge of late payment. This indicates to this House that, even though we have our

Budget Estimates passed in this House, but when it comes to the implementation component, it becomes a challenge this is not only unique to Kisumu County but also in all the Counties in Kenya. Mr. Speaker, I believe that having witnessed that the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020 is about to be approved, I believe that we are going to get solutions to these grave matters very soon because most of the times I am perturbed because we have a Budget that was passed in black and white, we do our Budget Estimates on time, and when it comes to the implementations aspect, then you get surprised because nothing is far from the truth.

Mr. Speaker, we are still facing a lot of challenges on how best to implement or Budget Estimates. Mr. Speaker, let me give you a clear example. Let us look at the Budget that we just passed the other day, and let us distance ourselves from this report and look at Roads Maintenance Team. The Budget for this exercise is there and we are approaching the lapse of this Financial Year and nothing tangible has been done.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what we can do as Members of this County Assembly to ensure that, once a Budget has been passed then, we don't have to run around. You will realize that Members of the County Assembly will be running to the Executive to do follow-up, to literally beg to ensure that the budget is implemented appropriately. Therefore, we need to come up with modalities and regulations which indicates explicitly that, the Budget Estimates be implemented with the timelines that have been passed and if those timelines are not observed, then, we have to get a window on how we can bring the responsible officers to task and take responsibilities and ensure that the Estimates is implemented.

Mr. Speaker, Kshs 2,500.00, if you want to hold it for six months, ten months and at the same time you ask the officer to be reporting to work diligently, I believe that, the person will never be motivated to deliver or perform as expected in his or her duties. Therefore, we only need to ask our brothers from the Executive Wing of the government to be lenient with these people who are performing these donkey work at the grass-roots, when you compare what they earn, it is just peanuts comparable to those people sitting in those big offices comfortably not minding about them. Mr. Speaker, I plead with this House that we pass this report and it be forwarded to the relevant line Department and ensure that once we approve our Budget Estimates it is implemented to the letter. Otherwise, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Ogutu.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity to contribute on this matter. I want to say that I believe that it is not okay for Hon. Members to plead that this report be adopted. The biggest question that we should all ask ourselves is, how many reports have we passed in the floor of this House and have never been implemented. It is not bad for this House to adopt this one but, after the adoption of this report, what next?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Whom do you want to inform Hon. Arao?

Hon. Arao: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogutu, just a moment.

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to inform the House that includes the Hon. Member on his feet that, we have a Report by the Standing Committee of Health. Mr. Speaker, please guide the Member to concentrate on the report before the House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogutu, I believe that you stand guided.

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, I believe that you know Hon. Arao very well and sometimes he does not listen to what a Hon. Member is trying to raise. Mr. Speaker, when we are debating, you have to build your point and I believe that is what I was doing so towards the same report he is talking about. Mr. Speaker, it is imperative to note that, he has touched on the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport and leaving his own Education Committee where he is the Chairperson. The Committee of Education which is affected in the same spirit.

Mr. Speaker, having mentioned that, please let me go back to my point. I believe that, even if we pass this report today, and implementation is below par then, I believe that there is nothing we are doing. We must look for ways and means of having an audience with the Executive. Mr. Speaker, people are talking about Budgets, because the Leader of Minority, Hon. Oiko has put it here clearly, these funds we are talking about, were factored in the Budget Estimates.

Mr. Speaker, what has gone wrong with that particular estimates that these CHWs cannot be paid their dues for months? Mr. Speaker that is what I saying that, even if we pass this report today, implementation will be a big problem. Mr. Speaker, I am persuaded to believe that we have the Chairperson of Implementation Committee in this House, let him come up and tell us exactly how things are being implemented in this County.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the biggest problem here is the implementation component. As I have stated, this year we passed a Budget with funds totaling to Kshs 4.1 million for Disbursement to Bursaries and Scholarships. It is a pity, because when I looked at the amounts that my ward received, it is a paltry, because as we speak, some of the students are at home, and we are not talking about that but talking of a different approach.

Mr. Speaker, let us look at how things are being implemented in this County so that we can help our County. I believe that, it is not fair if at all we passed a budget for this cadre of staff in this Assembly and yet they are not being paid. Simple questions would be; where is the money? Who has taken that money? And can we be shown where this money is? That is because, if they were not paid, then the money has to be somewhere. That is, even if we adopt this particular report

today, and its implementation becomes a problem, then, we are doing nothing in this Assembly Mr. Speaker.

It is high time for us to take implementation head on so that everything we talked about in this Assembly can be put to practice. I do not have much to say and with those few remarks, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Philemon.

Hon. Philemon: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I just want to say that I support the implementation of the report. However, I want to reiterate what other members have talked about. I also want to make a conclusion about it that we are just going round in circles on the whole issue. In this thing, it is this House which is failing in their oversight role. If these things were passed in the budget and they have not. You call the person responsible for doing that to come and tell us why they are not implementing the budget. If they cannot convince you, you send them home. That is what the Law says.

Instead, we are just; wavering, doing what and talking as if we are... in fact even if you listen to somebody who has not been schooled from the ward, they say that the people that we sent there to protect, are just clapping.

Indeed, I met the Community Health Workers (CHWs) being trained by some other organizations in my ward (Central Nyakach) when they saw me, they were requesting for some sodas but when I sat there, you know I was telling them that the money had been paid because there was such an allegation that now all the backlog that they had been paid something. I told them; no, we just got this amount of money. The other part had not been paid.

I was so embarrassed. And they were also asking “*mheshimiwa*, when all these things are happening, what are you people doing?” you know, that is one thing that will send us home as a unit. It will be up to this Assembly as a unit. That is a true narrative that is going on.

In addition, as Hon. Arao talked about roads being pathetic and by their own admission, they are a flop. When you get to Education, the Bursary is also flopped. You come again to the Health Sector, Kshs 2500 is a flop. I was sick but when I looked at some of the allegations made in the Auditor General’s Report, my friend, some of them are indeed true.

Mr. Speaker, I am requesting you; lead this Assembly into doing oversight. And the hon. Leader of Majority, when you have a friend, you do not let him/her get into the water. I am telling you that if this House does not help the Governor, we will send him home. We are the ones sending him home.

A Governor cannot know all those things that they are doing there. That is why the framers of the constitution decided to create this House to oversight. Like now the members of the public

are clearly saying that we are clapping. The people who walk here and there stating “you know the Governor said, you know the party said” I am wondering why they are not repeating the same in public stating that “You know we act in that way because we were sent” why are they not saying it in public saying that you know, for us we acted that way because we were assigned. Why are they not saying in public? It is because they know that when they came here, they were lying to us. It is not the Governor who sent them, neither the party ... and they could be repeating. This whole House should be sent home as a unit because they have nothing tangible to show.

We drafted this thing very well. The recommendations that are here are actually in that particular thing. But, we are not implementing them because we simply do not do oversight. When you call somebody here; “you know somebody said that we should not ask; you know somebody said that calls are being made” to the Speaker and the Leader of Majority, please, let us oversight...

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Point of Order Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, I have just walked in and the hon. Member seems to be very emotional. If that is the effect of drug, but that aside. What we are saying is this, this House cannot rely on sensational headlines...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Atieno, Hon. Leader of Majority is on a point of order. So, let him conclude, I will give you chance.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, this House cannot be led by sensational headlines on the newspapers or on television. It is guided by facts that we are able to establish that these are facts that are beyond reproach like Caesar’s wife.

When people come here and they are not able to give us facts, then we shall continue to oppose without making an ally. It is not really necessary when an Honourable Member becomes so emotional unnecessarily ...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Ogutu.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to give information. The Leader of Majority is talking about information and I think we have it. We have just talked about the Department of Roads, which is now pathetic. Is that not information? We are talking about the committee he chairs which is ECD and Vocational Training.

We know what is happening with the bursary, is that not information? What kind of information does the Leader of Majority needs? What we are talking about are facts. If he needs more information, then I believe that he is the leader of business in this House as well as the Executive

Department. He should also go there and bring us something contrary to what we are saying Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu, are you on a point of information or you want to debate?

Hon. Okumu: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, the last two contributors are members from the minority side. One was elected on an Independent Ticket and the other one on a FORD-K Ticket. However, they are here, quarrelling our Leader of Majority of the ODM party. And we will not agree...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu...

Hon. Okumu: Is it right? That is what I was asking.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Seth Okumu, you know you did not tell me the Standing Order you were standing on. I was waiting for that and I did not get it. So, I want to rule you out of order.

Hon. Seth Okumu: Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pete, what is it? You are on which point of order?

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pete, we are guided by the Standing Order and it is important to note that if you want to get facts or whatever. They are all in the Standing Orders so, it is better to quote which Standing Order you are referring to.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Minority proceed.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Mr. Speaker our two members, one was contributing on the report before the House. All of a sudden, they have digressed. The question now comes, why have they digressed? ...and when members become emotional on issues, it means that things are not adding up. That is what we should address. I would like to plead with your chair to monitor why people digress instead of advising.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I want to make some directions that I had made earlier before and I would refer especially to Hon. Philemon. This House works through procedures and rules and the House is divided into several committees which has distinct functions. I believe each and every Member has its own committee; the work of the Speaker is well defined to the Constitution. County Government Act, Standing Orders and any other statute. It is the prerogative of the Members to do what is called oversight and the work of the Speaker is

to listen to both sides for those who agree with what has been brought, those who oppose and to guide the House.

Therefore, I would like to challenge Hon. Philemon and any other Member who belongs to any other committee that, it is your responsibility to do oversight. If it is Roads then let the Roads Committee do their oversight role, if it is Water then let the Water committee do its oversight, if it is Education let them also do theirs, if it is Implementation then it is your role to do oversight.

So, if there is no oversight that is being done then it is you who have failed. Not the Leader of Majority or the Speaker. I am directing for the last time that let each and every committee do oversight. We have agreed that we give the committees what they want and I have approved request by committees that want to sit, to visit projects. Reports have been brought here, they have been debated and it is upon the Members to make decisions on what they want as appropriate. So, please let us take our work seriously and I want to guide that let us proceed with the debate on whether to approve what the Health Committee has brought or not. The matters of implementation; we have the Chairperson of Implementation Committee here and he will tell us where they have reached since we have approved so many reports here and I have never heard anybody asking the Implementation Chairperson where they have reached. If they have not been asked then I think it is us who are failing and not to blame one person.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Arao?

Hon. Pst. Arao: Mr. Speaker although you have made your ruling I don't want to refer on it. Standing Orders No. 89 talks about bringing the evidence; talking of oversight, the entire Assembly is tainted and word is going round that the Majority Leader came with a report of PIC/PAC on the Moi stadium which he rejected.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Arao I want to rule you out of order. There is no way one person can debate on a report. The report in question where I was chairing in the Assembly that was debated and the voting was put.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker would you ask the Hon. Member to withdraw.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I have ruled Hon. Arao out of order so he does not have to withdraw.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Mr. Speaker under the same Standing Orders No. 89 which Hon. Arao is referring to. Mr. Speaker, it is in order for us to follow the rules of the House as you have ruled. Mr. Speaker I can remember there are some issues which were committed to the General Oversight

Committee for example the issue of the Bursaries; we deliberated on this issue when we were in a Joint Meeting in Nairobi and it was resolved that, it should be taken to the Committee of General Oversight and the Assembly has got the power of the High Court. When an issue has been brought in a committee then we should not debate it again in other committees. I hope this is what Hon. Members should be concerned about. Yes we are concerned that implementation is a problem and we must differentiate the work of the Implementation Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Agolla I already gave direction on what we need to do. So can we proceed with the report at hand?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. John Obura.

Hon. John Obura: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity so that I can reply. Hon. Miruka ably put it that we need to look for some partners to help us in paying stipends for our CHVs. I believe that this is a noble initiative because if we compare what our partners in Kakamega are doing towards helping the CHVs get their stipends then I believe that we should emulate that so that we may reach out to organizations like World vision that is really doing a recommendable work in Kakamega.

Hon. Agolla said that CHVs used to be paid before the County Government intervened and started paying them. I want to bring it clear to this Hon. House that CHVs were never paid in the previous regime and it was one of initiatives that our Governor started to implement when he assumed office. Even though the stipend has not been paid adequately as per what we agreed on the floor of this House but, I believe it is because of budgetary constraints.

I would like to concur with what the Leader of Minority said who crowned it all that if these stipends were factored in the budget why is it so difficult for these Healthcare workers to be paid their dues. I believe that it is upon this House to rise up to the occasion to ensure that whatever is that was budgeted for and is factored in the budget, must be fully implemented.

I don't have much to say but to thank this House for the robust deliberation that they have exhibited in supporting this report.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, now that the Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee have subjected their Report on their Benchmarking with the sister committee in the County Assembly of Kakamega as presented by Hon. Atieno on behalf of the Chairperson, seconded by Hon. Seth Okumu and debated, it's time that I put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Health Housing and Sanitation committee report on their benchmarking with the sister committee in the County Assembly of Kakamega is hereby adopted today Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 1618 hours. I want to direct that the said recommendations in the report be communicated to the Executive for action as appropriate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 9.00 a.m.

(House rose at 4.21 p.m.)

Addendum

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