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(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Akoth Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Madam Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Next order!!

NOTICE OF MOTION

ACCESS TO SERVICES AND INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF
KISUMU BY THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

BY

HON. EMILY OGINGA

ADOPTION OF A MOTION ON THE RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY ON WARDS EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

BY

HON. VITALIS K’OMUDHO

CHAIRPERSON, WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Emily Oginga.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 45(1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion on Access to Services and Information of the County Assembly of Kisumu by the People Living with Disability. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. K’Omudho.

Hon. K’Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni Koru Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 45(1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts a Motion on the Resolution to Petition the National Assembly on Wards Equitable Development Fund.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Next order!

MOTION

ACCESS TO SERVICES AND INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF
KISUMU BY THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY
BY
HON. EMILY OGINGA, MCA, SPECIALLY ELECTED

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Emily Oginga.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No.48, I beg to move the following motion.

Aware that, Article 54 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides for facilitative measures for dignified treatment of and access to information and materials by persons with disability.

Further aware that, the Persons with Disability Act 2003 provides for the rights and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; to achieve equalization of access to opportunities, services and information amongst other facilitative affirmative provisions.

Noting that, the 2019 National Census report. placed Kisumu County as having the 5th highest disability rate at 4% of total County population after Siaya (4.19%). Makueni (4.1%). Homa Bay (4.3%) and Embu at 4.4%.

Noting further that, the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022 also documents that 52,517 people in Kisumu County are living with disability out of a total population of 1,358,837 people out of which 7,477 are hearing impaired, and 16,162 are visually impaired.

Concerned that, the County Assembly of Kisumu does not have a Sign Language Interpreter thus denying persons with hearing impairment access to information from the Assembly proceedings and functions, and that documents of the Assembly and those of the County Executive are NOT converted into braille thus inaccessible to the visually impaired.

Recognizing that, persons living with disability have the right to access and make use of all services offered by the County Government of Kisumu especially the right to access to information pursuant to Article 35 of the Constitution of Kenya and the Access to Information Act 2016.

Now therefore, this House resolves that the Kisumu County Assembly Services Board immediately engages, the services of a Sign Language Interpreter to facilitate the uptake of and use of sign language in all Assembly proceedings and functions

That, the County Assembly Services Board makes necessary budgetary allocations during the financial year 2023/2024 for the provisions of braille and other disability friendly infrastructure within County Assembly service points. May I ask Hon. Benson Adegga to second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Adegga.

Hon. Adegga (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to second the motion as presented by the Honourable Member. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Honourable Members, now that a motion on the Access to Services and Information of the County Assembly of Kisumu by the People Living with Disability has been moved by Hon. Oginga and seconded by Hon. Adegga, I now want to open it for debate as per our Standing Orders.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes, Hon. Were.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B” Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. It is important that we consider the people living with disability in our County, being the legislative wing of this Government, we should make our information accessible by engaging the sign language interpreter to enable those with hearing problem to access our information. I sincerely support the motion and I urge the Members to do so.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Pamela Oyoo.

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I also rise to support the motion before us. This motion is long overdue. Our Assembly needs to have sign language interpreter

because the proceedings of this House are being followed and we have people who cannot understand what we are legislating on. I urge the House to adopt the motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Tom Nyaoke of North Nyakach Ward.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to thank the mover of this motion for finding it right to bring such an important motion. As it stands, this House is depicted as one that is discriminating against the disabled. We want to set record so that we move concurrently with what is required in Article 54 of the Constitution of Kenya. I therefore, urge the Honourable Members to support the motion. I beg to support Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Regina Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to support the motion moved by Hon. Emily Oginga. We had a youth meeting in Mombasa and this is one of the areas we touched on and I was even surprised that it was coming as a motion in this House. Thank you Mheshimiwa for thinking of the disabled. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Benny Oiko Pete.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I also rise to give my little contribution on the matter before the House. This is something that should not have been brought as a Motion in this House. The Assembly would have done something long time ago and it is unfortunate that a Member had to bring this as a Motion to open the eye of the Executive. The Executive of the Assembly and the Board should have looked into this because this is now a legal requirement in every institution. Just as has it been reiterated by my fellow Members, Kisumu as an institution is open to the public which is a credit. However, when persons with disability are denied access to what is being discussed in this House, we stand to be condemned. Let the executive of the Assembly take this matter seriously and provide all that is need for persons with disability.

It is not that these people like the way they are but they found themselves in such situation. This is why it was found necessary that it is legalized so that I institutions cannot take this as a formality. Information must be passed to every individual. Accessibility to any building must be made to every individual. It is good that Hon. Oginga has taken her time to remind the County Assembly Service Board to do their work.

Madam Speaker, we hope they will take this matter seriously and do the necessary, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Henrietta.

Hon Henrietta (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion moved by Hon. Emily Oginga. She is seated next to me and I was hinting to her that I am the one who ought to have brought this motion. Fortunately, she has brought it and we have to candidly debate about it. Madam Speaker, I live with two persons who live with disability.

Madam Speaker, when I read her Motion last night, I said, thank God. And we need to expand this to include not only here but also our homes and the County at large. Persons Living with Disability are in our homes and communities and they need to access public institutions. Thank you

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon Omollo.

Hon Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this Motion that has been brought by Hon Oginga. Madam Speaker, no one chooses to be disabled. The County Assembly is a public entity which ought to have known that information is disseminated to everyone. Madam Speaker, we cannot continue to transact business in this House while there are those people out there in our society who are not in a position to interact with our activities. We are denying them a right to access to information. It is a basic right which must be upheld.

Madam Speaker, I want to urge the County Assembly Service Board that they should immediately do something to the PWDs. Madam Speaker, most of the electorates consume what we transact via the online spaces. Right now, as you can see, it is off. They cannot follow what is going on in the House. Everyone out there has no opportunity to consume my contribution. Madam Speaker, we need to have a robust system to broadcast our deliberations to allow access by everyone.

Madam Speaker, I would recommend that we have a section on the screen where we have a Sign Language Interpreter. We need to hire such a person so that everything said is interpreted. Such would give opportunity to persons with relevant impairment to understand our discussions. This is a basic right which we cannot deny our people.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Hon. Oginga for this motion. I hope that the County Assembly Service Board will take necessary measures so that the public can have access to information. I support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Carren.

Hon. Ajwang (MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the Motion moved by Hon Oginga. The County Assembly of Kisumu should have a sign language interpreter to help those living with hearing impairment to get information. At the same time, documents from this Assembly and those from the Executive arm of county government should be converted to Braille. I support, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Onditi.

Hon Onditi (Ombeyi Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. As my colleagues have stated, I also rise to support this motion. Let me start by thanking the mover of this motion Hon. Oginga for thinking ahead of those living with disability in this House. This matter is long overdue and given its importance, it should be dispensed with in record time. Whatever business we transact should be consumed by those we represent and who are not in a position to be here. It is important for every sector to be compliant. It is particularly so for the nature of our transaction in this House which should be accessed by all.

Madam Speaker, I support and urge this House to rise to the occasion and support this motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the Motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Opar.

Hon Opar (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion. As one of those living with disability, I thank the mover of the motion for recognizing PWDs. Disability are different types. One of such is hearing impairment which has been discussed. There are several other types. As such, as one of those living with disability, we say that we are wonderfully made, in God’s image. It is high time we constituted a House Committee on matters PWD so that our plight can be discussed. I stand to support Madam Speaker. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Alice Wajewa.

Hon Wajewa (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support this motion. I also want to appreciate Hon. Oginga for thinking it wise to bring this motion before the House. It is very unfortunate that we do not have a sign language interpreter in this House. Even if we do not have anyone with such impairment here, we have members of the public who need the service. It is important that during our deliberations, we have a sign language interpreter who can communicate with those in need of such services. Thank you, Hon. Oginga for this motion. I rise to support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Alandoh, are you on your feet?

Hon Alandoh (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion. I also wish to thank Hon. Oginga for the moving this motion. It is true we have PWDs within our county. As reiterated by members, indeed, this has been long overdue. However, as it is always said, God’s time is the best. Now that the motion has been brought before us, let us adopt it so that PWDs following House debates can understand our deliberations.

Again, having seen the mood of the House, it is safe to say that this motion has seen approval by members. I would also request the Mover of the Motion to reply.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Alandoh, you are out of order.

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon Okoyo.

Hon Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, allow me to start by apologizing to the people who haven’t been getting the service because they could not follow the proceedings of this House. The House is very sorry because this is something that should have been done long time ago, and I want to appreciate Hon. Emily Oginga for bringing up this motion. Madam Speaker, the persons living with disability are part of us as they are in our communities as well as in our families. I stand to support this motion fully, and we need to implement this as soon as possible, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Yes, Hon. Ratib Boitone.

Hon. Ratib, (MCA, Nyalenda A): Thank you Madam Speaker. That you for have given time to almost each and every Member in this Honorable House to ventilate on this matter, and I believe and know that this is just because there is no much to be transacted in the Order Paper...

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Hon. Boitone you are out of Order. Can you resume your seat!

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): If you want to call the mover to reply then go straight to the point.

Hon. Boitone, (MCA, Nyalenda “A” Ward): Madam Speaker, I apologize but that is exactly what I wanted to do but before that I wanted to make a comment. Thank you for correcting me. Madam Speaker, it is quite in order that this motion be executed as soon as possible so I call the mover to reply.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes, Hon. Emily Oginga, the mover of the motion.

Hon. Oginga, (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my fellow Honourable Members for considering this motion for adoption. I know that it is long overdue and just like Hon. Okoyo has mentioned, we need to do an apology to this community. Otherwise, I would like to appreciate the Governor in his opening Speech when he mentioned that the County Government had employed seven Sign Language Interpreters in various health facilities. However, according to my observation and research, I still feel that that number is quite low and not quite sufficient for a whole County. I would like to ask the County Government to consider each and

every facility to have at least one sign language interpreter so that the people who are disadvantaged can be able to access their services and other facilities other than the health facility. My prayer is also that, one day the Government of Kenya would consider sign language as a basic subject in schools because you find that we live and interact with these people in our houses and there is a massive language barrier. However, when you look at them, they are as normal as any other person who can reason quite well with you but if we can't be able to communicate with them effectively then, you know they are always left out.

Madam Speaker, I would therefore, like to request the Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Education to consider having sign language as a basic subject in schools especially as they are rolling out the CBC (Competency Based Curriculum). I would also like to request the CASB (County Assembly Service Board) to move with speed and act on this motion so that as we go for our long recess, we come back for the next session in February 2023 and find a sign language interpreter in the House. Otherwise, thank you Honorable Members for supporting this motion and I reply, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honorable Members, a motion on the Access to Information and Materials by the Persons Living with Disabilities has been moved by Hon. Emily Oginga and seconded by Hon. Benson Atega, and debated by the Honourable Members of this House. I now want to put a question?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honorable Members, a motion on the Access to Information and Materials by the Persons Living with Disabilities has been moved, seconded and debated upon and adopted by the House, today Wednesday 30th of November 2022 at 09:36 hours.

Honourable Members, I now want to direct that the resolutions on the motion by this House together with the Hansard report be forwarded to the relevant authorities for action, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next Order!

MOTION:

CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OF KISUMU
COUNTY TO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY ASSEMBLY.

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD.

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Honorable Members, this motion had been given four sessions, which we have managed to debate upon in three sessions making this the final session for Members who hadn’t debated on it. I now want to ask Members who hadn’t given their opinion on the Governor’s speech to do so, as this is the final opportunity to give our views on the same.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): What is it Hon. Emily Oginga?

Hon. Oginga, (Nominated MCA): Madam Speaker, I was actually waiting for someone to stand up and maybe make a comment on the Governor’s speech because I also hadn’t presented my comment.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Please proceed Honourable Member.

Hon. Oginga, (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I felt that it was going to be a bit monotonous being that I’ve just spoken on the just concluded motion. However, thank you Madam Speaker and today I stand on this floor of the Third Assembly, First Session to present my comment on the Governor’s opening speech to the Third Assembly.

Madam Speaker, the Governor touched on several issues around the County and the plans he has and I would like to make comments on a few areas that I noted down. From my observation in the Agricultural sector, the Governor has great plans for this County and that is evident when looking at most of the projects that he is implementing and yet to be completed. I hope that in his second term, the Governor will be able to complete these on-going projects, so that we see the actual products. You find that he focused more on increasing production and value addition and through that he has been able to create training institution like one in Maseno and Konam as he mentioned.

Madam Speaker, the Governor also mentioned a dairy processing plant. My prayer is that in his second term, we will be able to see the actual products distributed within County. Recently, we saw Homabay County launched a product called “Mokwa” and Siaya County launched a Fruit Processing Plant where they have their juices, which I don’t know if it is called “Sotwa”. I am hoping that during this second term of the Governor, we would be able to see such products as “Mandwa” if we complete the dairy processing plant.

(Laughter)

Hon. Oginga, (Nominated MCA): Yes, like Mala, to translate to ‘Mandwa’. So, because Homabay has “Mokwa”, Siaya has “Sotwa”, so Kisumu County can also have “Mandwa”. Madam Speaker...

Hon. Oiko, (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): A Point of information Madam Speaker!

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Yes, what's your Point of Information?

Hon. Oiko, (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, we are going to have Ahero rice.

Hon. Oginga, (Nominated MCA): Thank you Hon. Pete Oiko, so maybe we will have "Mchendwa" and "Nyanjwa" because you need to remember that we also have the Tomato Processing Plant coming up in Kobura.

Madam Speaker, I had an issue in the Health docket because the issues that the Governor tackled are more on the infrastructural development of the health facilities but these health facilities don't have sufficient medical staff or personnel to attend to people of Kisumu County who are seeking for medical services. I would like that more of activities of equipping the Health Facilities be of professional staffs who are well enumerated and motivate to serve the people of Kisumu County since health is a key pillar of development.

Madam Speaker, in addition, I want to mention something about Infrastructure. I am appreciating the Governor for initiating the Namba Kapiyo Project as the first tarmacked road done by the County Government of Kisumu and would love to see more of those. There is also the Claycrete Road Maintenance of the 7.5 km Guba- Gita-Namba Kabong'o filter road that was coming up in Kajulu Ward. We would like to see more of such projects coming up to improve the road networks in Kisumu County. Further, there was a launch of Machine-based Road Maintenance Technology. Unfortunately, I did not hear the Governor mentioning the success of this initiative because the aim was to help Kisumu County reduce the cost of road construction and maintenance. Even if there was no much success to be mentioned, there should have been an alternative on how to maintain the roads in this County because currently some of them are on bad state.

Madam Speaker, on Water, Environment and Waste Management, I would like to thank the Governor for the successful relocation of Kachok Dumpsite to Kasese in Ombeyi Ward. However, I am a bit apprehensive because I do not know whether something is being done on the tonnage of waste that is currently taken there compared to the quantity which was being taken to the former dumpsite considering the distance. As Africans, we like short cuts therefore, there should be measures put in place to ensure that the wastes actually reach the place. Otherwise, if we are not careful, we will find them into our rivers. I believe it also needs to be considered.

Madam Speaker, besides, the Governor mentioned something on Forest Cover in Kisumu County. There were three good initiatives that were done during his first regime; the establishment of tree nurseries in Menara, Ogoro and Pap Kadundo. Those were wonderful projects done but, he needs to go back and check on their progress. I am worried that some of them might have been done for show off and they may not achieve the 10% forest cover intended for. That is because some of them were launched by the Governor and later on there is nothing going on. I therefore suggest

that these projects which are being launched by the Governor need responsible personnel to work on their sustainability.

Madam Speaker, let us now move forward to the Youths, Women and People Living with Disability. I would like to echo the Governor for saying that he has employed seven Sign Language Interpreters which is a good move. Thank you for that although, I would love to see more of them employed in most of the facilities and even in the public offices. There was a case which I came across some days back where a person with hearing impairment was assaulted by police officer because they could not communicate properly and the police thought the boy was being rude. Because of the language barrier, he was beaten and the result did not turn out well. Therefore, I would be glad to see an inclusive society where we live in unison with everyone despite the fact that there are many challenges.

Madam Speaker, I also want to appreciate the Governor because in his last term, Kisumu County hosted the Africities Summit which actually put Kisumu in a very strategic position. Only if we could take the advantage of this as the saying goes by; “strike the rod while it is still hot” and be able to attract more investments that will develop the County. I also appreciate him for other many summits that have been hosted here through his able leadership.

Madam Speaker, I would like to mention something on the budget making by thanking the Governor for establishing the County Revenue Board. I know it is still going through the recruitment process. We hope that through it, we are going to increase our Own Source Revenue. Remember it is what affects our wage bill because at the end of the day it is what is making us to be at number four Countrywide. I therefore believe that if we can increase our Own Source Revenue then, we will be able to get a solution to the wage bill problem.

Madam Speaker, I want to mention something on the Pending Bills. This matter is a nightmare to the County Government of Kisumu and the Business people in Kisumu as well. On this, I want to give a simple illustration on its future negative impact to this County and even today. There was a statement that was brought to the floor of this House concerning a health facility lacking a generator. When we did our investigations, we found out that no one was willing to purchase the generator because the County Government does not pay suppliers. Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, I believe that the issue of pending bills will come back to bite all of us here and the people of Kisumu County. That makes me urge the County Government to consider this in the current budget and be able to sort out this nightmare that keeps on dragging us behind in terms of development. So many people are affected, some have lost their lives due to loans they accessed from financial institutions and this rolls back to more than ten years.

Madam Speaker, as the Governor takes his second term in this County, I would like to mention that all the incomplete projects be given priority and be completed so that at end we be able to see tangible results instead of gazing at how the incomplete projects benefits the County. Otherwise,

I wish the Governor the best in his second term in office and the entire people of Kisumu to stay blessed, thank you Madam Speaker.

(Hon. Were rises on his feet)

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Were, why are you on your feet?

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B” Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I just wanted to make some few comments that I did not do in the last...

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Were, you are out of order.

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Chief Whip.

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market Milimani Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate the Governor Prof. Peter Anyang’ Nyong’o for being re-elected to serve his second term as the second Governor of Kisumu County. At the same time contribute on the Governor’s speech during the official opening of the third County Assembly.

Madam Speaker, the Governor in his address to the County Assembly placed a lot of emphasis in Agriculture so as to enhance food production and food security in the entire Kisumu County. As an Assembly, we will work to ensure that money is appropriated towards that course. Because Honourable Members have contributed on other areas, I just want to contribute on one particular area, whereas as a member of the County Assembly representing one of the Urban Wards, he did not place a lot of emphasis on.

Madam Speaker. One, as you are aware that several business structures were demolished by the Governor during his first tenure, but, most of the areas have not been rehabilitated or constructed as he earlier promised. One is Ondiek Highway, another one is Nyerere Road heading to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (Russia), and some of the projects have not been completed to date. They are; Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Sports Center, Victoria Park, Taifa Park and even Oile. I therefore would like to urge the Governor to move with speed so that the funds which were stopped by the World Bank as a result of us going to General Election to be restored and it is prudent to relocate them at this time when the residents of Kenya are faced by tough economic times. Madam Speaker, I would like to implore the City Manager Mr. Abala Wanga to go slow so that he ensures that these projects which are incomplete are first given the priority and completed it is then when we may review how we can move forward to ensure that these projects are implemented.

Madam Speaker, on Business, Energy and Cooperatives. The Governor in his speech stated that his government has disbursed Kshs 5,000,000 which I believe is not sufficient to sustain businesses

and an additional Kshs 2.5 million will be injected to active groups in the coming days. I would like to urge the County Government to increase these funds to at least Kshs 50,000,000 so that the residents of Kisumu County and the business community be it in Ahero, Muhoroni, Kombewa not only Kisumu town by the entire Kisumu County may access these funds because Kshs 5,000,000 is a drop in the ocean for the business community as we are all aware that businesses were affected during the time of the Covid-19 Pandemic. So, I would like to implore the Governor to consider increasing that fund to a tune of Kshs 100,000,000 to enable our businesses be resuscitated to normalcy. Otherwise, I support the Governor and it my wish that he delivers in his second and final term in office. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Adonija.

Hon. Adonija (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu Ward): Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Foremost, I want to support and concur that the development and the progress that the County Government has achieved so far is impressive. Madam Speaker, I would like to make my comments on three areas.

Madam Speaker, one, the Governor in his speech touched on the Agricultural Sector. Madam Speaker, it is my belief that the issue of County Cess should have been given much emphasis this is because the Cess fees has over the years been deducted from farmers especially in the sugarcane growing areas like Muhoroni. Farmers transporting their sugarcane to the factory and there is a certain amount that is being deducted from their farm produce and we are all aware that those monies being deducted, should be channeled to the maintenance of feeder roads in our respective areas. These feeder roads are not maintained as they should be and the question remains, what benefits does the Cess fees deducted to farmer achieve.

Madam Speaker, in the Health sector. I am in total agreement that there has been massive transformation and improvement in the overall health service especially Chemelil/Tamu Ward and Kisumu County at large. Madam Speaker, the status of health facilities in Chemelil/Tamu Ward is deplorable in the existing health facilities/dispensaries and we equally lack staff like the nurses to offer efficient and effective health services. In addition, these health facilities are mar with limited on no pharmaceutical and non- pharmaceutical drugs resulting into referrals of almost all critical services. Madam Speake, the issue of health in Chemelil/Tamu Ward is very bad compared to other areas. So, I would like to urge the County Government to do something about the health facilities in Chemelil/Tamu Ward.

Madam Speaker, during the Governor’s Speech, he talked about the Access to Clean Water. He stated that approximately 72% of households in Kisumu have access tom clean water. On this issue, I stand to be corrected because in Chemelil/Tamu Ward we still have a problem of shortage water as there are limited piped water. A majority of the populace in Chemelil/Tamu Ward rely on water from River Nyando which is raw and untreated and is not good for human consumption.

Madam Speaker, on Education and Vocational Training Colleges. Please permit me say without fear of contradiction that the number of ECD classrooms and TVETs institutions is not satisfactory in Chemelil/Tamu Ward. Some of the schools such are Oroba Primary ECD both PP1 and PP2 school learners share classes and the other classes are in a deplorable iron sheet which in my belief is not a conducive environment for the pupils. Madam, Speaker, those are some of the areas that I wanted to comment about so that the County Government of Kisumu can rectify. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Ocholla.

Hon. Ocholla (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I arise to support the Governor’s Speech. I want to make a few comments on some of the key areas.

Madam Speaker, on Agriculture. Yesterday I visited Ahero to purchase rice, and I realized that the price of rice is exorbitant. If you ask the traders selling this commodity they informed me that all the rice is being transported to Uganda. So, I would like to implore the County Government of Kisumu that, how can we regulate the number of traders coming from Uganda to buy our rice.

Madam Speaker, another are of concern is the issue of Health. The Health Center in my ward at Anding’o Opanga lack the drugs and you cannot get even a Panadol tablet in that health facility. We are all aware that Anding’o Opanga is situated a remote area. Some of our patients have decided to cross to Ramula in South Nyanza to seek for medical attention. I would like to implore the Department of Health Services to assist monitor those anomalies. Madam Speaker, last year when the Governor, I recall he was going around during his campaign in Nyakach there are no complete projects that the Governor can open. We can equally look at that to see how we can improve on the complete projects in Nyakach Sub-county. Madam Speaker, I stand to support the Governor’s Speech because he as aspired to allocate projects in each and every ward.

Madam Speaker, the issues that we are lacking as a County is Project Monitoring and Evaluation. Otherwise, I support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker. I equally want to support the Governor’s Speech that he delivered in this Assembly.

Madam Speaker, the Governor spoke so well on Agriculture, on Sports and Culture, on Business and Co-operatives. Madam Speaker, there one bit that the Governor never touched on. In his speech, he did not highlight on anything that can uplift the youths of offer any meaningful solution to many unemployed youths especially he educated ones. Madam Speaker, I wish that in his government, I would like to request the Governor to please remember the educated youths and ensure that his government comes up with solutions, ideas and strategies that will assist these youths so that their living standards can change for the better. Otherwise, I want to appreciate him for the “Tich Tire” and for the “wasetimo wadok timo” government. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. were you leave pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 81(2) subsection (a) to give additional views on the Governor’s Speech.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B” Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for according my request the consideration. Madam Speaker, there are issue that I did not highlight during my first reaction on the Address of the Governor which I wish to bring out. Madam Speaker, I want to react on three key issues that the Governor did touch on.

One, the Governor Speech was a self-explanatory one. If you go through his address, my first commend will be on Land, Housing and Urban Development which has serious effect on my ward.

Madam Speaker, the Kisumu County Local Land Use and Development Plan is key and critical for the development of our County. We welcome development that comes to our respective areas and we know that changes are inevitable. Madam Speaker, land issues are usually emotive and I want to request or my humble prayer that before any logistic is done through Public Participation on the changes that are happening or planned to happen in our county.

Madam Speaker, I also want to react on Dunga Beach Water Project. I support this project because it is going to up-lift our people economically. There are people that are going to be affected and I really want to plead that timely and proper compensation be done to them.

Madam Speaker, I also want to say that I really welcome the Aquaculture and I believe our people will benefit from it. Dunga is an area known for fishing and tourism. I believe improvement in this sector will spur economic growth. Under Tourism, Sports and Culture, Dunga is well known for boat racing and this has been a major tourist attraction for many years. This is an area that when well looked into, can help in tapping of much needed revenue for our county. Thank you. I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Onditi, you had given your views on the Governor’s Address.

Hon. Onditi (MCA, Ombeyi Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I also want to ride on the leave of the Speaker enjoyed by

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Onditi, I will grant you that only if your issues are new to this House.

Hon. Onditi (MCA, Ombeyi Ward): Madam Speaker, my issues are not that new but I want to emphasize on certain issues echoed by my colleagues. This has been raised by Hon. Adonija. The issue of Cess fee is really killing the MCAs from the sugar belt region. Moneys are being deducted from the farmers and the factories where these canes are being delivered but if you look at the trickle back effect of what that money is supposed to do is not there. The roads in these regions

are pathetic. This money is supposed to be deducted and used to maintain the roads in the sugar belt areas.

Madam Speaker, I want to inform you without fear of contradiction that during the days when we were going to school, there was nothing like bursary. But the school fees were being paid promptly because roads were good and the farmers were able to deliver their canes to the factories on time, paid, save and even pay the school fees. Today, everybody has been reduced to a beggar. We lost over Four Thousand Acres of sugarcane just because there was no road to transport the canes to the factory. They are now called *maganda*. I am urging anybody who wants firewood to talk to me after the session. Madam Speaker, I want the County Government to look into how the farmers can benefit from the money being deducted from Cess.

Allow me also to touch on the issue of Incomplete Projects. There are projects in our Wards that are now criminal hideouts. I urge the Governor in his last term to consider completing these projects. I also have a project in my Ward that was started in my Ward and stopped because of elections. That is Alumbo Intake. I want the Governor to initiate these projects again because the project that I have mentioned is going to benefit many people because I come from the sugarcane growing area.

Lastly, the Governor talked about harmonious working relationship between the Assembly and the Executive. There are so many things that are going on in our Wards at the back of MCAs. You realize that the Executive is passing information down to the Village Administrators and if don't have Village Administrators that are sympathetic to the MCAs, you realize that certain things are happening. Recently, a Climate Change Committee was being informed we never received any information. When things go wrong in our Wards, the first person to be blamed is the MCA. I don't know if that is the harmonious working relationship that the Governor was passionately talking about.

As I sit down, we are serving the same people and there is no need for a cut-throat competition between the Executive and the Assembly. We don't want conflicts in the Third Assembly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, I can see that almost all of us have given their views on the Governor's Address to the Assembly, and no one is on his or her feet, I want to direct that the Governor's Address to the Assembly on Tuesday 15th November, 2022 has been given Four sittings for deliberations by Members in the House as required by our Standing Orders. I therefore, I want to direct that Hansard Report containing the debates be prepared and communicated to the Governor for considerations.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Honourable Members, you are reminded that those who had not filled and surrendered their Wealth Declaration Forms to do so before the end of business today. There being no any business to transact the House stands adjourned until today at Wednesday, 30th November, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

(The House rose at 11:20 a.m.)

Addendum

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