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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Good morning Hon. Member and welcome to this morning session. Since we don't have the required quorum, I direct that the Quorum Bell be rung for the first five minutes.

(Quorum Bell rung for the first five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Deputy Chief Whip can you please confirm if we have the required quorum to enable us commence the business of the day?

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

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the order of the day.

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

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, it is Statement Hour.

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

MOTION

CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S FOURTH ANNUAL STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS NO. 22 (5)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, this is a continuation of Debate of the Fourth State of the County Address by the Governor, Kisumu County, Professor Peter Anyang' Nyongó. I want to remind you that the following Hon. Members had contributed;

1. Hon. Seth Okumu, MCA, East Seme.
2. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo, Specially Elected.
3. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, MCA, Manyatta "B"
4. Hon. Vincent Jagongo, MCA, North West Kisumu.
5. Hon. Beatrice Odongo, Specially Elected.
6. Hon. Priscah Misachi, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo.
7. Hon. Benny Pete Oiko, MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal.
8. Hon. Rashid Miruka, MCA, Central Nyakach.
9. Hon. Erick Agolla, MCA, South West Kisumu.

So, it is time for the other Hon. Members who have not contributed to do so.

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

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity to contribute to the Governor's Annual State of the County Speech.

Foremost, I want to thank H.E. the Governor, Professor Peter Anyang' Nyongó for adhering to the provisions of the Constitution in a way that each and every fiscal year he delivers to the County the State of the County Address. Mr. Speaker, I must say that, this is marvelous because with this score-card we can actually know how our County is fairing on. Mr. Speaker, if you get a Governor who cannot undertake to hold such an event in his own county then, there must be some questionable activities. Mr. Speaker, we are glad to have a Governor who put his activities in light to enable the constituent and Hon. Members be able to know where the County is headed.

Mr. Speaker, I must say that the Governor delivered a magnificent speech because being in attendance, I was very thrilled with his Address. Mr. Speaker, the Governor cannot be one hundred percent because perfect because no human being can achieve things one hundred percent and according to my rating I will say that the Governor did his best compared to other Governors in Kenya. Each and every item when they were presented, I must say they Professor Peter Anyang' Nyongó came out tops in comparison to other Governors in Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, there are only two areas that was not adequately addressed. Mr. Speaker, if I refer Hon. Members to page 32 of the Address. In page 32 to ensure that these two are effectively delivered, we have invested in the construction equipments and recruited young people from across the County to be part of this initiative journey of managing our roads infrastructure through the Roads Maintenance Teams (RMTs). Mr. Speaker, the Governor was informing the citizens of Kisumu that we have recruited these young people and already they are managing our roads. To speak the truth, I am not aware where our County Executive Committee Members and I don't know why these County Executive Committee Members are not up to-date. I don't know whether they are trying to assist the Governor or playing loyalty to him because they don't want to tell the Governor the truth on the ground because the Governor does not have time to visit all the 35 electoral Wards and it's the reason why these Departments were established.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport erroneously informs the office of the Governor that they have recruited and these people are on the ground managing our roads through the Roads Maintenance Teams. I wish that, the CEC Member should have informed the Governor that they have very noble plans of doing this because this was one of the Governor's promises during his campaign period that he was going to constitute the Roads Maintenance Teams. Mr. Speaker, it is now 241 days for the term of this County Assembly to elapse and this campaign pledge has not been actualized and the CEC Member for Public Works, Roads and Transport is aware that these Roads Maintenance Teams are not on the ground. I believe they would have taken the onus to inform the Governor about the challenges they have encountered with regards to this pledge. This will enable the Governor inform the audience that he has very good plans and in the next two or three weeks, he will inform the residents that, what I did promise to my people on the Roads Maintenance Teams will be achieved.

So, Mr. Speaker, the County Executive Committee Members in our great County should endeavour to tell the Governor the truth instead of standing with him and not giving him the right information. I wish they could have informed the Governor that, they are working on the Roads Maintenance Teams and as he did promise four years ago, in the next two to three weeks, the Roads Maintenance Teams will be on the ground running. Mr. Speaker, in this angle it seems that, they have already informed the Governor that the Roads Maintenance Teams is already on the ground working.

Mr. Speaker, as I had earlier stated that, there is no Governor in this country that can be compared to ours but, my problem is with the County Executive Committee Members.

Mr. Speaker, please allow me to refer this House page 27 of the report. Education is the key to the children's development and a government that cannot educate its citizens is not a honorable government. Mr. Speaker, taking this angle, we resolved that the good Professor has focused on key items notably Scholarship and Bursaries.

Mr. Speaker, Scholarship and Bursaries are very pertinent in matters education. If we are talking about Scholarship which has been going on so well. Mr. Speaker, I want to touch on the issues of Bursaries.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak today, schools will be closed next week and just to highlight you the reality on the ground. If schools will be closed next week, we have students in Form Four who are not able to raise school fees. Mr. Speaker, as we speak today, students who are supposed to be taking their Form Four exams are at home and they are prepared to go and sit for their exams, but the Department is stating that we have done this but students who are supposed to sit their exams are still at home and they are not in class. This money will be released after those who are supposed to benefit from them like the form fours, who will be going back to school only to sit for exams. The intention and objective of this project was to keep them in class or student retention, but the principles cannot allow them in class because the County Government has not disbursed bursaries.

Mr. Speaker, with this approach, I still believe that, the County Executive Member for Education is also not sincere with the Governor. The CEC Member should have informed the Governor that as far as we are doing this, Scholarship Program has already been rolled out, but, our major concern is the students who are still at home and are expected to sit their exams early March, 2022 and we are left with only one month. We have only one month left and these people will be at home. The Governor will however be given a different version of the report that all bursaries have been disbursed. These people are misleading the Governor. Let them speak the truth. Mr. Speaker, if I may give you a short history about what happened to me last week. Mr. Speaker, you know we had budgeted for Machine-based approach. I did coordinate with the Director of Roads and Transport and they informed me that whatever they lacked was fuel.

Mr. Speaker, I had to buy fuel with my money. The day they were to bring the grader Mr. Speaker, they shifted goal posts and insisted on going with the grader. I had to plead with them because I had already fueled it. What I wanted was a refund for fueling because I could not take diesel anywhere. Imagine an Honourable member pleading with them on this matter...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Honourable Leader of Majority?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): I rise on Standing Order No. 89. You know the direction in which the Senior Member is going is very dangerous because he is talking about people who have got no ability to defend themselves here. He is alluding to issues that cannot be confirmed because the people he is accusing are not in this House and therefore they cannot defend themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I would wish that you give direction so that the Member restricts himself to the speech that was delivered by the Governor. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed Honourable Member but we want to limit ourselves to the speech. I want to remind you that Standing Order No. 89 requires us to substantiate issues of facts.

You know when you say you bought fuel of Kshs. 9000, it may be difficult to know if that happened. Anyway, proceed and please confine yourself to the speech.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, remember I started by saying that we have a good Governor. I also did say that among the 47 Governors in this country, Prof Nyong'o takes the lead. However, because of wrong advisors like the Leader of Majority who could not listen to me to get to know exactly what is taking place

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, Sir. May you stop this Honourable Member who knows the Rules of this House?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order!! Members. I have already directed him that he should stick to the confines of the speech.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, I would wish that he withdraws what he has said especially the assertion that I misadvise Members.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order!! Members. I cannot hear you when two Members are speaking.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order!! Hon. Okiri. Whom do you want to inform Hon. Muga?

Hon. Muga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to inform Hon. Okiri that we are discussing Governor's Speech not the Leader of Majority.

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

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In my final submission, if the CECs will be coordinating and informing the Governor exactly what is happening then I believe that he will be kept abreast with what is happening in the County....

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Otiang'

Hon. Otiang': Mr. Speaker, Sir, I never intended to say anything. I wanted to go out.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Okay.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you. As I conclude, with humility, let me submit that we have got the best Governor. However, we have people who are not telling the Governor the truth and this will give us a huge problems with our electorates during campaigns. Otherwise, thank you and I support the submission by the Governor in his speech.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Olang'o.

Hon. Olang'o: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Our Governor is a planner. In his speech, I could see a change of Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground also known as *Aguch Kisumo* now named Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Sports Complex. He talked of socio-economic development and also thanked the President for conferring upon Nakuru city status. I support his speech. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. There is still time for those who have not contributed. Remember we still have one more session. It will be quite unfortunate for Members who shall have not contributed by next session.

As a reminder, the following Members have made their contribution:

1. Hon. Seth Okumu, MCA, East Seme.
2. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo, MCA, Specially Elected.
3. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, MCA, Manyatta "B"
4. Hon. Vincent Jagongo, MCA, North West Kisumu.
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6. Hon. Priscah Misachi, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo.
7. Hon Oiko Pete, MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal.
8. Hon. Miruka, MCA, North Nyakach.
9. Hon. Erick Agolla, MCA, South West Kisumu.
10. Hon. Paul Okiri, MCA, West; and
11. Hon. Olang'o, MCA, Specially Elected.

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

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to debate on the Governor's speech. First, I want to ask the world if it knows who we want to talk about. Secondly, how does the world see Prof Anyang Nyong'o? As the people of Kisumu County, are we able to enumerate the good works of the Governor even before reading from his speech?

Mr. Speaker, the Africities will be hosted here in Kisumu, an event which could not have happened before Prof Nyong'o became Governor. We are seeing improvements of the County by the National Development courtesy of the Governor. Mr. Speaker, the Governor has so much invested in his manifesto and has delivered in my view 70 per cent. The remaining 30 per cent can only be achieved if we are wise enough to give him another chance.

Mr. Speaker, on the Education. The ECDE teachers have been continuously employed. I'm sure we have to give our children the best for them to attain the highest qualifications as our Governor. It is the best age to motivate our children so that they embrace education.

Mr. Speaker, it is also true that the Governor has so much plans for the Health Sector starting with CHVs. These CHVs are already doing a marvelous job, going door to door offering service to our people. These CHVs also mobilize ambulances to help our people.

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

Hon. Samo: On a point of information. The Honourable Member on the Floor is referring to Community Health Workers as CHVs. Secondly, I would wish to inform the Honourable Member on the Floor that the ambulances are not for Prof. Nyong'o. She is misleading this House and so she should get this correction. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Linet Muga

Hon. Muga: Thank you, I stand guided. However, it was communicated that whoever had complaints to have brought it to the House because it might be a rumor if there are no names.

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker...

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

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker that isn't quite true. The Honorable Member is a seasoned member of this House and she is aware of that not being a rumor. We are paying as a county government, and the payment is done quarterly to Community Health Workers but not Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). If she's treating this as a rumor then she should accept the correction I am giving to her. Another correction is on the Ambulances, being donated by other organizations such as the one in Nyakach. The other ambulances we have were budgeted for. Thank you.

Hon. Muga: Thank you, and I understand. Nevertheless, I just wanted proof to him that these CHWs are being paid in this tenure of Prof. Peter Nyong'o, and that is quite commendable. In addition, a given number of youths have been involved and are holding some good positions in this county of Kisumu.

Mr. Speaker, Food Security has also been realized in this great County, even though not in surplus but almost enough for majority of the people. There is just much to commend him on his efforts to push his agenda for this county. However, I would like to request him to devolve sugarcane farming so that the sugarcane sector can be revived.

My friends and colleagues, I request you to think deeply and carefully on ways that could be helpful in assisting the Prof. achieve the remaining 30% of his manifesto. In any case there are gaps, then the CECMs who are purported to not have been working will be reviewed by us here in the Assembly to ensure that we get those that will help the Governor complete his agenda. Thank you.

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

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Governor for the great job he has done so far in ensuring that the constituents of Kisumu County enjoy the fruits of devolution. When you look at the method of governance in Kisumu County, it is quite a replica of the vision of the

government that we will have if Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga assumes the office of the president of Kenya in 2022. We are going to lay our foundation clearly by stipulating the mission and vision to ensure that all its citizens are beneficiaries of whatever development within their areas.

Mr. Speaker, we were with you in the recent population forum and you heard how Kisumu County and the Assembly were being praised for having passed most of the Health Bills. We are among the very few counties in the County which are going to utilize the Facility Improvement Fund (FIF), which will go a long way in assisting our Health Facilities in terms of service delivery. All these is because of the Governor and his cabinet and also in the rolling out of the Marwa Health Scheme, which has immensely helped residents in receiving free treatment.

Consequently, the Water Sector is a success story. As a born and raised resident of Kisumu, I attest to the fact that water flow and services have been restored. The infrastructure has improved although we need to put more effort in perfecting it. The convention which is yet to be hosted here is one of the ways of attracting foreign conferences and in turn attract local and foreign tourism in the region to uplift the standards of our people. Investors from different cadre will also be attracted simply through these conferences. Finally, I would like to talk about the Africities Conventions which is to be held in this city in the month of May, 2022. Unfortunately, it has been postponed a couple times due to the Covid-19 pandemic but when it finally materializes, it will improve the standards of our international airport. Otherwise, thank you.

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

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. I also want to add my voice to the discussion on the Speech of the Governor on the State of the County. When an Honorable member wants to measure whether or not the government has achieved its mandate, then he or she must go back to their wards. The County Government of Kisumu has really tried, and even as I was doing a comparison with the previous government by trying to evaluate the projects that have been done since initiated against those that have been completed, I was quite thrilled of the margin the latter has given the former government. Nevertheless, there are certain areas which were highlighted by the Governor and should be looked into. I believe that the Hon. Members have talked about Education because we all know what is happening in that department. I want to concur with one Member who said that it's not only the Governor who can implement everything or walk in every office but it is these officers who aren't executing their duties promptly.

Mr. Speaker, I was surprised when I visited Makueni County. I was called by the people who were sponsored that their children are at home. It was also good because I was there with the Chief Officer of Education and I received a call while he was seated next to me. When I talked to this parent and it was not one parent, they were several of them lamenting that their children under the Scholarship Programme have been sent home. I handed my phone to the Chief Officer and told her this, look at what you are doing to the Governor and she insisted that they have disbursed funds for the same. Mr. Speaker, when those students reported back to their respective school, again,

they were sent back home. Mr. Speaker, it is lucky that I was still in Makueni, I went back to the same Chief Officer of Education and told her that, they were not doing the right thing. Mr. Speaker, we know very well what is happening to our Bursaries and in fact one Hon. Member in this House highlighted that here.

Mr. Speaker, it is not the duty of the Governor to walk in every department to supervise and coordinate activities in these departments, but, it is the responsibility of these officers to assist the Governor achieve his manifesto. I believe that, as we speak, if bursaries had been disbursed, we could have saying a different story this is because one Hon. Member put correctly that, right now students are at home. Mr. Speaker, it was very unfortunate that this morning when I was almost leaving for Kisumu, one of the students from Sangoro who had applied for the bursary was sent home. Another one from Mbugra and I had to pass through these two schools to plead with the School Principals to accord these parents more time so that they could be allowed back to class and allowed to sit for their final end-term exams.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot say that this incident is the responsibility of the Governor. This is because, the Governor has delegated the responsibility to officers he thought that can deliver his agenda. Mr. Speaker, it is very unfortunate that, some of the set-backs that we are getting are from the officers who were appointed by the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to belabour on the Roads. You are aware that I am passionate when it comes to issues to do with roads and what roads can do to a County. The road-network is the heartbeat of the County and I believe Hon. Members are aware what is going on in that department.

Mr. Speaker, let me say something on Agriculture. When we were still in school, we were being told that Agriculture is the heart of the Country. I must say that progress has been made in the Department of Agriculture but it is also doing badly in some areas. Mr. Speaker, I want to report that, as a custodian of West Nyakach, we majorly deal with fishing. In the previous government there not even a single Fish Banda that was built in West Nyakach. Right now, I can proudly state that, the Department has established two Fish Bands which are complete and operational. Mr. Speaker, the department was almost establishing the third Banda in my Ward in this era of Professor Nyong'o but unfortunately, the same officer was transferred and implementation could not take place. The people in West Nyakach depend of fishing. Mr. Speaker, I can categorically state that, there is a lot of fishponds being established in West Nyakach under the stewardship of Professor Nyong'o.

Mr. Speaker, if the Governor has introduced a conducive working environment for such projects to be initiated, then, it is his officer to implement them. When it comes to implementation, then somehow we are not doing very well. On the face value, things are there which are very good and if properly executed, I believe that Kisumu County will be blocks away from other Counties.

Mr. Speaker, when you look the Health Sector, I am glad of the transformation that has happened in this sector. This is because when I took over West Nyakach, right now I believe that we have managed to establish two additional Health Centres. We have Nyadina and Okano Wach Dispensaries. These are achievements which has been done in the tenure of Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o. Mr. Speaker, it is not one hundred percent in that Sector, and I am happy that the Governor touched on that area. Mr. Speaker, the health centre look good, in fact I want to appreciate Hon. Miruka and Hon. Jagongo who graced the occasion and assisted me to witness the opening Sangoro Health Centre which is now operational. Mr. Speaker, that health facility is in a prime area which also serves the people of Homa bay. Mr. Speaker, when this facility was inaugurated people were streaming in and you could think that these people were going to a market, but right now I believe that the Governor touched on the area on pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical products (drugs) because drugs are no longer there. Mr. Speaker, people are no longer visiting this health facility because of lack of drugs.

Hon. Okiri: On a Point of Order!!

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

Hon. Okiri: Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the Hon. Member on the floor.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogutu, do you want to be informed by Hon. Okiri?

Hon. Ogutu: Yes please let him do so.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Okiri: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Hon. Member that, as at yesterday, KEMSA had already dispatched drugs to various health facilities and we must applaud the Governor for following up on this. Today, if you visit health facilities in your area you will get drugs. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Ogutu, I believe that you have been appropriately informed.

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, I believe that there are some sentiments you should not allow to be made in the floor of this House. Mr. Speaker, we are discussing the Governor's Speech and the drawbacks which should be corrected. I believe that whatever we are debating will be forwarded to the Office of the Governor so that he can be made aware where things are going wrong. Mr., Speaker, even if drugs were dispatched yesterday, I am raising an issue that has continuously been happening to the County of Kisumu and I believe that we talked about it sometimes back. I know that by the time the Governor will sit down and go through this report, he will definitely know places to fix and what to work on and that is what I was talking about. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, just to conclude, on the issues which is to do with Health. I must say that we must applaud the efforts of the Governor because you can recall and especially the Hon. Members, they

were really burdened because each day you would be called by your constituents requesting you to offer assistant of a certain amount of money which is used to settle hospital bill for their wives who has just delivered but, the Governor through his wisdom introduced Marwa Insurance Scheme which is now working perfectly for the people of Kisumu.

Mr. Speaker, the other day I was happy when I was called and the person who called me was in Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH). She informed me that she has been admitted at the JOOTRH but what she requires is just a little amount of money. This is because she has been covered by Marwa Insurance Scheme and she is happily being taken care in the hospital and only requires a small amount of money to help her purchase fruits. Mr. Speaker, then you feel jubilated because, already the burden has been take care of away from her. I am inclined to believe that Hon. Members where really suffering in relation to these small monies that was being solicited to help settle hospital bills. Mr. Speaker, we need to give credit where it is due.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Government of Professor Nyong'o has achieved a lot through well-wishers and development partners. Mr. Speaker, we are all aware of the Ambulances which have been distributed in Kisumu County and I must confess that they are now adequate in number and they have even gone ahead pooling them together in one pool where if you call them, then be rest assured that you will get these services. Mr. Speaker, these are the achievements that we have to applaud. If we endeavour to go the way we are moving, then in future things will be rosy.

Mr. Speaker, on the same Health Department. My only disappointment is on the implementation. I have talked about Nyadina. Nyadina is a Health Centre which was been built and the only thing remaining is the roofing. Mr. Speaker, we appropriated funds towards this which is approximately Kshs 1.7 million to enable the roofing of that health facility. This was done in the last fiscal year but until today that beautiful health facility has not been fitted with a roof. These are the failures that we have to pin point so that by the time the Governor is going through the deliberations and reactions coming from this House, then definitely, he will be made aware of where the obstacles are. Mr. Speaker, with those many remarks, I rest my case. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Please let me take this opportunity to also say something about the Governor's Speech.

First, I would want to say that, overally, I would rate his performance with a pass. I just want to move quickly to the successes. In the Health Sector, I am happy about the improvement in Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital and the issue of the terms and condition services of the health workers that was a problem countrywide. Some of the success stories that we managed to achieve in Kisumu is something that a number of counties are learning from us. It has also mitigated and addressed the frequent strikes that were all over. I believe that is an area that he has done well.

On the issue of Ambulances; during his campaign, he talked about ‘real ambulance’ not ‘boxes’ and for sure the ambulance were introduced and they exist. Even when I make a phone call to Pap Onditi Hospital, I am informed that they are there.

I know that the issue of drugs has been a problem. We have even talked about it here in this Assembly. We know that it is something that I would not attribute to the County Government. It is a systemic problem caused by the loss at KEMSA and he even mentioned it on his speech that there is something which is being done about it so, that it is not KEMSA alone. I believe that it is work in progress.

Mr. Speaker, another area within the health sector that needs improvement that I would wish to mention is implementation. A number of facilities such as Pap Onditi Hospital where the Governor has very good intention but the implementation have been a problem. In that facility, for the last four years we have been trying to do construct a Theatre. It has faced a lot problems and I am happy that finally he has gotten a solution. I have even been hinted on the type of the contractor that will be able to handle it and I am now sure that it will be done. The same way they have been able to handle that, it should be reflected on other sectors.

In Central Nyakach, we were able to finish the Construction of Koduma Dispensary and now Central Nyakach Dispensary. I know that it is facing some challenges due to the kind of contractors that are there. I have heard a discussion with the department and so there is an agreement to terminate that contract and be able to start the procurement process for another contractor to take over it and be complete that project.

Another successful story is on the issue of Community Health Workers (*Nyamrerwas*). That is a big plus. Most of the time our pregnant mothers do not find their way to the hospitals when they are due and the work that is being done by those *Nyamrerwas* is a very big thing. I know he is facing some payment problems like timely payment but he will be able to pay them because starting it was the big idea. So, in the Health sector and the calibre of people that are currently in serving in the department, I believe are able to take that department to the next level.

Mr. Speaker, on Agriculture Sector. I would like to talk about the rice production and the dairy farming. Those are the specific areas whereas agriculture has done well in terms of agricultural production. The interlinking area that is also doing well is the Cooperative movement.

Mr. Speaker, on Trade Issue. There is dismal performance due to the number of projects that we started and we have not completed; for instance, the markets that we found on those places. Kombewa Market was opened but the people themselves can talk of the resources that exist. The design was done by the previous government. Therefore, I just want them to have a look at those things and make improvement at Pap Onditi and Korowe Markets for the ones that have not been opened. From that, they will be able to deal with market issues.

Mr. Speaker, on Industrialization, I have a concern in my ward. It is named K'ochieng Tomato. Mr. Speaker, I was surprised during a public participation, I found a very old man mentioning that as part of the previous budget allocations yet it is something that is not in my ward. He uttered "I just hope that you people have not included K'ochieng Tomato again". So, those are some of the areas that should be looked into.

Mr. Speaker, since the Governor cannot be physically everywhere, he needs to find a way in which the Delivery Unit can be a real delivery unit. They should be able to identify the gaps and give appropriate feedback. He needs to be concerned because whatever happens, he is the one responsible. Our people do not know these Chief Officers; they do not recognize them at all. They are not even concerned about what the officers are doing. Even when I mention to them they just say; you know that is a guy that you employed there and we also gave you power to fire him. You know if you do not do that yet, you are the one who hired him, that is your problem. So, the Delivery Unit needs to improve to take us to the next level.

Mr. Speaker, one thing that I was forgetting within the health sector is the Facility Improvement Fund (FIF). It is a big plus and is going to help in the operations of those facilities. When we were going round, we realized it as an outcry and we really needed to work on it. I also want to add on the issue of the Delivery Unit. I believe it is in the best interest that the Governor finds a way in which this Assembly can play its role. In his advocacy for democracy, I believe he just needs to help us. Even though it may not be in his interest since he is the one we are overlooking, but also in terms of us helping him identify these gaps. If this Assembly was to do its oversight role effectively, then we will be somewhere.

Mr. Speaker, with the Assembly and the delivery unit working together, we would have not seen failures in the Education Sector more so the construction of ECDs and the Disbursement of Bursaries. It is quite embarrassing that you lack what to say. For instance, in the morning, you may receive about ten phone calls concerning the bursaries that had not been paid. It is so problematic to an extent that we and the concerned department cannot pin point where the problem lies. The Governor did well in terms of funding to the Education Sector; we are also allocating more funds, the bursary allocation per student is also high plus the salary increment to the ECD teachers by the governor. The only failure we have is this House in terms of oversight and the Delivery Unit. We have policies in place; so those are the areas that we need to check on, and if address appropriately, we will move somewhere.

Mr. Speaker, another suggestion to the Governor is to separate the Gender Department and issues dealing with Social Protection. Once it is merged the way it is, you find that all the monies goes to Education Sector. Therefore, we are not handling these other issues in a way that we should be able to.

Mr. Speaker, without much ado, I believe he is making good progress. What he needs to do is to entrench democracy and the delivery unit so that we will be able to deliver. Thank you so much.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon. Maurine Otiang.

Hon. Otiang: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to give applause to our Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o. Much has been said and practically we are aware of everything that had been done. I want to mention three areas only.

Mr. Speaker, as the MCA representing Chemelil/Tamu Ward, I am a beneficiary of good leadership. You remember we have the dairy project in Chemelil as the new idea. This thing is really going to help our population in enhancing the cattle that we have so that they are upgraded. Chemelil is an agricultural area majoring in sugarcane farming. We also have Muhoroni as a beneficiary for Milk Cooling Plant in Muhoroni/ Koru Ward. The idea is going to provide the raw material for the plant in Muhoroni. I therefore believe that the entire Muhoroni Sub County has benefited from this leadership and I applaud him for that.

Secondly, I want to applaud the Governor for the townships that have been established across the county which we have benefited from. Muhoroni is the next to be pronounced a township and we will benefit from that. Mr. Speaker, you remember that Maseno area was in contention but with the forthright of the Governor he pronounced it as the first township. Therefore we are going to witness growth in that place.

Mr. Speaker, for the longest time, Ahero has been a town but it gained a full township and we are grateful for that. Katito too was not left behind. Mr. Speaker sir, townships come with lots of projects and enhanced facilities and infrastructural development. So, all these towns are going to be elevated and we are so proud.

Mr. Speaker, on the Health Sector. I am also happy that we managed to complete the Cancer Center. As you are aware, I recently lost my brother due to cancer disease. He was supposed to be treated in Kisumu but we could not get a place for Radio therapy so he got a transfer to Eldoret. The completion for the Cancer Center is going to help other people whom are of the same need to access treatment within Kisumu. I would applaud him for that plus the many other things that he has done.

Mr. Speaker sir, everything that has a beginning usually has a setbacks so I know we started a long time ago and we have not actually met all the threshold. We cannot sit here and say that whatever gains we have done are minimal since they are enormous. I would also applaud you for the CHVs as you are aware they are the first front line healthcare providers. Since they are getting some stipend they are really happy and I know they are doing a good job. For that Mr. Speaker I would still applaud the Governor for the good work that he has been doing. What we need to do just as been said by Hon. Ojuok is that, whatever is not done properly we can only sit down as a team and work out to see how to enhance these area that are still not perfectly done. Nothing can be done 100% and we must give credit where it is due. For me I believe that the Governor has done a good job and God willing we are going to give him a second chance so that he can finish what he has

started because if we have to change then we will have a long way to go to be able to complete what he has started. I also want to applaud the Hon. Members for giving support where necessary and also helping in the Budget.

Mr. Speaker, as at now we are going to have easy time to campaign because we also have something we can point that we did for our electorate. That is what makes Kisumu County grow and that is what is necessary. I want to applaud him and congratulate the Hon. Members for standing out to the gains that we have made. Thank you.

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

Hon. Olga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute. All the things that my fellow Hon. Members have said are true because our Governor has really done a recommendable job. I would like to urge all the Hon. Members to support the Governor in all that he is doing so that he can continue working for the electorates. I would like to thank the Almighty God for giving us a Governor who has the wisdom to rule over the people of Kisumu County. He has been able to work through all the 7 sub-counties without any discrimination. The Governor has also been able to employ the youth, women and the elderly in different sectors and this has been able to improve the livelihood of the people of Kisumu County. Thank you.

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

Hon. Dede: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute. I would like to applaud our Governor for having scaled up the Feeding Programme in the ECD centers.

Mr. Speaker, in the Agricultural Sector, my ward being one of the places which has benefited from some of these project, my ward managed to receive 4000 liters of coolant whereby our farmers can now manage to supply milk within the locality.

Mr. Speaker, in the Education Sector, we would like the Governor to work more on the bursary program because most of our pupils are just at home and not going to school due to lack of school fee.

Mr. Speaker, in Health, the construction of Comprehensive Cancer Center which is being built at JOOTRH will help in the treatment of cancer which has been out of our hand and most of our patients are always transferred to other Counties.

Mr. Speaker, in the Water Sector, the issue of water and environment has not been looked into well within the locality and yet we are the people who are coming within the Lake region where the water supply should be in plenty. The implementation of the same should be done in order to increase the water supply within our region.

Mr. Speaker, in sustaining the economy of the County, the County Government should look into Revenue Collection with eagle eyes since most of the projects are stalled due to low revenue collection. With those few remarks I support the Governors speech.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): I am not seeing any Member on his/her feet. We still have one more session in the afternoon for those who have not contributed.

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker I would indulge you that if at all the debate has been exhausted then we can probably wind it up considering that we have a very important exercise in Nairobi and there are those who would want to travel today in the afternoon. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon. Majority Leader, I am considering that and that is the reason why I am giving maximum opportunity for any Member who has not contributed and would be willing to contribute now; the following Members have contributed;

1. Hon. Seth Okumu, MCA, East Seme.
2. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo, MCA, Specially Elected.
3. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, MCA, Manyatta “B”
4. Hon. Vincent Jagongo, MCA, North West Kisumu.
5. Hon. Beatrice Odongo, MCA, Specially Elected.
6. Hon. Priscah Misachi, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo.
7. Hon Oiko Pete, MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal.
8. Hon. Miruka, MCA, North Nyakach.
9. Hon. Erick Agolla, MCA, South West Kisumu.
10. Hon. Paul Okiri, MCA, West; and
11. Hon. Olang’o, MCA, Specially Elected.
12. Hon. Carren Muga, MCA, Specially Elected
13. Hon. Aslam Khan , MCA, Specially Elected
14. Hon. George Ogutu, MCA, West Nyakach
15. Hon. Philemon Ojuok, MAC, Central Nyakach
16. Hon. Maureen Otiang’, MCA, Chemelil/Kuro
17. Hon. Olga Atieno, , MCA, Specially Elected
18. Hon. Samuel Dede, MCA, North Kisumu.

Majority Leader, I was going by what you were saying so that we maximize and the few that are remaining can have the opportunity in the afternoon. I am aware that most Members would want to become part of the historic event that is happening in Nairobi on Friday, 10th December, 2021. At the same time, be informed that we also have a General Oversight Meeting starting tomorrow. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon. Members, I therefore direct that the House is adjourned today Wednesday, 08th December 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 10.26 a.m.)

Addendum

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