

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

#### *Official Report*

#### SECOND ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

House met in the Main Chamber at 9:00 a.m.

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

### PRAYERS

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 32 (2) I want to request that the Sergeant-At-Arms rings the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): I want to direct that the quorum bell be rung for another five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Deputy Majority Whip Could you please confirm if we have quorum.

**Deputy Majority Whip** (Hon. Obonyo): Mr. Speaker, yes we have quorum. Thank you.

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

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

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, welcome to this sitting, I have got two communications to make.

One, yesterday during the afternoon's sitting the Chair did consult on a matter whether the Statements should be presented as motions or not. After consultations I want to make a direction that Statements of Topical Concerns can be answered immediately by the Chair of a particular committees or a Member of the Committee or the Vice Chair to any Member with information about a particular statement. And if directed to a particular committee then it shall come to the House after a slot by the House Business Committee.

Once the statements are raised by a Member it becomes the property of the House. On the same note, the Committee Chairpersons are allowed to bring the reports to allow the House to gauge whether it is satisfactorily handled and to enquire on the matter at hand. However, as our Standing Order No. 41 (2) (b), the Chair of a particular House Committee or the Leader of Majority is at liberty to provide progress in any work in a committee during a Statement Hour. That should be clear.

We are also having guests Mr. Gaya Fredrick who is the Director of YEBO Africa. That is the Youth Empowerment Bridge Organization Africa and Emily Owiti. We welcome you to the Assembly.

I also want to communicate that the Budget and Appropriations Committee have been invited for a Consultative Meeting with the Executive on Consensus Building towards the Budget Conference which is coming soon before the Budget Estimates are brought to the Assembly. The committee to liaise with the Clerk for further direction. Thank you.

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

**PAPERS LAID**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Obonyo.

**Hon. Obonyo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Public Appointment Act, County Assembly Approval Act 2017, I wish to table today Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 the Appointment of Chief Officer Strategy and Policy Delivery on behalf of the Leader of Majority. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of Appointment of Chief Officer Strategy and Policy Delivery from the County Secretary appointing one Philip Otiende Adundo in the said position. That office being under the Governor's Office, I want to commit this letter to the Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security. You should conduct vetting and report back to the House within 21 days.

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

### STATEMENTS

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

**Hon. Otura:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to begin by appreciating you for the wisdom exhibited in your response to what actually transpired yesterday. It is true that at times people tend to know but they do trip. In this particular case having not commented on anything yesterday, it is always the prerogative of the House Business Committee to consider what is before the committee.

Mr. Speaker, the response that was expected from the Chair, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries was considered to be presented by the House Business Committee as a report and not just a response. I am happy you have given a ruling and it is now with us that it is the responsibility of the House Business Committee to consider what is to be tabled. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

#### MOTION

ECD, ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
THE BENCHMARKING EXERCISE WITH MIGORI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

BY

HON. DAVID ARAO

CHAIRPERSON, ECD, ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
COMMITTEE

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. David Arao.

**Hon. Arao:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Sectoral Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training during the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 undertook a visit to Migori County. From the visit, the committee thereafter caused a comprehensive report touching on various thematic areas which include the milestone made and challenges facing Education sector in Migori County.

**MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Sectoral Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order 193(5). It draws its functions from The Fourth Schedule Part 2(9) of The Constitution of Kenya, 2010. To:

- a) Investigate, inquire and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities administration operation and estimates of the assigned department;
- b) Study the programmed and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation.
- c) Study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- d) Study, assess and analyse the relative success of the departments as measured 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 on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 187 (*Committee on Appointments*).
- g. Make reports and recommendations to the county assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Department of Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Sectoral Committee resolved to undertake a benchmarking visit to Migori County Assembly having done background research and getting to know what is in Early Childhood Development and Vocational Training Centers and how the County Government of Migori have implemented the ECD policy 2019, the Education Support Policy and Vocational Education Training Centre Policy. The benchmark was also one of the Committee's activities amongst others as indicated in its work plan.

**THE OBJECTIVES OF THE BENCHMARK VISIT**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the objectives of the committee during the visits were:

1. To learn and appreciate measures that Migori County has put in place on training, inspection, monitoring and evaluation systems in E.C.D.E centers and Youth Vocational Training Centers.

2. To learn measures that Migori County has put in place to improve Early Childhood Education Services through development and training programs.
3. To study and appreciate the best practices in managing and coordinating E.C.D.E programs and Youth Vocational Training in Migori County.
4. To establish the linkages between E.C.D.E facilities and public primary schools within Migori County
5. To develop standardized set of processes and matrices.

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following Members:-

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| 1. Hon. Pst. David Arao    | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Judith Ogaga       | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Kenneth Onyango    | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. George Abaja       | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Pamela Beatrice    | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. George Olwal       | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon. Consolata Ollows   | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon. Gard Olima         | - | Member           |
| 10. Hon. Maurice Ngeta     | - | Member           |
| 11. Hon. Beatrice Odongo   | - | Member           |
| 12. Hon. Rashid Miruka     | - | Member           |
| 13. Hon. Philemon Ojuok    | - | Member           |
| 14. Hon. Ken Ooko          | - | Member           |
| 15. Hon. Joseph Olale      | - | Member           |

#### Secretariat

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| 1. Mr. Benard Abuodha  | - | Committee clerk  |
| 2. Ms. Roseline Awuor. | - | Secretariat      |
| 3. Mr. Fanuel Okode    | - | Hansard          |
| 4. Mr. William Ogada   | - | Sergeant-at-Arms |
| 5. Mr. Domnick Muinde  | - | Legal            |

During the said visit, the following members represented the Committee;

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| 1. Hon. Pst. David Arao | - | Chairperson |
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2. Hon. Judith Ogaga	-	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Kenneth Onyango	-	Member
4. Hon. George Abaja	-	Member
5. Hon. Inviolete Adhiambo	-	Member
6. Hon. Pamela Beatrice	-	Member
7. Hon. George Olwal	-	Member
8. Hon. Consolata Ollows	-	Member
9. Hon. Julius Genga	-	Member
10. Hon. Maurice Ngeta	-	Member
11. Hon. Beatrice Odongo	-	Member
12. Hon. Rashid Miruka	-	Member
13. Hon. Philemon Ojuok	-	Member
14. Hon. Ken Ooko	-	Member
15. Hon. Joseph Olale	-	Member
16. Hon. Erick Agolla	-	Coopted
17. Mr. Benard Abuodha	-	Committee Clerk
18. Mrs. Roseline Awuor	-	Secretariat
19. Mr. Dominic Muinde	-	Legal
20. Mr. Fanuel Okode	-	Hansard
21. Mr. Zachary Ogutu	-	Finance
22. Mr. William Ogada	-	Sergeant-at-Arms
23. Mr. Oliver Ochuka	-	Driver

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir, special appreciation goes to Hon. Speaker Kisumu County Assembly, his officers and Members of the County Assembly Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training, and staff who participated in the benchmarking. The Committee wishes to extend its gratitude to Migori County Assembly for the warm reception they gave to the Committee during the benchmarking.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training, pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly Standing Orders no. 163 (c) and 182; it is my pleasant pleasure and privilege to present to this House the Report on Benchmarking exercise by the Committee with the Migori County Assembly and other sectors from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020.

## INTERACTIVE JOINT SITTING

### DELIBERATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee was warmly welcomed by the Chairperson, Hon. Timon A. Mbogo and the entire Education and Vocational Training Committee Members. The Committee then proceeded for an interactive joint session with its counterpart committee in the County Assembly Chamber. Migori County Assembly Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training is composed of seventeen (17) Members.

During the Meeting, the Committee had a lot of interactions and experience sharing with their host.

### OVERVIEW OF MIGORI ECD CENTERS

Mr. Speaker Sir, the main objective of pre-primary school education is to cater for the total development of a child, including the physical, spiritual, social, and mental growth, brought about through formal and informal interaction with the parents and the community taking a leading role. Under the devolved system of governance, early childhood development education (ECDE) has been fully devolved and is currently run and managed by the County, under the Department of Education in all the 47 Counties.

Migori County has about 77,370 children who are of school going age enrolled in ECD Centers run by the County Government. Migori County significant milestones is that the County has managed to employ 673 ECDE care givers, construction of 354 ECDE centers across the 40 wards on Labour base through School Board of Management at an average cost of Kshs. 500, 000.

The County also purchases and distributes furniture and learning materials every FY. The County has also conducted regular training of teachers on Competency Based Curriculum (CBC), Administration of Vitamin A supplements and vaccination to ECDE pupils through the department of health, Distribution of water tanks through Water Department to Most of the ECDE centers and support of Co-curricular activities in ECDE centers i.e., Drama and Music festival.

The county has a total of 1,084 ECDE centers comprising of 630 public and 454 privates. Enrolment at public ECDE is 77,370 pupils i.e., 38,578 boys and 38,792 girls while enrolment at the private ECDE stand at 26608, thus 13,541 boys and 13,067 girls.

There are a total of 1,978 teachers in the public ECDE schools, 216 male and 1,159 females.

The following measures have been put in place by Migori County to improve the quality of education;

- a. Expansion of the infrastructure i.e. Classrooms.

- b. Recruitment of qualified and competent staff
- c. Strengthening of integration of nutrition and health programs
- d. Improvement of stakeholders' engagement for delivery of quality education in ECDE schools in the county.

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS

Mr. Speaker Sir, Migori County has a total 25 operational VTCs. The VTCs are well equipped with tools and equipment procured by the County Government.

The County Government has employed 92 instructors, 73 are males while 21 are females. There are also instructors employed by the Board of Management of various VTCs.

The committee on Education and Vocational training was also informed that there were 2,481 learners in the VTCs, 1,409 being first years and 1,072 second years. Among the students in the VTCs, a total of 1,550 are boys and 931 are girls.

The VTCs are well distributed among the 40 Wards.

The purchase and distribution of Tools and Equipment for the VTCs are done every financial year. The VTCs are managed by the Board of Management appointed for every 3 years.

#### SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME

The County government of Migori has sponsored 811 students in full scholarships, 589 boys and 222 girls, who are bright but needy in various high schools in the County.

The county gives out bursaries yearly to over 17,000 students from various humble backgrounds in various institutions in the County.

30% of the bursaries are awarded to the VTC students as per the policy of Migori County.

#### OBSERVATIONS ABOUT MIGORI COUNTY

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee observed the following;

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION IN MIGORI COUNTY

- i. That the County has 630 public ECDE centers with a total of 1,978 teachers, 216 male and 1,159 female.
- ii. There are 454 private Early Childhood Education Centers (ECDE) with a total of 1,117 teachers. Gross enrolment at pre-school level stands at 103,978 pupils.
- iii. The county of Migori has a deficit of 555 ECDE teachers, the County needs to employ more ECDE teachers.
- iv. The Chairperson informed the committee that the County is making deliberate efforts to improve the infrastructure development, hire qualified staff, integrate and strengthen nutritional and school health programs and enhance engagement with local

communities. These are vital for enhancing child care and development whilst securing effective and efficient delivery of quality education at the ECD level.

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS IN MIGORI COUNTY

Mr. Speaker Sir,

- i. There are 25 public vocational training centers with a total enrolment of 1,550 male and 931 females making a total of 2,481 students.
- ii. There are only 92 instructors 73 male and 21 females employed by the County, making the trainer/trainee ratio 1:26.

#### SOME OF THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE COUNTY OF MIGORI

Mr. Speaker Sir, as the County Government of Migori strive to provide quality education to the people of Migori, numerous challenges are experienced in the process. Some of the challenges include;

1. Natural calamities such as floods destroying already constructed buildings.
2. Understaffing of both ECDE teachers and VTC instructors.
3. Lack of dedicated Board of Management to manage the ECDE Centers.
4. Negative perception of Community towards VETC Education.
5. Lack of qualified personnel to ensure quality assurance standards.
6. Insufficient funds to respond to ECDE teachers' scheme of services.

#### COMPARISON BETWEEN MIGORI COUNTY AND KISUMU COUNTY

	MIGORI COUNTY	KISUMU COUNTY
NO. OF ECDE CENTRES	PUBLIC- 630 PRIVATE- 454 TOTAL – 1,084	PUBLIC - 669 PRIVATE - 540 TOTAL – 1,209
NO. OF ECDE TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT	TOTAL – 1,978	TOTAL- 726
NO. OF ECDE PUPILS		

	PUBLIC- BOYS- 38,578 - GIRLS- 38,792 TOTAL - 77,370  PRIVATE- BOYS -13,541 -GIRLS -13,067 TOTAL – 26,608  TOTAL – 103,978	PUBLIC - BOYS 23,078 - GIRLS 22,579 TOTAL- 45,675  PRIVATE- BOYS 14,029 - GIRLS 13,937 TOTAL- 27,966  TOTAL – 73,641
NO. OF VTCS CENTRES	TOTAL – 25	TOTAL – 26
NO. OF VTC INSTRUCTORS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT	MALE - 73 FEMALE - 21  TOTAL - 92	MALE - 33 FEMALE - 20  TOTAL - 53
NO. OF VTC STUDENTS	MALE -550 FEMALE -931  TOTAL – 2,481	MALE -1806 FEMALE -1230  TPTAL -3,036

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Following the findings of the Committee during the benchmark with Migori County Assembly, the Committee recommends the following;

1. That Kisumu County Assembly should consider coming up with a policy that enables the construction of ECDE and VTC classrooms on Labour based system. The system is quite cheap and efficient. It saves the cost of Construction and also solves the challenges caused by rogue contractors who abandon incomplete projects.
2. That the County Government of Kisumu should employ more ECDE teachers and VTC instructors to reduce the deficit in the County. Adequate qualified tutors to enable quality output at the learning institutions because education is the backbone in the realization of the 10-point agenda of the governor.
3. That all the completed ECD Centers to be equipped with furniture and the necessary learning materials. Well-constructed classrooms that are not furnished with relevant learning materials will not benefit the learners as per the expectations of the people of the great County of Kisumu.
4. That better policies and legislations should be developed to streamline the operationalization of the ECDE programs and Vocational Training Centers across the County. Good policies are important as they provide clear guidelines in running the ECDE programs in many ways, they include; to regulate the provision of services for infants and children, there are a number of sector-based policies targeting this age group, to guide the activities of the various partners in the provision of services for young children. A policy framework is also important because currently there are gaps in the existing policy guidelines. There is no central organization mandated to register ECDE center.
5. That the County Government of Kisumu should organize trainings for teachers on Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) as this is the current system used in Kenya. The County Government of Kisumu should be at par with the changes in Education system. This will enable the children of Kisumu County compete with those from other counties effectively.
6. That the County Government should administer Vitamin A supplements and vaccination on diseases such as Polio and Covid-19 to ECDE pupils. Learning, just like an art, requires good health at all time to give learners confidence and ability to concentrate.

## CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker Sir and Honourable Members, it is important to note that Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) is significant as it introduces pupils in the world of learning, it gives them early identification and intervention and also it enhances enrolment in primary schools on equal grounds. The County therefore, should develop better policies and legislations to streamline the operationalization of ECDE across the County to ensure that the significance is mirrored in the pupils of the great County of Kisumu.

It is also noteworthy that Vocational Training Centers are epicenter in the economic growth and development for the Country as envisioned in the blue print of Vision 2030. County Government

of Kisumu should therefore rise to the occasion and build modern VTCs with fundamental equipment and tools, this will translate into production of learners who can compete well in the job market and also awaken the spirit of Industrialization in Kisumu County. May I ask my Vice Chair to second?

*(The Speaker, Hon. Oraro exits the chair as the Speaker's Panelist Hon. Muga takes over)*

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

**Hon. Ogaga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of this committee and the leadership of the Assembly for the support they gave us. It was a trip that was well spent and the days we had interacting with our colleagues in Migori made us learn a lot of good things that Migori County practices in the area of ECD and Vocational Training.

Madam Speaker, from the report we learnt that there are many challenges they are going through but they are doing very well in terms of Infrastructure and Data Management. We have also been informed that, all the Wards have the Vocational Training Centers and that is not the case here. It is also indicated in the report and we saw it in the report that all the centers have the Board of Managements. The issues of Bursaries and Scholarships has been a challenge and you are all aware how the electorates have been our neck. The Scholarship and Bursaries in Migori are well distributed, availed and offered to the youths who are in need.

Madam Speaker, I would also want to say that it is important for as an Assembly to be doing bench markings which is not taken as an important exercise outside there. Through this, we are able to learn what other counties are doing, adopt the new practices and improve on what we are doing. I would also want to say that the Department of Education should also do some benchmarking exercise either with Migori County where we have seen a good job being done or a county that is better than Migori so that they can also know what is important and improve on their services.

Madam Speaker, you know how hard it is to get information in Kisumu and something must be done on the data management. This is a big problem and it is giving our committee a difficult time. So, this exercise should be for us the legislative wing and also executive wing. I plead with the Members to support this report. I second. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Ogaga. The report ECD Adult Education and Vocational Training Committee Report on the Benchmarking exercise with Migori County Assembly has been moved and seconded by Hon. David Arao and Hon. Judith Ogaga respectively. I now want to open it for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes, Hon. Ogutu.

**Hon. Ogutu:** Thank you Madam Speaker for according me the opportunity to air my voice over this report. For the first time, I stand to congratulate this committee... I have been quite keen on

this committee following previous reports they have brought to this House and I must say they have done well this time.

Madam Speaker, I want to support this report but with some reservations in certain sections. Let me start with the ECD section; it quite a pity to note that Kisumu County used more than Kshs. 2,000,000 million just to Construct an ECD centre, which are even substandard. In comparison to the County of Migori, which the committee visited for the benchmarking exercise, it is noted that they only require Kshs 500,000.00 for the same works. If Kisumu County emulates from Migori County Assembly then, there can be a great improvement in Kisumu County.

Madam Speaker, there is a tendency by the some contractors in collaboration with those of Road Public Works, that they do little as foundation level yet the allocation for that ECD phase goes for Kshs. 1 million. This forces a yearly allocation for that ECD, and by the time the ECD is completed, they will have used more than Kshs. 3,000,000 for that ECD centre. Emulating the Migori county system in regard to ECD will impact positively the ECD centers in this great county of Kisumu.

Madam Speaker, I want to refer members to page 11 of the report, which talks about ‘comparison between Migori county and Kisumu county. It is clearly noted that; specifically the public ECDs, they have 630 public ECD centres whereas Kisumu County has a staggering 669 ECDs.

Consequently, the County Government of Migori has employed ECD teachers amounting to 1978 whereas the County Government of Kisumu, which has more learners, has employed only 726 teachers. It is rather sympathetic to identify ourselves as a city with such kinds of sluggishness.

Madam Speaker, Migori has only 23 TVET centers yet Kisumu County is with just three more than what Migori County has.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ogutu, by that do you say Kisumu is above Migori by three?

**Hon. Ogutu:** On what Madam Speaker?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): On the number of TVET centres.

**Hon. Ogutu:** Yes, the number is higher but what about the production? We would be lying to ourselves if we pride in having several TVET centres yet the factor of production is lower. In terms of human resource, we only have 53 yet the lesser Migori County has 92. Clearly that’s a great margin.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): If they have 23 TVETs yet we have 26 TVETs, should it be considered in terms of employment? Can you be factual on that?

**Hon. Ogutu:** Madam Speaker, these are facts I am telling you, unless...

**Hon. Beatrice Pamela:** Point of information Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes, Hon. Beatrice Pamela.

**Hon. Beatrice Pamela:** Madam Speaker, with all due respect you should not contribute to the debate as you are the sitting Speaker and allow members to contribute.

*(Feet thumping)*

**Hon. Ogutu:** Thank you Hon. Beatrice Pamela for intervening because the Speaker is a judge and should therefore not contribute and judge at the same time.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you for that. Hon. Ogutu please continue.

**Hon. Ogutu:** Madam Speaker, what I was saying was straight forward because despite the many TVETs around Kisumu County, the factor of production remains the most important aspect. This translates to human resource, who are the instructors employed by the county government. In this regard, they have employed more than we have of 92 for them against 53 for us. My point is to inquire deeply what is really happening to our County.

Madam Speaker, as earlier mentioned by Hon. Judith Ogaga, the issue of Bursaries is vital. We are all aware that the County Government of Kisumu is offering Bursaries to TVET students. Each ward is awarded 25% and it is my delight that my ward is also a beneficiary. However, how frequent should this funds be the release? Madam Speaker, I can attest to the suffering of students in TVET such 'Obange Vocational Training Centre' in my ward in West Nyakach, due to these delays. We also have funds allocated for Capitation by the National Government, which is sent to the county government for TVETs and polytechnics.

Sometimes it is very difficult for this money to reach the TVETs. A case in point – and I have the facts – we were given money here which were supposed to be disbursed to TVET Centres. It surprised me that Obange never received the money. When the matter was followed up closely, they later released Kshs 500, 000 against Ksh1 million. That is not right; we are killing our educational centres – and these are the centres that can bridge the gap between the rich and the lower cadres.

Finally, you can see from the report that Migori County has distributed their TVETs among 40 wards. What about Kisumu County? I can confirm that in Nyakach we only have three known TVET Centres led by Katito Polytechnic which was partly being helped by the NGOs and you can only admire the institution because of the NGO which pumped a lot of money and equipment in the polytechnic. Go to Obange; you will be surprised. They have stated in this report that every year they equip this TVET centre. I don't remember the year Obange was last equipped. Even instructors are not there. If we can borrow what is happening in Migori and implement them in Kisumu then I believe things can be okay.

There is also serious delay to release bursaries in this department. I urge that we adopt this report. I support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Roy Samo.

**Hon. Samo:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I will be very brief. Most of the points I wanted to raise have been raised by Hon. George Ogutu. I support this report. In the last financial year we appropriated Kshs 1.5 million to do an ECDE centre at a place called Ong’adi in my Kajulu ward. That ECDE centre has remained at the lintel at a cost of Kshs 1.5 million! This report has enabled us to know that Migori does what we call Labour Based ECDE Construction at a cost of Ksh500,000 supervised by the Board of Management. That is fair enough.

Madam Speaker, if we are going to have a situation where we are constructing ECDs at Ksh1.5 million and then it remains at the lintel, then I believe that something is wrong.

Secondly, I have two TVETs in my ward. – Kehanja and Obwolo. Both of them have no tutors. You see in page 11 that Kisumu County has only 53 tutors while Migori has 92. There is more to be done. I am made aware that we will soon be having more tutors...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Roy Samo. As a person doing oversight, what have you done about all these?

**Hon. Samo:** Madam Speaker you are contributing in the same debate and you are the judge!

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): What I want to say is that you are only talking of the bad sides but you as a legislator and the person doing oversight, have you ever raised that?

**Hon. Samo:** Madam Speaker that is why I am raising it to you. Why are you there? You are the judge now.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Sometimes you have to ensure that you note all those and demand a reply.

**Hon. Samo:** Thank you. We have 1,209 ECDE centres. Migori County only has 1,084. Yet our tutors are only 726 – we need to put our feet on the ground so that we can have more tutors or ECDE teachers. Let me go to my ward again. In areas like Got Ong’o, I have never seen an ECDE teacher and yet they have a public school. I am currently aware that an advert was placed few months ago on the Recruitment of ECDE teachers. But the figure I am aware of is 70. That means we are going to have 796, a figure still less compared to Migori County. I support the report. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Miruka.

**Hon. Miruka:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I want to congratulate my able chair and the members who have contributed to this. As Hon. Ogutu has said, this is not the first report we are giving that has pleased the eye and the attention of everybody. This could be the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> one. As a member of the committee I travelled with the team to Migori County Assembly...

**Hon. Ogutu:** Point of Order Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga):** Whom do you want to inform, Hon. Ogutu?

**Hon. Ogutu:** I want to inform the House. I was categorical – that I support this report for one reason- that is the only report that has some good things in it. But now Hon. Miruka is saying that they have brought reports in this House - that this is the 11<sup>th</sup> one and those reports are good. If a report is good I will support but if it's bad then I will not support.

When I talked about Katito, he was the one who brought the NGOs who equipped Katito. He called me across and told me that now that you have mentioned Katito and you are not mentioning my name as the person who brought NGOs! Mr. Rashid I have now mentioned you...

*(Laughter)*

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga):** Hon. Ogutu, we don't have misters in the House. Hon. Ogutu can you apologize to Hon. Miruka.

**Hon. Ogutu:** I apologize. Hon. Rashid Miruka, thank you.

**Hon. Miruka:** Thank you Hon. Ogutu for your recognition. I want to say that we need to adopt this report. Because when it shall be adopted, it will give us a lot of mileage, as far as ECD and VTC are concerned.

Madam Speaker, I want to touch some few items that were depicted by the report which was read by Hon. Arao. You will realize that during co-curriculum activities for ECDs, we as Members of the County Assembly are always ambushed to support. However, in Migori County, they are given support in drama and music festivals. If the same can happen here in Kisumu County, then I am telling you that we will move a step.

Madam Speaker, secondly, the Integration of Nutrition and Health Programmes are also injected in Migori County. If that one also is adopted by our county, I think our children would do well.

Remember that in Migori County, they even do Vaccines to children as well as Food Provisions but, in our case, it can be done once in a financial year.

Madam Speaker, in addition, we have talked about the Infrastructural Development. If we do a case study with Kisumu County, very few training centers and schools have been built. Even the ones that have been built do not conform to the existing population that we have. But, if you go to Migori County up to the wards that we visited, they have been done up to standards. If you cross

check the facilities, you will see that they have enough equipment, furniture that are provided for by the county every financial year.

Madam Speaker, in our case here, if you do not appropriate as a Member of County Assembly, then you will never get it. So, if we go the way of Migori County, then I think we will move a step.

If we check again on trainings. Education and trainings are very important in any institution. It regularizes one's capability and ability. But, in Migori County, you find that competency trainings are quite often; something that is not realized here. So that must be put. We must have a policy that insists that it should be done so that our teachers to always remain relevance to what they are supposed to do because they handle young ones.

On the same report, I also want to talk about personnel engaged in Migori County. Considering the personnel that are hired by the two counties, Migori County is far much ahead of us. So, I want to request that we need to put a policy that says that, at least every year, we must have these Instructors getting hired. That is because; currently there are adverts of VTCs and ECDs concerning hiring on instructors. The number of positions that was given was just 86. That is just a drop on the ocean that is not enough to serve our county well.

Finally, this is the time that we have Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) pandemic. It cuts across the counties. It is being realized globally. In Migori County, they had initiated mitigating measure it even before it reached their county. You find out that they are even distributing water tank to the ECD Centers. Which I believe is doing a good job in mitigating COVID 19 within the facilities.

I tend to think that let us stamp our feet in this. Let us adopt this report and share it with the Executive so that we can also move on the same page as the Migori County. In addition to that, let us do bursary distribution.

However, I do not want to talk about many things that my colleagues have talked about. But, within the policy that we have here in our county for bursaries, there is nothing in particular which talk about the VTCs. But, in Migori, there is a policy that states that 30% must go to the VTCs. If we can have that in place or we even start with 10%, then I believe that this will be a milestone that will enable skill development for our young ones who are in the villages. I stand to support, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Vitalis Otura. Hon. Roy Samo, you had talked, I believe that you had contributed on this report?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Vitalis Otura, can you continue please? You want to inform who?

**Hon. Samo:** The House. I am not infringing into his time. If you allow me; just one second...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Proceed.

**Hon. Samo:** Madam Speaker on the point that the Hon. Rashid was raising...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): No, for Hon. Rashid, it has been overtaken by events.

**Hon. Samo:** Madam Speaker, but, this is a point of information to the House. if you allow me, just one second. I wanted to say that...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): It has been overtaken by event please, can you sit.

*(Hon. Samo consulting loudly)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Not really, Hon. Vitalis, can you continue?

**Hon. Otura:** Once again, I say thank you. Madam Speaker, much has been said about this report. But, what has been exhibited today is the importance of this benchmarking. Exercise. I likened this report to the one that came from the Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries Committee when we also visited Uasin-Gishu County Assembly for a Study Tour.

Madam Speaker, the remaining issue concerning this report is the follow upon the recommendations of this committee. Very important, they are very good recommendations. Like in this one, if all talk about the combination given here, if attached to the recommendations given by the committee.

Madam Speaker, I am not repeating but rather putting more emphasis on this tabulation given on page 11. Madam Speaker, you know sometimes it is logical just to say that we are a county and we exist, enjoying being in a city starters but we are not up to the task. How actually can a county just think ahead of a city county? Migori County is thinking ahead of a City County.

We use a lot of money in putting up the ECD classrooms. Whereas, Migori County- in as much as we think of them inferior to us, goes ahead and engage the public and get to understand the importance of citizen engagement in constructing a classroom at a cost of Kshs 500,000. I believe that this is just a matter of material mobilization. But in terms of labour requirements, I believe that they give it freely. What is wrong with our County of Kisumu, Madam Speaker? To me the only thing that is wrong is the personnel involved.

After the adoption of this report, I recommend that our Chairperson for Implementation Committee to do a work that can help this county move forward. That work is very simple; just follow up on these Recommendations.

Madam Speaker let me not dwell so much on the Human Resource in this regard. But, look at the content of this report that is being discussed, in this particular case, I am talking about the number

of VTC students in Migori County. They are only 2,481 students against a whopping 3,036 number of students in Kisumu County. With that personnel, up there Madam Speaker?

This is a very good report and there is nothing much to discuss about it. The important thing is to adopt it and let the Implementation Chair do his work not only on this but also many other reports that we have presented in this House. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ojuok.

**Hon. Ojuok:** Thank you very much Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support this particular report. Madam Speaker, I want to emphasize that I am a son of a teacher and I am very passionate about education and I believe that education is an enabler that once we work on that then, the rest of the other things will fall into place.

Madam Speaker, I am a Member of this committee and I did travel to Migori. In our contribution when a Member mentioned that she had managed to do almost 30 ECD centers and I started wondering, how that was possible. So when they mentioned to us this, we actually insisted to go to some of those ECD centers because we suspected that maybe the quality of work that is done there is sub-standard. One conclusion that I made is that, if the members that elected us would go to Migori and get into those particular ECD centers and come back here and find the ones that we do are done at Kshs 2 million then, we will all go home. It is good that it is us who have discovered this and I would urge that we go the labour based way both for the ECD centers and for the VTCs.

Madam Speaker, I want to say that even the Katito VTC Center that is referred to in Nyakach as per the standards that I expect in this County being a city County, it would still require a lot of improvement to be done in Katito. We cannot even talk about the rest in Nyakach because they are pathetic and the once that I visited in Kisumu West were also equally pathetic. We came up with a good way of doing scholarship and we are really happy that the Governor supported that but the quality education that is gotten there.

Madam Speaker, I have lived in South Sudan for quite some time and I know that economy is being run by a Ugandan that actually left school before 1978. Some of them are so rich that you cannot even compare them. This is simply because of the technical training that they have gotten. It is possible to completely change this economy. The economy of the people at that level is almost 50% of the GDP of this particular economy and if we empower that particular population, we can be able to realize so much. I would just urge that as we even employ, I wish we had given priority education. I would really urge the Governor to reconsider the issue of employing 70. So there is need to emphasize on that level of education. I was elected in my ward when only 3 ECD centers had been done. We have almost 28 primary schools in this particular place. So it means the number that we need to do is over 50 because each and every school need to have 2 classes. At the rate at

which we are doing it at 2 million and above then it means we will take this County so many years to be able to have ECD centers in those particular schools.

Once we are able to come from the ECD centers when we are weak then we don't expect a miracle to happen in standard 1 for those kids in grade one to be different. So it is something that is urgent that we really need to look into. If you want to know the performance, one of the things that fails is the department of education in terms of some of the contracts that we give and implemented. In my ward alone this policy of contracting is failing at a rate of 40%. We really know how to write good policies and if we come up with very innovative things like the Lakefront Development then, I want to believe we can also come up with a very good thing in ECD in a way that the community is equally involved and they are the ones that are constructing it. This will also help us in monitoring because, once you are given money they will start competing with each other. I would only urge the Implementation Committee and this House to insist that this particular approach is adopted and effect in this budget. Let us reduce the amount of money that we use for the construction of these ECD centers, VTC, equipping the institutions and for grouping the right human resource.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Yes Hon. Olang'o.

**Hon. Olang'o**: Thank you Madam Speaker I wish to call the mover to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes mover of the motion.

**Hon. Pst. Arao**: Madam Speaker my able Vice Chairperson was very robust on the report and responded to most of the concerns raised by Members. Maybe I will only clarify that currently, Kisumu County is hiring 86 ECD teachers and 33 VTC instructors. Madam Speaker I believe that this will also bridge the gap that we have witnessed that Members are raising. Although somebody said that you are not supposed to debate but you are also correct. That diagram that Hon. Ogotu was talking about for example if you see the number of ECD pupils; you know Hon. Ogotu decided to take of public schools in number but did not translate the number of pupils in those schools. So you realize when you talk of the number of ECD centers; public we have 630 in Migori and 689 in Kisumu. Interestingly, when you come to the number of pupils Migori County has 77,370 but Kisumu County has 45,000. So you realize that the number of public schools we are higher but in terms of pupils we are lower compared to the pupils in Migori County. All that we are saying is that we did this benchmarking process for your eyes to see the gaps and then do your work as the legislatures.

Madam Speaker, I believe that we are just okay and the Members are in agreement that benchmarking process is done for us to see and compare notes. Finally, I will humbly submit here that in as much as we have done benchmarking in other Counties I will still ask the leadership of this Assembly to ensure that funds are put to the committees so that we compare with the eagles and not the chickens. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. The Report from the committee of ECD and Vocational Training on their Benchmarking visit with the sister committee of Migori County Assembly was brought before the House by Hon. Arao the Chairperson, seconded by Hon. Ogaga and debated on by Hon. Members. I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): The Report from the Standing Committee of ECD and Vocational Training on their Benchmarking visit with the sister committee of Migori County Assembly is hereby adopted today 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.41 a.m.

Hon. Members, I therefore forward the report to the Committee of Implementation for further action. Before we go to the next other, we have Vebo Africa in the House and this ia a Youth Empowerment Bridge Organization in Africa; I want to recognize Mr. Baya Fredrick the Director and Emily Owiti – Environment and Water officer. Please feel welcome. They are here and ready to work with us.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next Order!

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to today 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 10.43 a.m.)*

*Addendum*

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