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#### **THE HANSARD**

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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu) in the Chair)

#### PRAYER

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Good morning Honourable Members. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 32 (2), I request that the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): May I request Hon. Emily Oginga to confirm if we have quorum.

**Hon. Oginga** (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. There is quorum.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of today.

**Hon. Oginga** (Nominated Member): Next order!!

#### PAPER LAID

LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE ON ITS CONSIDERATIONS OF THE PETITION BY KENYA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTIST UNION (KMPDU) NYANZA BRANCH AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS UNIONS ON DELAYS IN PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND THE GENERAL STATUS OF HEALTHCARE

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WORKFORCE AND SERVICE PROVISION IN PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IN  
KISUMU COUNTY

By

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CHAIRPERSON, LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Okoyo.

**Hon. Okoyo** (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 217 (2) read together with Standing Order No. 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 the report by Labour and Social Welfare Committee on its considerations of the Petition by Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Union (KMPDU) Nyanza Branch and Healthcare Workers Unions on Delays in Payment of Salaries and the General Status of Healthcare Workforce and Service Provision in Public Health Facilities in Kisumu County.

*(Hon. Okoyo lay the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of Labour and Social Welfare Committee on its considerations of the Petition by Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Union (KMPDU) Nyanza Branch and Healthcare Workers Unions on Delays in Payment of Salaries and the General Status of Healthcare Workforce and Service Provision in Public Health Facilities in Kisumu County.

Therefore, allow me to read the Standing Order No. 217 (2), *Whenever a Petition is committed to a Sectoral Committee, the Committee shall, in not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer, respond to the petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the Table of the County Assembly and no debate on or in relation to the report shall be allowed, but the Speaker may, in exceptional circumstances, allow comments or observations in relation to the Petitions for not more than twenty minutes.*

Honourable Members, in that case, we shall now have comments and observations on the same.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Benny Oiko.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for your guidance, the Chair of the committee has laid the report and its main content has not been read. How should the Members contribute if we don't have the content?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Hon. Oiko. Honourable Chair, Members are complaining that they do not have the copies of the report.

**Hon. Okoyo** (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We are going to give the Members copies of the report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you. May I read again the Standing Order No. 217 (2), *Whenever a Petition is committed to a Sectoral Committee, the Committee shall, in not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer, respond to the petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the Table of the County Assembly and no debate on or in relation to the report shall be allowed, but the Speaker may, in exceptional circumstances, allow comments or observations in relation to the Petitions for not more than twenty minutes.*

Honourable Members, I will repeat again. *Whenever a Petition is committed to a Sectoral Committee, the Committee shall, in not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer, respond to the petitioner by way of a report addressed to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the Table of the County Assembly and no debate on or in relation to the report shall be allowed, but the Speaker may, in exceptional circumstances, allow comments or observations in relation to the Petitions for not more than twenty minutes.*

Honourable Members, I understand you Hon Oiko. However, the Standing Orders directs that the Chair lays the Report and gives it direct to Petitioner(s). I know you have requested that it be read but that is outside of what the Standing Orders provides. Honourable Members, if there are no observations or comments, then I direct under Standing Order No. 217 (3) that the Clerk within fifteen days of the decision of the County Assembly, in writing, notify the Petitioner or Petitioners of the decision of the County Assembly on the Petition.

Honourable Members, on that note, the Report is here with me and we are not allowed to comment on it. We just give observations. Therefore, I direct that this Report on the Petition by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union (KMPDU) Nyanza Branch and Healthcare Workers Union on Delays in Payment and Salaries and the General Status of the Healthcare Workforce and Service Provision in Public Health Facilities in Kisumu be sent to the Petitioners by way of a Report as soon as possible through the office of the Clerk. Honourable Members, Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Next order Mr. Clerk.

## STATEMENTS

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Members, we are on Statements. What is it Chair of Water, Environment and Natural Resources Hon Dede?

**Hon Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 to give a Personal Statement.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Please proceed Honourable Member.

**Hon Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. It has come to my attention that the Reports in this House are submitted late without Members being accorded an opportunity to go through them before plenary. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Chair, you being one of them who is supposed to read a Report today and yet complaining of the same.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. That is the reason I have brought it before your attention so that the Communication Department can work on it and share with Members appropriately. Late remittance of Reports hinders our informed debating on issues at hand.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you. Honourable Members, we had agreed to go paperless. I have seen most Reports being sent on our WhatsApp page. I want to direct that the Communication department sends these Reports earlier. On that note, this is to the Chairpersons; ensure that you submit these Reports to Communication Department early enough for them to share so that Members can read overnight before they come to the House for discussions. I am aware that the Hon Chair for Water and Environment shall abide by that.

**Hon Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for your guidance. Even though we are going paperless, do we have the right equipment like iPad?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Honourable Member. You know this is a House of Order. I do not know under which Standing Order you are citing. This is not a public baraza where you exchange with the Elders (*jokingly*). I know these Honourable Members are digital. I can mention their names; Hon. Okoyo, Hon. Warindo, Hon. Were, Hon. Nancy and the Hon. Carren who is the most digital of them all. Therefore, with or without the iPads, I believe we can still go paperless. We need the Reports to be submitted earlier enough so that Members can go through them before we discuss in the Floor of the House.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Next Order!! Mr. Clerk.

## MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
ON CONSIDERATION OF THE STATEMENTS SOUGHT BY HON BENSON ADEGA  
REGARDING WATER CRISIS IN BUKNA AREA (KATIEGA, KOBUYA, AND AORA  
MEYA) IN KAJULU WARD

BY

HON SAMUEL DEDE, MCA, NORTH KISUMU WARD.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Hon Dede.

**Hon Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu); Thank you Mr. Speaker. Here is a response.

Pursuant to Article 43 (d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, every person has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities. Access to clean and safe water is critical to individuals and families living in Kenya. However, many families living in the informal settlements and rural and peri-Urban areas are unable to access this precious commodity making it hard for them to lead a normal life like other Kenyans as they have to cope with the water shortage and other problems that come with it.

It's worth taking note that most people residing in the rural and peri-urban areas mainly depend on rivers, shallow wells, unprotected springs and other underground water sources. The mentioned sources, however, are quite unreliable due to the current climate change. For instance, during the dry season, some of these water sources run dry, forcing the residents mostly women and young girls to walk long distances and spend more time in search of water and with this we all know the repercussions.

It is in this regard that, Pursuant to Standing order no. 41 2(b) the Kajulu Ward Member of the County Assembly presented a Statement before this House highlighting some water issues within the said ward. The Statement was committed to the WENR Committee to further look into the matter.

The Committee draws its mandate pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 193(5), the Committee on Water, environment and Natural Resources shall among other supervisory duties:-

- (a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned department.
- (b) Study the programme and policy objectives of the department and the effectiveness of the implementation.
- (c) Study and review all County legislation referred to it.
- (d) Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the department as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives.
- (e) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned department 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 Appointment).
- (g) Make reports and recommendation to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Further, pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order 193(Second schedule), the Committee is mandated to inquire into, investigate and report on;

*All matters relating to the provision of clean water for domestic use; implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisance and outdoor advertising.*

PURSUANT to Standing Order No. 193(6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee on water, Environment and Natural resources is composed of the following Members;

1. Hon. Samuel Dede	Chairperson
2. Hon Mickey Ochieng	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon Maurice Otieno Ngeta	Member
4. Hon Emily Oginga	Member
5. Hon Jennipher Obonyo	Member
6. Hon Lumumba Owade	Member
7. Hon Reuben Rakwach	Member
8. Hon Vincent Jagongo	Member
9. Hon Mildred Ajumbo	Member
10. Hon Ken Ouko	Member
11. Hon Seth Okumu	Member
12. Hon Mariam Abeid	Member
13. Hon James Were	Member
14. Hon Nancy Matara	Member
15. Hon Adonijah Odari	Member

#### Secretariat

1. Allan Otieno	-	Assistant Clerk
2. Fanuel Okode	-	Hansard
3. Silas Kapesa	-	Sergeant-at-Arms

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I would like to express my special gratitude to all members of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources for their valuable contributions during this exercise that sought to look into the issue affecting our people and Kisumu County at large.

The Committee also extends special thanks to the offices of the Speaker, Clerk of the Assembly and the secretariat for their input which made the committee activities a success.

I therefore humbly submit this report for consideration by the House on behalf of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, during the long recess, the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources had three special sittings approved by the Speaker to deliberate on the statements and also carry out the site visits. The committee also wrote a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, (annex 1) to the Department in regard to the issues raised in the statement by the Honorable member.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, The Four-ways water project is located at the Bukna area in Kajulu ward and comprise of a borehole, a water tank and a small water 'kiosk' where they used to sell the water. At the time of visiting the project, the committee was informed that the water point had not been operational now for quite a long time. It was brought to our attention that the project lasted only one month after which it stalled as no water was coming out of the

borehole. The stalling of this project has brought more suffering to the residents as they are forced to walk long distances to Katiega searching for water which in this case is a stream down the valley and is not safe water for consumption.

Mr. Speaker, the stalling of this project is attributed to several factors, it's alleged that the borehole was not sunk deep enough as it was done during the rainy season when the waterbed is near the ground surface leading to water shortage during the dry seasons. The Committee observed that a nearby eucalyptus tree plantation could also be contributing to the drying up of the borehole given that it did not go deep as alleged. The site has also been subjected to vandalism and theft with the electricity installations and the pipes used in the pumping of water having all been stolen.

The committee also established that the project sits on a private land even though the PMC representatives claimed the land had been donated for the purpose of the project. However, the documents legitimizing the agreement could not be availed before the committee.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the project comprise of a spring/stream of water and a manual borehole pump that broke down and is in dire need of repairs. The stream is characterized by wide gully erosion with the initial channel constructed for the spring water blocked.

Despite the low water levels, the water point is highly overcrowded with both people and animals leading to commotion and conflict. Some of the residents also bath and wash upstream and the same water is collected at some point along the stream and ferried using donkeys and sold to homes and at the nearby business Centre for consumption.

In addition, the Committee received complains that a nearby Hotel discharges its raw sewer into the water channel thus contaminating the water points putting the residents' health at risk of water borne diseases.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, A report received by the Committee from the department of Water, Environment, Natural resources and Climate change (**annex 2**) on the challenges of clean water faced by the Residents of Kajulu Ward, it informed the committee that the springs in Kajulu Ward and in reference to the mentioned areas has no adequate water and therefore no meaningful amount of water can be tapped from it.

The Aora-meyor Spring has shifted at the eye point thereby leaving the constructed structures hanging and the process of reconstructing the structures may prove futile. The situation is further complicated by the settlements on the catchment areas drastically reducing the discharge. The spring eye has been eroded hence forming a deep gully posing a challenge for protection to get a good yield of water.

According to the report, the area also has a challenge of good water quality in its aquifers in terms of quality and adequacy. That is, the chemical quality is above the WHO and KENBS recommended standards and hence not suitable for human consumption and needs further treatment on the same.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, Katiega is an open water collection point that is fed by a small seasonal stream that marks the boundary between the Nandi and Kisumu Counties. Despite it being located far down the valley, the water point is quite crucial to the residents as it's the only water source left after the stalling of the Four-ways project. The access road to Katiega is a sloping, rocky footpath that is in a very bad state.

The water is murky in nature clearly indicating that it's not safe for the residents' consumption though most of them are forced to consume it as there is no better option. Conflicts have also been experienced at the water point involving the neighboring communities from the neighboring counties.

At the time of the visit, the residents together with the local leadership decried the water problem requesting that a solution to their misery in regards to the precious commodity be prioritized.

The Department of Water, Environment, Natural resources and Climate change in its report stated its long term plan to ensure that there is provision of water in the area. The CECM informed the committee that the Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency is in the process of doing construction work that will serve this area fully through KIWASCO which is the water service provider. The project is referred to as Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation (LVWATSAN).

The project is supposed to construct a main storage tank at Gee area near Kiboswa market and the water will gravitate and supply the whole of this area. The project has gone through the feasibility studies and design and may take off in due course mid of this year. The source of the water is Lake Victoria.

Pursuant to the foregoing findings, the committee makes the following recommendations;

1. THAT, the CECM for Water, Environment and Natural Resources considers having the Water Supply Project in the FY 2023/2024 budget to enable a wide coverage in terms of piped and safe water for consumption in Bukna area.
2. THAT, the CECM for Water, Environment and Natural Resources formulates and submits all pending policies and legislations relevant for good water governance to the County Assembly, within 30 days upon adoption of this report, for enactment.
3. THAT, the CECM for Water, Environment and Natural Resources undertake to repair or reconstruct the borehole pumps and the sites be fenced with a management committee put in place in the next FY2023/2024.
4. THAT, the CECM for Water, Environment and Natural Resources puts in place the relevant legislations and policies to ensure that the water catchment areas is protected.
5. THAT, the CECM for Water, Environment and Natural Resources does a Cabinet Paper to enable inter-county consultations between Nandi and Kisumu Counties on the development of Katiega water point in the next financial year.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, we must acknowledge that Kisumu as a County has made great strides towards ensuring that most of its residents have access to sustainable supply of safe water and this is attributed to the several projects by the County Government. We are hopeful that the remaining areas with such water problems will be put into consideration to enable the people access clean and safe water for their consumption.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources to table this report before this Honorable House for consideration. May I call upon Hon. Emily Oginga to second.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Oginga.

**Hon. Oginga** (Nominated Member): Thank you. I second.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Members, a report from the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources has been moved as a motion by the Chairperson and seconded by Hon. Emily Oginga. I want to propose that we open this motion for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes, Hon. Benny Pete Oiko.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. There is a problem in Kajulu Ward when it comes to matters of water. This is very pathetic because the water that supplies this city comes from Kajulu and Lake Victoria and people who reside in Bukna are left to suffer. The boreholes were done and they are not being used. The spring water is contaminated and that is what the Bukna people are using. This gives a very deplorable situation for these people. They cannot get good water when we all know water is life.

Mr. Speaker, the concern now is that; since all the boreholes which were dug in *Bukna* area have been ignored, and there's no maintenance because they are broken down. If this is the situation then; what is the Department of Water doing on the management of boreholes that were dug in the rural areas? Is the Department well equipped and organized to ensure that there is maintenance of these boreholes so that communities around them do not suffer. If we do not have the policies to manage these boreholes, our people will continue to suffer, and we know how precious water is in the life of a human being. Matters of policies have been stated here not once or twice but in several occasions but it seems like they have not been taken seriously. I wish that the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources puts the Department to task so that proper policies on management of boreholes are put in place.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, the Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company (KIWASCO), should also be put under pressure, so that the boreholes that have been dug, are maintained in collaboration with the Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, so that our people aren't put in scenarios where a borehole is dug, it breaks down, spring waters in the villages aren't taken care of. When people are just left that way Mr. Speaker, our people will now contract contagious diseases. Similarly, waterborne diseases will come about and it will be expensive and heavy to curb by our County Government. The Committee of Water, Environment

and Natural Resources should further look into this matter so that we see how our County Government can mitigate this situation, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes, Hon. James Were.

**Hon. Were** (MCA Nyalenda “B” Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to give my comments on the report. I was part of the delegation that visited the Kajulu Ward. The Four Ways Point is a place that is in dire straits and need of water. There is a big population that is suffering and their supply was damaged long time ago. I want to suggest that a fresh Public Participation be conducted in the area to enable them agree on the areas to be supplied with water.

Mr. Speaker, we also visited Katiega which is along the boundary of our county and Nandi County. People in these areas are also suffering. They walk several kilometers to fetch water. We also found a spring where people are doing all sorts of cleaning. Animals too are also sharing the same water with the people are using for drinking and cooking. We must provide these people with clean and safe water or else we shall begin to see the outbreak of diseases in this area. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes, Member for Kolwa Central.

**Hon. Oraro** (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to say that we used to get responses from the Statements raised from different officers of the government. I have never been to these places mentioned and I don't know why there is no water. The statement is for reporting but the prayers of the Honourable Member are very clear. I wish that could be acted upon by the Department.

Mr. Speaker, I will just support this report the way it is while urging the Chairperson that, the best he can do in helping the situation is to provide facts and also to talk to the Chief Executive Committee Member in charge so that a budgetary allocation is put in place, a good one so that the people of Kajulu can enjoy clean and safe water. By doing so, we would have solved the problem though for only one member by the name, Honourable Adegá. What about other places? Do you think they also have similar problems Mr. Speaker? Yes, it means therefore that we have water crisis in some other places and as a committee, I will urge the Chairperson to request Members also to share with him challenges they are facing in their respective areas without raising it through a statement while at the same time mentioning places where he believes that they and the department should put more emphasis on so that we solve the problem of water crisis. I support the motion.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Hon. Mildred Ajumbo from Central Seme.

**Hon. Ajumbo** (MCA, Central Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the work done by the Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. On their observations, I can see from the photos attached, the Aora Meya and the other water project; the stalled Four Ways. Mr. Speaker, from what I can see is that, there is water in the ground; it is only the pumps that are spoiled. I have heard the MCA for Kajulu saying that the CECM in charge to assemble his

team and go and undertake the repair the pipes. Mr. Speaker, from our observations, we can see that the water is in the ground and all that needs to be done in the next financial year is to allocate some money there so that the water pipes that is stalled can be repaired. If you have a look at the other photo belonging to Aora Meya, the water is already there so all that we need to do is to allocate fund. I therefore believe that this is self-explanatory and I would urge all the Hon Members to take this matter concerning water seriously.

Mr. Speaker, in our wards, we also have stalled water projects. From the report I am able to see that he even mentioned that there is some water borehole that was dug in a land that is not yet allocated to the community and you know that is very dangerous. There are people whose land was dug and they in turn refused to give water to the community and instead decided to fence off the water project. My recommendations is that, going forward, if we were to place budgetary allocation to some of these work on this Department of Water, Environment Natural Resources and Climate Change, let the area MCA liaise with the community, so that the land is officially handed over to the community but not to an individual. In that manner, when the borehole is dug an individual would not claim the land as his/hers. So, I believe that from this observation, it is self-explanatory that the MCA for Kajulu Ward in his next budget allocation let him see how he is going to make considerations on these two project that has stalled. That is because the water and the tank are already there and it is only the repair work that is required, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes, Hon. Peter Henry Obaso.

**Hon. Obaso** (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker, let me first start by commending the work done by the Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and that includes their Chairperson. It is quite unfortunate that an area like Kajulu is still experiencing water crisis. I can say that the same problem exist in Kolwa Central Ward whereby there are three boreholes that were dug and stalled and to date there is nothing that has been done. I believe that we should put more emphasis on other areas too. Not only do I trust that the problem is in Kolwa Central and Kajulu alone, but, equally in most wards in Kisumu County. To the committee, please put more emphasis on this as you apply pressure to the Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change to correct these mistakes, thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Emily Oginga.

**Hon. Oginga** (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion on the report Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The reason is because as you all know that water is a basic need. And given the geographical location of Kajulu, we need to work on the water that comes from Kajulu because with all these, we are able to solve the problem of water in most of the wards around Kisumu. In the report I noted one point of a shallow borehole that was dug. I do not know who did that because, before a borehole is dug, there is a geological survey that needs to be done. So, I do not understand how the County Government could dig a shallow borehole in an area where they were targeting the water too come out. It seems they did not first conduct a survey on the area.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to encourage the committee to do a follow up with the department especially on the sustainability of most of these water projects. You find out that most of these water projects or boreholes are dug and there is no one tasked to manage them for maintenance and also ensuring that they serve the people that are intended for. Therefore, the committee needs to work on the sustainability of most of the projects more so water which is a basic need. They also need to partner with the local communities and other organizations or stakeholders who can come in handy and assist the locals in creating awareness especially on the management of riparian reserve. That is because, you may find out that, eucalyptus having been planted along those reserves could actually be affecting the level of water along that area.

Mr. Speaker, another issue that I noted is pollution which needs a bit of awareness. You find out that, may be the users are the ones polluting around the source. In conclusion, I would like to encourage our people on the proper management of water catchments areas focusing more on the Kajulu area. Otherwise, thank you to the Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and once more, I support this report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Alice Wajewa.

**Hon. Wajewa** (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the report and as you are aware that water is life, I don't really expect that some of this areas to have this kind of problems.

First, I want to commend the kind of work which was done by the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources and to appreciate that they have brought these issues into the limelight. As you are all aware that, we have civic education which is very important component, water, health but water is the main one. We expect that all areas should be having water.

Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my committee Chairmen to liaise with other MCAs in their respective areas just the same way Roads Committee did so that we can come out with an intervention that will assist in identifying all the water points that are not working so that we see what we can do to assist our people. It is so unfortunate that when you do not have water, you will walk for a very long distance to go fetch it and this interferes with your daily work. It is my recommendation that the committee of water to liaise with other MCAs to come up with a program to identify all the water points that are not working and liaise with the CECM for Water and Natural Resources so that you allocate money to repair those water points. Again, endeavour to liaise with partners like Lake Victoria water and KIWASCO. It is so unfortunate that other people are not enjoying this commodity. I would really want to support and again appreciate what you have done as the committee of water. Thank you so much.

**The Temporary speaker** (Hon. Seth Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Adegga.

**Hon. Adegga** (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I arise to support the report by the committee and also to thank them for the good work they have done within the period they were given and also prepared the report the way I had brought it, nothing has changed in it. I beg this House as the response by the department on the report which was brought, which has a long-term solution that they work on, let them push it and start it faster. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes Hon. Warindo.

**Hon. Warindo** (MCA, Miwani Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the report tabled by the committee. As you can see, these are projects that were initiated by the resources from the County Government and indeed, since the inception of the new constitution when the devolution started, the County Government has spent a lot of resources in initiating projects across county. The only problem is that, most of this projects that have been initiated are in pathetic situations and are not providing the services that they were meant for. At times, I even ask myself if it is in order that we continue initiating more projects if the old projects that were initiated by the resources of the county government are not functioning.

Mr. Speaker, Kajulu is just a ward in Kisumu County and if you will all agree with me, that what affects the water services in Kajulu affects all the wards in Kisumu County and it is not only in water. You will agree with me that, most of the projects initiated by the county government since the inception of the new constitution are in bad state and how I wish we take these issues seriously and implore the relevant department so that we take stock of all the projects that have been initiated since the inception of counties so that we make a move and we will make the county government meaningful.

Mr. Speaker, I do agree that the committee of water has done a very meaningful job and have indicated what affect our county as a whole. How I believe that the recommendations made, the follow up will take place and there is no need of coming up with very good recommendations without ensuring follow up. We really need to supervise the projects that are taking place in our county. Thank.

**The Temporary speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Ochele.

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to support the motion which has just been tabled by the Chair for water. I would like to highlight the fact that the water in question was dug and it is quite regrettable that those who are doing it never reached the water table. Then, it means that, there are some aspects of water drilling that were not put in considerations. However, it is a common tendency in this House that every member tend to raise question on mater of development and they are really burdening committees with this kind of questions because the committees do not make budgets provisions neither do the CECs.

Mr. Speaker, as I speak today, we are in the budget making circle, the role I should do as a representative of the people is to identify the areas of priority in my ward, list them down and ensure that they are taken care of in the Annual Development Plan (ADP) which is already with us and soon it will be tabled in the House. So, I am just urging Members that, your role as representatives is to have a proper checklist and to ensure that whatever priority you have in your Ward is inserted in the ADP so that, when you will be doing the Budget Making, you will be already taken care off on major projects that you want to be undertaken in your Wards.

Mr. Speaker, based on what I have noticed in the report, that the Member for Kajulu (Hon. Adega) is kind of requesting the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources to do something. Now, I am just wondering aloud, we are almost at the tail end of the financial year,

the Budget is already there with the 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed Supplementary Budget Estimates for FY 2022/2023. I have not seen anywhere in the estimates where the CEC Member for Finance can get any funding to do any emergency in terms of repairs or ensuring that the water project is functional. Mr. Speaker, may I just urge my colleague Hon. Atega that, if it is an area of concern, are you ready to make a budgetary provision for it in the next financial year? This financial year and going by the report moved by the Chair of the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources is very soothing, do you have such soothing statements and answers or such soothing responses. This will not assist you. Please get down do your budget and give a provision for the water project. Not just that water project alone, but, any other development project in your ward and this applies to all of us. Mr. Speaker, in that manner, we shall be supporting ourselves to help our people who elected us.

Mr. Speaker, finally, the grey area in this report which I believe should have been the bone of contention as I speak is the way some of these contractors do their work and the level of supervision is always wanting. Mr. Speaker, do we really as a County Government supervise these contractors when they are awarded these tenders or contracts. This is because, it is embarrassing that today we are lamenting of water which was to be drilled up to a certain level to produce water and it was left dry. Mr. Speaker, what could have transpired? So, it is my belief that the fundamental emphasis on this matter and this goes to the Chairperson, Water Committee through the Honourable Speaker; we should emphasis on supervision of our contractors. Otherwise, we will be allocating monies in the budget estimates, work done not to completion and our people are the ones who will end up suffering and not getting value for money.

Mr. Speaker, in the entire County of Kisumu, East Kano Wawidhi Ward not excluded, there is a serious water shortage. So, it is just upon me now, I can lament and cry in this House of the water shortage in my ward but, if I don't give adequate fund for water in my ward, I will be lamenting year in year out. So, now it is upon me to change, allocate a good chunk of money for water and then we see how it pans out. Otherwise, I support, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Honourable James Omollo.

**Hon. Omollo** (MCA, Central Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As you can see that we have fully exhausted this debate and I would like to call upon the mover to reply. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes the Honourable Samuel Dede.

**Hon. Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Honourable Member for debating on the response to a statement. Please allow me to respond to some of the issues that were raised by Members that needed clarity.

Mr. Speaker, first, as the member's representative, we the elected leaders, and as the projects are going to the ground, I would kindly advice that as we select our Project Management Committees (PMCs), we need to select people who have the knowledge of how projects are implemented and executed. Mr. Speaker, for instance this project at Kajulu, during our investigations, we discovered that the bore-hole was not dug to the required standard which is the correct level and this implies that our PMCs were not aware of what was supposed to be done.

Mr. Speaker, as the Committee will be undertaking our oversight role, elected Members, I implore you that select PMCs who have the knowledge and know-how of project management and execution.

Secondly, an issue was raised and ably tackled by one of the Honourable Members, indicating that the Statement was to be responded to within the shortest time possible. It is imperative that the reports was to be tabled in the House within the agreed date but the Committee needed to undertake a fact finding mission to get the gist of the matter. These made the committee take some time by going to the ground to undertake a study before we bring the report to the House.

Mr. Speaker, this is to our Honourable Members, as we are approaching the Budget Making Process or Cycle, kindly do not forward to the Committee projects to be undertaken. As the representatives of the people, please work within your areas and work on the allocations in each and every department not only in the Water Department and allocate good chunk of money on areas you feel are a priority in your wards. Mr. Speaker, I am aware that just in a few months we will be approving our County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and as we are moving towards the Budget Making Process ensure that projects in the CIDP are in sync with those of the ADP and then, provide the requisite costing so that when allocating funds for these projects they should be considered.

Finally, this is to our Members, I am aware that a majority of you forget their roles which is to represent the people's views, as we undertake our representation role, when our projects are being done, ensure that we do our oversight role and let us not hibernate in town when these projects are being done. Let us do the supervisory work and ensure that follow-ups are done on these projects to ensure that as a County, we get value for money. Thank Mr. Speaker, I reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Honourable Members. A motion has been moved on the report by the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources on a Statement raised by Hon. Benson Adegga the MCA, Kajulu Ward on the Water Crisis in Bukna, Kajulu Ward. This motion was seconded by the Honourable Emily Oginga and debated by Honourable Members and now I want to put a question for its adoption.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Members, the report by the Standing Committee Water, Environment and Natural Resources on Statement raised by Hon. Benson Adegga the MCA, Kajulu Ward on the Water Crisis in Bukna, Kajulu Ward is hereby adopted today Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 at 10:12 hours.

Honourable Members, I therefore direct that, the recommendation contained in this report is forwarded to the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Recourses for implementation. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Next order!!

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, House stands adjourned until today Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 at 02:30 p.m.

*(House rose at 10:20 a.m.)*

**Addendum**

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