

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, 14th October, 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): Hon. Members, I want to request under Standing Order No. 32 (2) that the Sergeant-At-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

(House resumes after attaining the requisite quorum)

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

Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Mr. Speaker, according to the Wednesday Attendance Schedule, we have the quorum. Thank you.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, I have two communication to make. One is, I have a letter before me that has been addressed to the Speaker, the Clerk and the Chairperson, Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources, all Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of various committees. The letter is an invitation to attend the Launch of Menara Tree Nursery in Muhoroni Sub-County. Allow me to read the body of the letter.

The Directorate of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources of the County Government of Kisumu wishes to invite you for a function in Menara in Muhoroni Sub- County for the start of Distribution and Planting of Tree Seedlings in Public Spaces in the County within the Afforestation Strategy and a visit by Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry to our gazette forest to assess our proposed mini-water tower and hill tops. The occasion will be presided over by both the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry Dr. K. Kiptoo and His Excellency Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o on Wednesday 21st October, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. Honourable Members, schedule your activities with that information so that you attend.

Honourable Members, my next communication is, I have noticed the Members exiting the Chambers when the quorum bell is being rung and yet you are aware of what the Standing Order stipulates. Let the Serjeant-at- Arm ensure that that is adhered to.

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

STATEMENTS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members we are on Statements.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Steve Owiti.

Hon. Owiti: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to make a Statement with regards to Public Participation on scheduled for this week on Friday 16th October, 2020. Hon. Members, as the Chair of Budget and Appropriations Committee, we shall be at Mama Grace Onyango Social Hall as from 9:00 a.m. On that material day, we shall be looking at the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2020 and the Kisumu County Annual Development Plan FY 2021/2022. Every Member must ensure that there is a representation of ten persons from each and every Ward. That will give us Three Hundred and Fifty participant from our Wards together with other invited guests and stakeholders who will be joining us on that day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Steve Owiti.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Two weeks ago, I raised a Statement in this House and it was directed to Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I am expecting the response today.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Honourable Chair for Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee could you please approach the Chair.

(The Temporary Speaker consulting with Hon. Ameso)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Pamela, I am being informed by my able Clerk that, time allotted to give a response on that Statement has not elapsed and it should be Tuesday next week. Let us wait until that time.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Noted.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. David Arao.

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank and appreciate the Honourable Members for the support they accorded me due to the challenges I was facing. Thank you very much for all your prayers. I am now back on my feet to serve the people of Railways Ward and the people of Kisumu County. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Honourable Member for Railway Ward. We are happy to see you back. We still pray for your full recovery.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Roy Samo.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. You have been very lenient to us and supporting the course towards our people getting justice that they so deserve. I stand to comment about the status of roads in my Ward that were done in the last Financial Year in Obwolo- Gita...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order Honourable Member. I want to assist you and I believe you know what the Standing Order demands for. You ought to have done a Statement. Send it to Speaker for approval. Otherwise, we will treat it as a Personal Statement.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker for your guidance. I will wait for another day and follow the right procedure. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you.

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

MOTION**AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE REPORT ON
BENCHMARKING EXERCISE WITH SISTER COMMITTEE OF UASIN GISHU COUNTY
ASSEMBLY****BY****HON. VITALIS OTURA****CHAIRPERSON, AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE****PREAMBLE**

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

The Agriculture, Irrigation, Livestock and Fisheries in its sitting on Wednesday, 12th August, 2020 deliberated upon and adopted its annual work plan for the FY 2020/2021 and submitted to the Liaison Committee. From the Work plan, the Committee listed its activities and programs for the entire FY which amongst them was the Benchmarking with Sister Counties to acquire best practices, share challenges and milestones. The Committee on Wednesday, 19th August, 2020 while deliberating on adopting its report for the Field Visits conducted during the July/August recess on MIN. NO.5-CAK/AGRIC/19/08/2020 – MATTERS ARSING with regards to the previous meeting on adoption of the work plan resolved to conduct the Benchmarking with Uasin Gishu County Assembly Sister Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries holding to the facts of posterity of the Agriculture sector in the County. Members proposed to conduct the event from Thursday, 10th September, 2020 to Tuesday, 15th September, 2020.

To this effect, the Committee reacted by notifying the Liaison Committee of its plans vide a letter reference CAK/ADMIN/UASIN GISHU/ST/Vol. III/2020 dated Monday, 24th August, 2020 (see annex i) which was well received and stamped. On the other hand, the Liaison Committee responded by informing the Committee of the impossibility to have the trip on the proposed date citing the queue caused by prior submissions from other Committees. Further clarification was made by the Chair Liaison that Committees will be validated for the trips on the basis of first come, first serve with assurance that equality for all Committees will be guaranteed.

In gratifying the above, the request was consented and the Committee was cleared to proceed with the trip from Thursday, 17th September, 2020 to Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020. The Committee invoked the provisions of Standing Order No. 165 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing orders and made a formal request to the Office of the Speaker to authorize it Conduct the Benchmarking on the approved dates and was granted. The Clerk was further instructed to write a letter of request to the Clerk of the sister assembly to accord the Committee time Convenient for the study tour.

Uasin Gishu County Assembly acknowledged receipt of the request letter reference CAK/ADMIN/UASIN GISHU/ST/Vol. III/2020 dated 14th September, 2020 (see annex ii) and emailed back an approval note dated Thursday, 17th September (see annex iii) with slight deviations recommending that the Benchmarking be undertaken between Wednesday, 23rd September, 2020 to Monday, 28th September, 2020 subject to proper and thorough preparations.

Correspondingly, due to the Motion on the Sensitive Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020 that was on the floor of the house for debate on the D-day inviting active participation from all Honorable Members, the Committee was constrained and sought for plea from the host to be pardoned a day hence undertook the event as from Thursday, 24th September, 2020 to Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 in a cordial, objective and successful knowledge transfer system and experience sharing mechanism.

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; -

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

1. Omollo Isaac	-	Committee Clerk
2. Zablon Otiende	-	Rapporteur
3. Maximilla Awour	-	Secretariat
4. Risper Auma	-	Sergeant-at-Arms
5. Bill Omondi	-	Legal Counsel

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

The Committee in its last sitting to the date of the benchmarking with Uasin Gishu County Assembly structure 13 point (TOR) as listed below;

1. Acts, policies and regulations that have been enacted by the assembly in support of Crop and Livestock Production activities.
2. Incentives and input subsidies issued to farmers on Crop and Livestock production to promote Agricultural Production.
3. The number of Learning/Research institutions equipping farmers with knowledge, skills and information on modern Agricultural Production techniques.
4. What are some of the major factors that are contributing to the general success of Crop and Livestock Production in Uasin Gishu County?
5. Which Common exotic/indigenous animal breeds are majorly reared by Farmers in Uasin Gishu County and why does the County Government prefer Such Breeds.
6. Does Uasin Gishu County have acts and regulations on Agricultural Mechanization Services aiming at efficient use of Technology for increased Agricultural Production?
7. What Procurement policies do you have in place to ensure prompt supply of Agricultural Commodities (inputs) that are time bound and vastly influenced by Seasons/ calendars of the year?

8. Does the County assembly approve funds for the Livestock Distribution Program as a vise for socioeconomic empowerment to the small scale farmers?
9. How does the County Assembly ensure that farmers get access to proper extension services?
10. Does the County Government have an existing and operational Revolving Fund making it easy for farmers to access funds for proper farm management and what kind of regulations does the County have for prudent, accountable and transparent utilization of such funds?
11. Does the County assembly have acts and regulations assisting farmers gain access to better markets for their products?
12. What is the Contribution of Development partners (NGOs) in the growth of the Agriculture Sector in Uasin Gishu County?
13. What are the Major obstacles/Challenges facing the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Uasin Gishu County Assembly in pursuit of its Mandate?

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 the Clerk of the County Assembly towards ensuring that the committee's mandate is achieved by offering us the necessary support and facilitation requisite for undertaking the Benchmarking.

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.

In a special way, I immensely thank and appreciate our Counterpart assembly for the absolute preparedness that guaranteed explicit achievements of this noble course. Unreservedly and tandem to the above, the two Committee Chairs and Hon. Members for the sister Committees who throughout the period voluntarily showcased for the event actively participating making contributions despite the program running through the Members Ward day and weekend.

In addition, Hon. Speaker, it is worth noting that during the Committee meetings with the Counterpart, 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 PROGRAM

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee conducted its activities during the Benchmarking function based on a program that was generated in the Joint Sitting between the two Committees at the Assembly Chamber of Uasin Gishu County.

ITINERARY DURING BENCHMARKING WITH UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY (SEPTEMBER, 2020)

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Date	Action plan	Objective of the Activity	Responsible Persons
Friday, 25 th September, 2020	Joint Sitting between Uasin Gishu County Assembly Committee on ALF and Kisumu County Counterpart	-Experience sharing in regards to Acts, policies and regulations aiming at escalating the development of Agriculture Sector in amongst the two Sister Counties	- Members, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee. Both (Usin Gishu CA & Kisumu CA) - Secretariat for the two (CAs)
Saturday, 26 th September, 2020	Visit to Chebororwa Agricultural Training Centre.	- Understanding of established Laws, regulations and policies enhancing operationalization of the ATC i.e. financing of Commercial enterprises. - Promotion of Appropriate Agricultural technologies and skills -Challenges encountered	- Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Members from Kisumu County and Secretariat under the guidance of host Committee
Sunday, 27 th September, 2020	Visit to Agricultural Mechanization Station	- Understanding of established Laws, regulations and policies enhancing operationalization of the ATC - Contribution of the Services to the development of Value Chains and Food	- Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Members from Kisumu County and Secretariat under the guidance of host Committee

		Systems	
Monday, 28 th September, 2020	Site Visit to Dairy farms benefitting from County Incentives e.g. subsidized AI, Free Supply of Acaricide, and Vaccination against Communicable Diseases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policies promoting supply of incentives - Criteria of Livestock Distribution to Beneficiaries (Oversight) - Economic and Social Impact to farmers - Sustainability and Production System Assessment 	- Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee Members from Kisumu County and Secretariat under the guidance of host Committee
Tuesday, 29 th September, 2020	- End of Business	- Return Journey by the Committee on ALF(Kisumu County)	- Members of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee and the Secretariat (CAK)

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS

DAY I – FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

JOINT SITTING BETWEEN UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES AND THE COUNTERPART FROM KISUMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

The Committee on this day held an interactive formal discussion with the Counterpart Committee from Uasin Gishu County Assembly and had the privilege to share wide experiences and compared various Acts, policies and regulations that have been developed by the two Committees with respect to developing the Agriculture sector and promoting appropriate technologies for maximum production. The Committee pegged amongst its key issues to the Counterpart for reaction and response as listed herein;

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2. Incentives and input subsidies issued to farmers on Crop and Livestock production to promote Agricultural Production.
3. The number of Learning/Research institutions equipping farmers with knowledge, skills and information on modern Agricultural Production techniques.

4. What are some of the major factors that are contributing to the general success of Crop and Livestock Production in Uasin Gishui County?
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6. Does Uasin Gishu County have acts and regulations on Agricultural Mechanization Services aiming at efficient use of Technology for increased Agricultural Production?
7. What Procurement policies do you have in place to ensure prompt supply of Agricultural Commodities (inputs) that are time bound and vastly influenced by Seasons/ calendars of the year?
8. Does the County assembly approve funds for the Livestock Distribution Program as a vise for socioeconomic empowerment to the small scale farmers?
9. How does the County Assembly ensure that farmers get access to proper extension services?
10. Does the County Government have an existing and operational Revolving Fund making it easy for farmers to access funds for proper farm management and what kind of regulations does the County have for prudent, accountable and transparent utilization of such funds?
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12. What is the Contribution of Development partners (NGOs) in the growth of the Agriculture Sector in Uasin Gishu County?
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In attendance from the Counterpart Committee were as below;

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHARIES COMMITTEE

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| 1. Hon. Julias Songok | - | Chairperson(Livestock & Fisheries) |
| 2. Hon. Joel Rugut | - | Chairperson(Agriculture) |
| 3. Hon. Sara Malel | - | Vice Chairperson (L& F) |
| 4. Hon. Joan Bitok | - | Vice Chairperson(Agriculture) |
| 5. Hon. Leah Malot | - | Member |
| 6. Hon. David Songoei | - | Member |
| 7. Hon. David Tarus | - | Member |
| 8. Hon. Gilbert Bet | - | Member |
| 9. Hon. Nicholus Talam | - | Member |
| 10. Hon. Hellen Cheptoo | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Edward Yego | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. Pius Gigen | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. Nancy Sang | - | Member |
| 14. Hon. Sara Melel | - | Member |
| 15. Hon. Eileen Kendagor | - | Member |
| 16. Hon. Philip Meli | - | Member |
| 17. Hon. Julius Songok | - | Member |
| 18. Ms. Dorynne Cheruto | - | Committee. Clerk (Agriculture) |
| 19. Ms. Lilian Cherop | - | Committee. Clerk (L&F) |

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Counterpart Committee of Uasin Gishu County Assembly perused and conceptualize the revolving concerns raised by Committee and further made the following submissions as per the sequence stated below.

On;

1. Acts, policies and regulations that have been enacted by the assembly in support of Crop and Livestock Production activities.

While reacting to this concern,

The Counterpart Committee indicated that they have not enacted any law but have consequently developed several policies providing guidelines for development of the Agriculture sector. Amongst the policies, include affirmative fund with two popular initiatives targeting empowering Smallholder farmer enterprises for Women and youths dubbed Inua Mama na Mboga and Kijana na Acre Initiative respectively.

2. Incentives and input subsidies issued to farmers on Crop and Livestock production to promote Agricultural Production.

Amongst the incentives and input subsidies given to farmers by the Sister County includes; Free treatment and Vaccination of Communicable diseases such as Foot and Mouth Diseases, Lumpy Skin, Anthrax and Backwaters.

Provision with free Acaricide for dips and refilling the dips whenever the volume reduces. The vets also train farmers on appropriate acaricide application techniques.

County provide farmers with quality subsidized cost of AI Services i.e. farmers only pay 500/= per services against market rates of 2000/ per service for average quality semen.

County also provide subsidized cost of certified maize seeds at Kshs. 30 per kilo.

The County is promoting diversification of Agricultural production by offering free seedlings of high valued market crops to farmers such as Macadamia, Coffee, Avocados, Tissue Cultured Bananas and Irish potatoes with great demand on the international market.

The County is also supporting the aquaculture development by sourcing fingerlings from Moi University and selling to farmers at subsidized rates of 70bob per fingerling.

3. The number of Learning/Research institutions equipping farmers with knowledge, skills and information on modern Agricultural Production techniques.

Uasin Gishu County has two major institutions owned by the County and in partnership with other tertiary colleges and Institutions (endeavoring in Agricultural activities) equipping farmers with knowledge, skills and experience on modern production technologies for household equity, job creation and food security in the Country. This three major institutions includes;

Agricultural Training College

Agricultural Mechanization Station

Further there is bill to be tabled before the house known (Operation Bill) to make the two intuitions Semi-Autonomous for proper growth and efficient operations.

The County is collaborating with tertiary colleges e.g. MOI University to develop the fisheries sector.

4. What are some of the major factors that are contributing to the general success of Crop and Livestock Production in Uasin Gishui County?

The County is endowed with rich Soils and good climatic Condition suitable for agrosilvopastoral activities.

The Department of Agriculture gets the largest share of the budget each FY to undertake its projects. The projects includes; building processing plants to aid value addition and cushion farmers against unfair prices caused by intermediaries along the supply chain, offering various subsidies and incentives to farmers, Investing on diversification of agricultural systems and activities.

Employment and deployment of Crop and Livestock extension officers at the ward level to educate farmers and provide relevant information to farmers.

Establishment of efficient policies regarding development of the Agriculture sector.

Proper oversight and good coordination between the ALF committee and the line Department

5. Which Common exotic/indigenous animal breeds are majorly reared by Farmers in Uasin Gishu County and why does the County Government prefer Such Breeds.

The County is suitable agro ecological zone supporting keeping and rearing of all Livestock breeds. However rearing of dual purpose and exotic breeds have been encouraged in favor of good returns and better output.

6. Does Uasin Gishu County have acts and regulations on Agricultural Mechanization Services aiming at efficient use of Technology for increased Agricultural Production?

That the AMS services and rates are anchored on the Finance bill however, a legislation on proper utilization of the enterprise are in draft with the Assembly pending approval.

7. What Procurement policies do you have in place to ensure prompt supply of Agricultural Commodities (inputs) that are time bound and vastly influenced by Seasons/ calendars of the year?

The County assembly has not passed any procurement law but is actively processing a revolving fund bill which will cushion farmers from irregular and untimely purchase of inputs since funds will be readily available and accessible to farmers throughout for proper planning and management of farm activities.

8. Does the County assembly approve funds for the Livestock Distribution Program as a vise for socioeconomic empowerment to the small scale farmers?

The Department of ALF appropriates funds for the Livestock Distribution Program for every FY which is approved by the County assembly. It was determined that the beneficiaries of the Program are identified by the grass root extension officers whose target are members of registered groups and Cooperatives. The process of selection highlights succinct modalities (group activeness, Business Plan and legitimate accounts) to become a benefactor.

Hon. Members are also involved in the process tandem with their oversight mandate.

9. How does the County Assembly ensure that farmers get access to proper extension services?

The County Assembly run a comprehensive public participation and empowerment program where Communities and farmers are sensitized on County policies and projects. The County assembly during the budget making process ensures that the Department appropriates adequate funds for extension services.

10. Does the County Government have an existing and operational Revolving Fund making it easy for farmers to access funds for proper farm management and what kind of regulations does the County have for prudent, accountable and transparent utilization of such funds?

It was adduced that the bill on Revolving Fund is actively on process and will in due course be tabled for adoption in the house.

11. Does the County assembly have acts and regulations assisting farmers gain access to better markets for their products?

Currently no acts in regards to market and marketing value chain is in place however there exist comprehensive policies, structures and programs assisting Uasi Gishu farmers gain access to better markets. Amongst them includes;

The County has set up 55 satellite cooling plants where farmers collect their milk produce preserving the Commodity and maintaining its quality. Milk is also processed to Yoghurt, Mala.

The County is promoting diversification of Agricultural production by offering free seedlings of high value market crops to farmers such as Macadamia, Coffee, Avocados, Tissue Cultured Bananas and Irish potatoes with great demand at the Local, Regional and International market

The County has established MOISOI Milling and Processing plant for both wheat and maize aiming at cushion farmers against Market extortion.

The County has initiated a contract between Avocado farmers and some Reputable Marketing Companies guaranteeing fair prices and ready market for the Commodities.

Stores and Grain dryers have been constructed Countywide to stock commodities during mass production and prevent grain spoilage.

12. What is the Contribution of Development partners (NGOs) in the growth of the Agriculture Sector in Uasin Gishu County?

There is a positive impact of Development Partners in Uasin Gishu County. The counterpart gave examples of such partners stating as follows.

Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project funding smallholder farmers in dairy value chain, poultry and Iris Potato in a 4 years program.

Kakuzi Estates Limited training Avocado farmers and helping them access international Market for their produce earning better prices and good returns.

I acre fund is giving farmers free inputs e.g. been seeds.

13. What are the Major obstacles/Challenges facing the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Uasin Gishu County Assembly in pursuit of its Mandate?

Budget Constraints for the Committee to fully undertake its activities as per the approved yearly workplans.

Reluctance and slow reaction by the line Department to respond to recommendations made by the department and late submission on matters raised whenever necessary.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, during the interactive discussion, other pertinent concerns emerged and are herein summarized as stated below;

The major challenges affecting the Agriculture sector includes; existence of cartels who import agricultural commodities and sell within our economy instead of promoting locally produced products,

Fluctuating market prices of agricultural Commodities, NCPB and the Strategic Food Reserve (SRF) majorly the primary market for Serial Crops is not devolved hence limiting County involvement and influence in its programs.

The Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee is divided into Agriculture Committee (ATC, AMS and extension services) and Livestock and Committee (Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary) for effective Coordination and oversight to the respective Chief Officers.

Despite having Rivatex Company for manufacturing as leading textile factory, Uasi Gishu County does not produce nor grow cotton.

The County has enacted into law the 60/40% act dubbed (Ward Equalization Act) promoting equitable share of resources amongst various wards and enhancing vertical growth and development of wards. This has made it possible to support Agricultural activities and projects.

The County has a water master machine that drills boreholes and dams making it possible to fully embrace and venture into Irrigated agriculture.

DAY 2 – SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

VISIT TO CHEBORORWA AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE

On the second day of benchmarking, the Committee got the privilege to visit Chebororwa ATC accompanied by the Counterparts from Uasin Gishu County Assembly. The entourage was warmly received by the Principle of the ATC who eloquently and elaborately took members through the programs and activities undertaken by the Institution.

Brief Overview of the ATC

The ATC was established in late 1957 as a Livestock holding ground. It was later changed to livestock improvement Centre by veterinary Department, before being upgraded to Farmers Training Centre and later to an ATC in 2003. It is about 45KM from the Sergoit Junction along Eldoret-Itein road. The farm borders Marakwet west to the North, Eldoret East District. The region experiences medium rainfall with well drained friable sandy loams sandy to sandy clay loams.

The ATC has Six Major Departments

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| 1. Crop Department | 2. Livestock Department |
| 3. Training and Accommodation Department | 4. Security Department |
| 5. Agroforestry Department | 6. Engineering |

The institution has 65 permanent employees and 15 Casuals as human assets providing managerial aspects and services for the institution.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE INSTITUTION

1. TRAINING FUNCTION

The institution trains farmers on various aspects of agricultural technologies through workshops, seminars, field excursions and open field days. The institution offers competitive boarding and accommodation coated with 1000 capacity multipurpose conference facility charging fair rates compared to other similar institutions. It charges Kshs. 1210 for normal full board and Kshs. 1500 on special meal requests. The institution produces all its consumable commodities internally except Sugar and Salt that is sourced from the market. Further, the institution has established two new twenty bed capacity hostels within the last two Financial Years.

The ATC also attracts 40 attaches' registering with it yearly and trained on relevant agricultural technologies through teaching and demonstrations.

2. DEMONSTRATION FARM FUND ENTERPRISES (DFF)

Crop Enterprises

The institution engages in the multiplication of various crop seed for seed companies since it's situated in ideal Maize Growing Environment and because of its capability to provide ideal isolation distance for various crop seeds. The institution in collaboration with Kenya Seed Company has specialized in production of seeds (Maize, Wheat and Pasture seeds). Further collaboration has been enhanced with KALRO and CIP in production of clean/ certified seeds of Irish Patatoes to satisfy the ever increasing demand.

The current production of crops per hectare is as summarized in the table below:

S/NO	TYPE OF CROP	ACREAGE (HA)
1	MAIZE	350
2	Wheat	140
3	Promotional Crops(Avocadoes, Macadamia, Coffee)	30

The institution has set up 3 acres Coffee nursery with 750,000 seedlings of Coffee (Batian Variety) high yielder. The seeds are purchased at Coffee Research Center in Ruiru. The seedlings takes 9 months to be ready for transplanting to the main seedbed.

3. Livestock Enterprises

The institution is involved in the multiplication of Livestock Breeds which is then sold to farmers within the Catchment area so as to upgrade their breeds. Amongst the breeds in the station are Ayrshire, Sahiwal herd, Dorper Sheep, Gala Goats and Dairy Goats.

The number of Livestock breeds reared is as Summarized in the table below

S/NO	LIVESTOCK	NUMBER	PRODUCTION
1	Ayrshire	82	Average milk (15litre) per day
2	Sahiwal	135	Dual purpose (8 litres) per day and has good quality meat
3	Doper Sheep	135	Multiplied and sold due to faster growth
4.	Galla Goats	102	Produce 2 kids in one production and bred for meat
5.	Dairy Goats	250	Average milk (3litre per day) The milk is nutritious and therapeutic
6.	Poultry(improved Kienyeji)	250	Slaughtered within the facility for catering services

For proper feeding of the Animals, the institution have millers for milling of grains and other feed products into powders and cakes consumable by the animals. Additionally, the ATC has established fodder for quality feeding and appropriate feed rations. Currently the institution harvests 30 acres maize for silage and has; 54acres of Boma Rhodes, 10 acres of Sunflower, 10 acres of Soya Beans.

Other Development Projects Set Up by the Institution are as Follows;

The institution has a drilled water system producing 5000litres of water per hour enabling constant and sustainable irrigation throughout.

There is ongoing construction of a 60 capacity modern dairy unit and 1000 capacity brothel (goat house). The County has equally supported the ATC to purchase a 12Million New Coach Executive Bus.

There is a feasible plan to utilize the 1800 acres hilly part of the ATC by initiating Fish farming, Agroforestry, Pig farming and Apiculture production.

The ATC is set to roll out short courses and programs i.e. Diploma and Certificate Courses in Agricultural related field.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND OPERATIONS WITHIN THE ATC

- It was established that the ATC utilizes the Demonstration Farms Fund (DFF) that 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 County government reviewed and re-aligned the legal notice to fit into the devolved government system.
- The ATC has hence been remitting its revenue into the ATC Revenue Fund Account making it easier to access and utilize the funds for operations and management of the enterprises. To access the funds from the account, a voucher is raised and approved by the Chief Officer Agriculture and a cheque request made allowing the withdrawal of the funds for use within the institution. The revenues consolidated from this enterprises however are not channeled into the County Revenue Account as required by the Provisions of the PFM act 2012. Further the bureaucratic process of procuring supplies running through the IFMIS is ignored enabling efficiency, reliability and timeliness of services.
- Importantly, the Committee could not find appropriate response on how the ATC has been evading Audit quarries despite outright contravention of the provisions of the PFM act and other laws guiding legitimate and appropriate use of Public Funds and Assets.

DAY 3 – SUNDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

VISIT TO UASIN GISHU AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION STATION

On this date, the Committee visited Agricultural Mechanization Station (AMS) established by Uasin Gishu County Government through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. The Committee was ushered by Mr. Terer the Director AMS.

It was determined that the AMS currently offers services as listed below and their rate;

Ploughing, Harrowing, Bed forming, Sub soiling, Seed drill, Planting, Potatoe harvesting, Combine Harvesting, Mowing, Shreding and boom spraying. All the services are offered at a cost of Ksh. 1271 per hour except for Combined Harvesting that cost Ksh. 1500 per hour though farmers meet the fuel cost.

Implements/Machinery held at the AMS includes; Tractors, Moldboard ploughs, Chisel ploughs, Rotary Cultivators, Spring tine harrow, Sub-soilers, Spike tooth harrow, Disc harrow, Manure Spreader, Maize planter, Seed drills, Spinning Disc Distributor, Plick and Flicker Distributor, Twin roller, Star Wheel, Recirculating Disc, Boom Sprayer, Knapsack Sprayer, Combine harvester, Forage harvester, Balers and a Driers.

The director AMS stated that the services are aimed at sustainable mechanization increasing land productivity by facilitating timeliness and quality of cultivation. He added that sustainable agricultural Mechanization contributes significantly to the Development of value chains and food systems as it has the potential to render postharvest, processing, and marketing activities and functions more efficient.

The Committee was also informed that the AMS obtains resources for its operation from the Services it offers. From the directors owns words, he articulates that they get value for money from the Services

offered, that farmers are being rigorously sensitized to join Cooperative Societies for better services by attaining minimum acreage required before they request for the Services.

DAY 4 – MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
VISIT TO A COMMERCIAL DAIRY FARM

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

On the fourth day, the Committee took a tour of a model individual dairy farm owned by Dr. Rotich. The farm is located in Kapseret Sub County, Uasin Gishu County. The farmer is a beneficiary of County incentives and subsidies.

The Committee was extremely impressed by the farm since the farmer has fully adopted and integrated the use of Technology thus enhancing efficiency and increasing the farms productivity and output.

Members transverse the farm and took note of the following;

The farm has a total of 113 pedigree dairy animals; 48 Holstein Friesian Cows averagely producing 30litres per day, 30 Ayrshire Cow producing (23 litres per day), 20 Heifers and 15 calves. The animals are milked mechanically by an automatic milking machine that ensures safe milking and handling of milk. The animals are rearing in a complete Zero grazing unit where intensive feeding and management aspects are adhered to, adjacent to the unit is dairy processing Plant equipped with the following Components;

- a) Pasteurizer/Chilling Tank 40 Degrees.
- b) Cooling Tank – Capacity 2500 litres.
- 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 by making Yoghurt, Mala and other related products.

Major threats experienced by the Farmer are as follows:

- a) High Utility Bills (Water and Electricity) due to the Cooling Plant Electricity Consumption.
- b) Fluctuating market prices and extortion by key market players for dairy products and output i.e. (BROOKSIDE and KCC).
- c) High Prevalence of transmissible Diseases.
- d) Poor infrastructure causing difficulties in timely access markets and challenges in accessing proper credit facilities and funds to diversify the farming enterprise.
- e) Shortage of Land to establish adequate feeds.

Recommendations

The Committee during the Benchmarking identified gaps and gained experiences that require the County Government of Kisumu to plough and implement for growth and posterity of the overall Agriculture Sector.

That,

- I. The Department should consider immediate revival and operationalization of the ATC to train farmers and other stakeholders in the farming sector.
- II. The Department to liaise with the CEC Finance (Pursuant to the Provisions of section 116 of the PFM act allowing the CEC Finance to create County Public Fund with approval of the assembly) to create a revolving fund aiding effective running of the ATC and to enable farmers readily access funds for proper farm management and operations.

- III. 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.
- IV. The Department should create and introduce an ATC and AMS bill with a clear framework outlining their structures, functions, departments, operations and financial obligations.
- V. The CECM Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Principle Maseno ATC should organize and conduct Benchmarking with Uasin Gishu County (Chebororwa ATC) to share knowledge and gain experiences requisite for Development of Maseno ATC.
- VI. The Department should establish appropriate policies and regulations promoting market access for farmers and empower them to apply appropriate portfolio mechanism, diversified production through adoption of high value market Crops e.g. tissue culture Bananas, Macadamia crop and Avocado production demanded globally.
- VII. The County should establish Efficient Procurement Policies that will guarantee timely procurement and Purchase of Agricultural input supplies cushioning farmers from side effects of untimeliness.
- VIII. The Department should develop initiatives in support of affirmative action to replicate the Inua Mama na Mboga and Kijana na Kuku initiative of the Department of Agriculture in Uasing Gishu County targeting promotion of Women and Youths into active involvement in agricultural production.
- IX. The Department should fully involve the Committee on its programs and projects for proper and effective oversight.
- X. The Department should partner with learning and research institutions e.g. Universities and Colleges venturing in agricultural production and trainings for mutual Growth and Development of the Sector.
- XI. Periodic Training of Farmers on latest Technological development in the Sector on the recommended quality of animal Breeds more resistant and adaptable with good 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.
- XII. The County should in future establish an Animal Feed Manufacturing Factory to cushion Farmers from exorbitant prices in the market.
- XIII. The Department should employ and deploy agricultural Extension officers and Vets at Ward level for proper access to extension services.
- 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 engage Development Partners such as (ILRI, USAID, RTI etc) 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.
- XVII. The County should conduct proper awareness to farmers by encouraging them to join legitimate groups and Cooperatives in order to benefit from County Policies and Plans including incentives and subsidies on inputs for increased production.

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.

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

Hon. Otura: Thank you and I take this opportunity to ask Hon. Roy Samo to second the report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Roy Samo.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the chair has ably put the report forward for us to consider and adopt it and I second the report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Members, a Report by the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on Benchmarking with Uasin Gishu County Assembly has been brought before the House as a motion by the Chairperson of the Committee, Hon. Vitalis Otura and seconded by Hon. Roy Samo. I want to propose that we open the report for debate?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. David Arao.

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is said that, we must learn with the experts and I want to say that the report that has been read to us shows clearly that the activities that are carried out by our colleagues from Uasin Gishu Assembly, is very elaborate in terms of developing their county as well as empowering the benefactors of things that are achieved as a result of proper agriculture. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that it is fair that we adopt this report and we also have a proper follow up on which I want to request the Chairperson not to abandon this report because I believe it is going to be adopted. I also want to plead with Hon. Members to adopt this report as I urge the chair to follow up with the Executive on the technicalities. Mr. Speaker, we need to implement some activities and make sure that what benefits our neighboring counties that they have as a practice but our county is emulated to help us on the same.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, when we compare the soil types found in both Kisumu and Uasin Gishu counties are different, therefore the Agricultural Practices will determine other factors put in place to boost certain soil types. Agriculture is the backbone of every state in the world and Kisumu County won't be an exception if we stand up as leaders and prevent even simple things such as poultry or even dairy products being imported from a different county in exchange with our money. What I mean by all these is that, if the chair of the committee and the Committee of the Whole House adopts this report, it will help to ensure that our people venture into agriculture, which is the backbone of this great County of Kisumu. We would like to see money circulating in our county and avoid goods from other counties. However, I am not disputing all goods coming from other counties because even if we engage in agricultural practices, we cannot satisfy all the demands and needs of the county.

Consequently, we need to know how to use the available resources such as the Lake Victoria and other water bodies in the event of engaging in agricultural activities. The government should in turn use ways of empowering people in to engaging in the same, so that, they understand the depth and importance of agriculture, otherwise I stand to support the report, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Samson Ameso, the MCA for North Seme Ward.

Hon. Ameso: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate Hon. Vitalis Otura, who is my able Chair of the committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries that I am also a member of.

(Microphone hiccup)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): The Serjeant-at-Arms, could you kindly assist Hon. Ameso by switching off the microphone next to Hon. Olga that might be interfering with Hon. Ameso's microphone.

Hon. Ameso: Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the Hon. Speaker for giving the committee an opportunity to go and benchmark with our sister counties in order to compare the challenges and milestones achieved by both counties.

Mr. Speaker, on the report, in terms of references from the 13 points which were the guiding principles on the areas we were looking as a county, I am impressed with the first point which talks about Policies and Regulations. The far the county has gone with the good policies and regulations which empower the local mwanainchi. The purpose of benchmarking is to go and witness what is good that you can bring back home. This is a good report and I wish the Department can look at the report and the recommendations made herein and implement.

Mr. Speaker, as a county it is high time we woke up and looked at the sector of Agriculture which is the backbone of the Kenya's economy. If we invest in agriculture and empower our women, youth and PWDs in various areas like our sister county did it, then we will defeat the poverty within us.

I also urge our CEC Member for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries to also time out and personally visit our sister county of Uasin Gishu to see how they have done a wonderful job in the department.

If you look at our Agriculture Training Centre at Maseno and compare to our sister counties, you will realize that we are wasting that institution. The institution needs to be revamped to impart knowledge on our farmers. I support the report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Seth Kanga.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this report but with a lot of reservations. Mr. Speaker, note that there are fundamentals in the sector of Agriculture in this county which are left behind. I implore the committee that before you benchmark on a particular area on the issues that drive the economy, you have to look at those fundamentals first. Note that Kisumu County, as known worldwide is predominantly rice, sugarcane, partially cotton and fishing activities. I am interested in one particular area as highlighted by the Chair – that in their benchmarking, they found out that Uasin Gishu County has Rivatex Company that is a leading textile industry but Uasin Gishu County does not produce cotton.

Mr. Speaker, it is in the public domain in the Agriculture Sector that Kisumu County is highly favorable for growing cotton. In the recommendations of the committee, they have not indicated to us as a House how our farmers especially the extension officers will help our farmers to grow cotton so that we can revive our textile factory, KICOMI to be like Rivatex. They have indicated to us that our farmers should be encouraged to grow Macadamia yet, I have never seen in Kisumu County where macadamia nuts are grown.

The committee did well by touring a farm in Kapseret by one Mr. Rotich. But the committee is doing a great disservice to our farmers because in subsequent years, Kisumu County has been buying various types of livestock and distributing them to farmers. If we ask the Chairperson of the Committee of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries the status of the dairy cows which were distributed to our farmers by the County Government, I am sure we will not get a single answer to that; how many cows are still alive, the ones which are dead and the challenges that those farmers are facing. You find that the Committee knows the challenge that one Mr. Rotich is facing in Kapseret Sub County. Hitherto, when you go to places such as Nyabondo, Maseno and Muhoroni and ask the Chairman of their fate, you will not get any answer yet, the County Government of Kisumu spent a lot of money towards these endeavours Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, another issue that we need to talk about as a Committee is that, even if you Benchmark on Livestock Farming, if you look at our County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) in the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the Annual Development Plan and finally have a look at the Governor's Manifesto, the dairy sector is allocated a paltry ten per cent of the overall Budgetary Allocation. The rest of the percentage talks about the rice, sugarcane, fish and how to revive cotton farming as well. That is contained in the 10-Point Plan of the Governor and we are here again talking about dairy farming in agriculture. Are we just talking for the sake of it or to revive in the Agriculture Sector?

Mr. Speaker, the reason as to why I am saying so is that, I like what Hon. Arao was talking about. If you look at our County output in terms of Agricultural Production, you will realize that a lot of dairy products in this County come from Counties such as: Uasin Gishu, Nandi, Kisii Nyamira and Vihiga Counties. But, here in Kisumu County, we produce; rice and sugarcane- which is going to rot because of poor infrastructure and we are still talking about reviving dairy

farming in agricultural sector which is eventually benefiting. Take for instance, in the morning the Nandi people drive their pick-ups all the way to Kisumu as implied by Hon. Arao. They then take the monies back to their Counties. It means that Kisumu is basically a consuming county in terms of Dairy Products. Other counties produce in excess and even use the remaining to make by-products like yoghurt, mala etc. Yet, in Kisumu County, the little dairy products we have cannot even sustain the people of the same areas that produce them. For instance; milk production in Muhoroni Sub-county cannot even sustain Muhoroni town alone. Another issue is the production of milk in Maseno which cannot meet milk demands in Maseno town. When you move to Nyabondo, which is the high yielding area as specified by the Governor, the same applies. Yet we have been buying those animals and taking them to areas with unfavorable weather conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I support this initiative by this Committee because they initiated the Agricultural Training Centers and they have given us clear recommendations on how we can revamp the existing Agricultural Training Centers by giving clear indications on how the County should embark on reviving such centers. However, I implore the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee to put a lot of emphasis on rice. The Chairperson Hon. Otura who is also my good friend comes from the ward (Ombeyi) which is predominantly sugar and rice producing areas. So, when he will be talking to those people about Ayrshire, Guernsey Friesian, he will be like introducing Christianity to a predominantly Muslim community.

As a committee we should emphasize mainly on rice and sugarcane farming and eventually produce cotton so as to revive our companies. Another issue is to export the surplus to the adjacent factories in the neighbouring Counties. Otherwise, with those few contributions, I support the report, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Thank you Hon. Member.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Yes, the Majority Whip, Hon. Prisca Misachi.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee on this report which is well done. The complaints that we Members has noted should be shared with the County Executive Committee Member (CEC) Agriculture as part of this report. It has at least highlighted some of the best practices plus things that if we put to practice, we can also be on the right track.

My suggestion is that, let the report not end with us because we are not the implementers. Let us put an Action Plan whereby we take the whole document to the CEC so that he/ she can also read and if so convinced that the report is good, they then do a follow up and come back to put it into practice. Let us try doing that so that, they can think outside the box for a better job.

We have been giving out dairy cattle to farmers. However, a follow up is not being done so to believe. Nobody is talking about their status and the same Department which we must give this report should do that.

I am asking the House that let us adopt this report with a little foot note that it is given to the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for implementation, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Thank you Hon. Member, I want to request Hon. Olang'o to call the mover to reply.

Hon. Olang'o: Thank Mr. Speaker I wish to call the mover to reply.

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

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Foremost, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Members who have contributed to this report and I also want to encourage them that they do the same in other reports. I have received some additional information from Members that are really good which is very important for future report writing. I would like to thank Hon. Samo for seconding this report and in response Hon. Arao's statement, I believe that the comparison to the CEC Member and his team is contained in the report if you look at recommendation No. 4; the CECM and the Principal Administration ATC at Maseno recommended that they visit the ATC in Uasin Gishu so that they can compare notes.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank Hon. Arao for his emphasis on Enhancing Production so that we have surplus and also to export. It is not important to grow more for our own consumption but also to export just in the same way we are complaining of being an importing County. We should also be proud of being and exporting County.

Mr. Speaker, I would also want to thank Hon. Ameso and state that it is recommended to the department headed by the CECM to visit and compare notes with Uasin Gishu County and other Counties. Notably, I would like to state to Hon. Kanga that I have gotten a plus that we needed to comment on the production of cotton. In as much as we visited Uasin Gishu County we found out that Rivatex is doing well there, but, they do not grow cotton. I would recommend through you contribution to have this as part of our recommendations. I would like to say that while we were on recess the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries took its time to visit our own livestock farmers and we really learnt a lot thereafter the report was read to this House. We talked a lot about how well our farmers are doing. It is in this regard that, we thought it wise to visit Counties like Uasin Gishu and see how best we can improve on what we saw while we were doing our own visits in our County. Uasin Gishu neither grows sugarcane nor rice and so we had very little to put in our report as recommendations in comparison to what we have. Mr. Speaker, I believe that benchmarking is simply to get to do a comparative analysis of what your counterparts are doing. Back at home, we understand that we grow rice and sugarcane and further to that, I would recommend the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries that it

should further consider visiting Counties like Homabay or Migori where sugarcane is grown and we compare notes for our own.

It is because of the low production of milk that we have in our County that prompted this committee to see on how we can improve that. However, I would like to thank you for showing concern on Sugarcane and Rice Farming which we have to improve on.

I would like to thank the Chief Whip for her encouragement and direction to share with the CECM Kisumu County on the findings of the Committee during the exchange programme. I believe that is good and I will do that. I have already started with the Chief Officer for Agriculture who I so passionate about Agriculture and I am also going to do the same with the Directorate of Livestock.

If you read our conclusion, I completed by saying that this House to consider adopting this report and this report must reach the department for further action. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Thank you Hon. Otura. I like your conclusion that this report must reach the department. Hon. Members a Report from the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the Benchmarking with the sister Committee of Uasin Gishu County Assembly has been presented in this House as a motion by Hon. Otura, seconded by Hon. Samo and debated upon by Hon. Member. I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): The report from the Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the Benchmarking with the sister Committee of Uasin Gishu County Assembly is hereby adopted today Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 1624 hours. Hon. Members now direct that this report together with the Hansard report be produced and sent to all those offices that the recommendations are touching on especially the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. Thank you.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow Thursday 15th October 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 4.30 p.m.)

Addendum

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