

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 a.m.

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

PRAYER

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, kindly take us through Order Paper of today.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT ON HALF-YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS OF HOUSE
COMMITTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

BY

HON. NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANTAYYA “B” WARD

(CHAIRPERSON, LIAISON COMMITTEE)

THE PROPOSED 1ST KISUMU COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FY
2023/2024.

BY

HON. JOACHIM OKETCH, MCA, KONDELE AWARD

(CHAIRPERSON, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF MEDICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION ON THE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE, MULAGO NATIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL AND UGANDA CANCER INSTITUTE.

BY

HON. EMILY OGINGA, NOMINATED MEMBER

(VICE CHAIRPERSON, MEDICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE)

THE KISUMU COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING POLICY

BY

HON. BENSON ADEGA AMBUTI, MCA, KAJULU WARD

(MEMBER, EDUCATION, TECHNICAL TRAINING, INNOVATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE)

THE MOTION ON THE MATTER OF RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATORS

BY

HON. JAMES WERE, MCA NYALENDA “B” WARD

(MEMBER, ADMINISTRATION OF LAW, JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTION AFFAIRS AND SECURITY)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Nereah Okombo.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that, this House

adopts a report of the Liaison Committee on consideration of Half-Year Progress reports of House Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2023.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Joachim Oketch, Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Joachim (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that, this House adopts a report of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations on consideration of the 1st Proposed Kisumu County Supplementary Estimates for the FY 2023/2024. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Vincent Jagongo. What is it Hon. Emily Oginga.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated Member): Allow me to give a Notice of Motion on behalf my Chair.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts a report by Standing Committee of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation on the Knowledge Exchange Exercise between the House Committee, Mulago National Referral Hospital and Uganda Cancer Institute.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Seth Okumu. What is Hon. Ben Adega?

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Allow me to give a Notice of Motion on behalf my Chair.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that, this House adopts a report by Standing Committee of Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services Committee on the Kisumu County Vocational Education and Training Policy. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Moses Ochele. What is Hon. James Were?

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda B Ward): Allow me to give a Notice of Motion on behalf my Chair.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda B Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that, this House adopts the Motion on the matter of Renewal of Contracts for Village Administrators. Thank you.

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

STATEMENT

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE FOR THE FY 2022/2023

BY

(HON. BENNY PETE OIKO, MCA, KABONYO KANYAGWAL WARD)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Benny Pete Oiko.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order no 41(2) (b) to seek for a Statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Implementation.

Mr. Speaker, my inquiry concerns the Implementation Status of all Projects and Programs Approved by this House for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Understanding the Progress made, the Challenges Encountered, and the Plans for Addressing Stalled initiatives will enable this House to hold the County Executive accountable and ensure the effective utilization of public resources for the benefit of our constituents.

Honourable Speaker, for the benefit of this esteemed body, I request the Chairperson to provide a comprehensive report encompassing the following details;

- i. The total number of projects and programs executed by the County Executive under the Ward-based allocation during the aforementioned fiscal year.
- ii. The total number of projects and programs carried out by the County Executive under the County-wide allocation for the same period.
- iii. A Detailed Breakdown of the Stalled and Ongoing Projects within both the Ward-based and County-wide categories

Honourable Speaker,

For each project or program, the report should include the following information;

- i. The Implementing Department responsible for the project execution.
- ii. The Specific Ward or Sub-county where the project is located.
- iii. The Approved Budget for the Project.
- iv. The Amount of Funds spent on the Project to Date.
- v. The Percentage of Project Completion Achieved thus far.
- vi. A clear “Way forward” and Strategy for any stalled or Incomplete Projects, Outlining the steps to be taken for their successful completion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the Statement by Hon. Oiko on the Implementation Status of all the Projects and Programs Approved by this House for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 is directed to the Implementation Committee. I am not able to see the Chairperson but I noticed the Vice Chairperson.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. James Were.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B” Ward): Thank you Honourable Speaker. We are ready to work on that and I want to request that you give us a period of two weeks to enable us bring a report on the same. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the Statement stands committed to the Implementation Committee and ensure that you work within a period of two weeks. Please it should not go beyond two weeks.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Benny Pete Oiko.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal): I rise Pursuant to Standing Order no 41(2) (b) to seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Administration of Law and Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security.

Mr. Speaker, my inquiry pertains to the Huduma Mashinani Report on the Exercise titled; “Promoting Government and Citizens Dialogue on Service Delivery, Participatory Development and Feedback Management.” This initiative, spearheaded by the County Executive Committee Member for Public Service, County Administration and Participatory Development, reportedly took place around June 2023.

Honourable Speaker, As per the exercise design, it was intended to be conducted in all the 7 (seven) Kisumu County sub-counties, and thereafter a final “County Huduma Forum” chaired by His Excellency, the Governor of Kisumu County.

Honourable Speaker, in light of this, I request the Chairperson to provide a comprehensive response on the following;

- i. Detailed Feedback Report for each sub-county involved in the exercise. These reports should be accompanied by Attendance Registers to Verify Participation levels.
 - ii. The Current Implementation Status of the feedback collated from the sub- counties. This should detail how various sectors and service delivery departments are acting upon the gathered information.
 - iii. A clear breakdown of the Total Expenditure Incurred during the exercise. This should differentiate between public funds utilized and any potential support received from private organizations.
 - iv. The Tangible Impact of this exercise on service delivery experienced by our citizens.
- Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I can see the Chair JLAC is in the House. What do you say?

Hon Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Mr. Speaker, I may just wish to commend Member for Kabonyo Kanyagwal for having raised such pertinent issues and it requires some information to be received from the County Executive. Therefore, may I humbly request this House to grant us time, about two weeks, to gather information and compile a report on that? Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon Members, the Statement stands committed to the Committee on Administration of Law and Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security and this is just to get information. Kindly report to the House after two weeks.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, It is Statement

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

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF PIC/PAC ON THE EXAMINATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF KISUMU COUNTY REFERRAL HOSPITAL FOR THE FY 2021/2022.

BY

HON. KENNEDY OUKO, MCA, WEST KISUMU WARD

(CHAIRPERSON, SELECT COMMITTEE OF PIC/PAC)

Hon Ouko (MCA, Wes Kisumu Ward): The Honourable Speaker, on behalf of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee (PICPAC), and Pursuant to Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders 188, I wish to present to this House the report of the Committee on the audited financial statements of Kisumu County Emergency Fund, financial year 2021/2022.

The County Assembly exercises oversight over County Government entities/investments and their expenditure Pursuant to Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, through the Public Accounts and Investments Committee which, in turn, derives its mandate from the County Assembly Standing Orders.

It's instructive that Article 229 (8) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, requires the County Assembly, within three months after receiving an audit report, to debate, consider the report and take appropriate action.

The Committee held 2 sittings during which it received both written and oral evidence from the Accounting Officer on audit queries raised by the Auditor-General on the financial statements of Kisumu County Emergency Fund FY 2021/2022.

Honorable Speaker, I wish to register my appreciation to fellow Honorable Members of the Committee, the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly, Committee Secretariat and the Office of the Auditor General for facilitation and technical support that made the production of this report possible.

I also thank the management of Kisumu County Emergency Fund for honoring committee invitations and timely submission of responses.

Special appreciation goes to the Hansard department for ensuring that all our meetings with Accounting Officers are broadcasted live.

Honorable Speaker, on behalf of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee, I now wish to table the report on the consideration of the Auditor General's report on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30, June 2022 and urge this Honorable House to adopt it.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Legal Framework

Hon. Speaker, the Committee was guided by the following legal instruments;

1. Constitution of Kenya 2010: Article 229 (4) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires the Auditor General, within a period of six months after the end of each financial year, to audit and report, in respect of that financial year, on;
 - i. The accounts of the National and County governments,
 - ii. The accounts of all funds and authorities of the National and County

- governments,
- iii. Accounts of all courts,
- iv. The accounts of every commission and independent office established by this constitution,
- v. The accounts of National Assembly, the Senate and the county assemblies,
- vi. The accounts of the political parties funded from the public funds,
- vii. The public debt and
- viii. The accounts of any other entity that legislation requires the Auditor General to Audit

Article 229(8) further states that “within three months after receiving an audit report, parliament or county assembly shall debate and consider the report and take appropriate action”.

2. The Committee also relied on Article 226(5) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which provides that if the holder of a public office, including a political office, directs or approves the use of public funds contrary to law or instructions, the person is liable for any loss arising from that use and shall make good the loss, whether the person remains the holder of the office or not.
3. Public Audit Act 2015; Section 7 of Public Audit Act 2015 that mandates the Auditor General to: (i) Give assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls, risk management and overall governance at National and County Government; (ii) Undertake audit activities in state organs and public entities to confirm whether or not public money has been applied lawfully and in an effective way
4. Public Finance Management Act, 2012: Section 149 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 which states that “An accounting officer is accountable to the County Assembly for ensuring that the resources of the entity for which the officer is designated are used in a way that is –
 - a) (a) Lawful and authorized; and
 - b) Effective, efficient, economical and transparent”

Guiding Principles

Hon. Speaker, in the execution of its mandate, the Committee was guided by core Constitutional and statutory principles on Public Finance Management.

These principles include the following;

1. Constitutional Principles on Public Finance: Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides for fundamental principles aimed at guiding all aspects of Public Finance. It states that the principles are; inter alia;
 - i). Openness and Accountability including public participation in financial matters;
 - ii). Public money shall be used in a prudent and responsible way; and
 - iii). Financial management shall be responsible and fiscal reporting shall be clear.

2. Obligations of the Accounting officer;
 - i). Article 226(2) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 which provides that; The Accounting officer of a national public entity is accountable to the national assembly for its financial management and the accounting officer of a county public entity is accountable to the county assembly for its financial management.
 - ii). Section 149(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 provides that; an accounting officer is accountable to the County Assembly for ensuring that the resources of the entity for which the officer is designated are used in a way that is; (i) Lawful and authorized and; and (ii) Effective, efficient and transparent
3. Direct Personal Liability: Article 226(5) of the Constitution is unequivocal that, if the holder of a Public Office or a political office, directs or approves the use of Public Funds contrary to the law or instruction, the person is liable for any loss arising from that use and shall make good, the loss, whether the person remains the office holder or not. In the same spirit,
4. Section 203(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 enacts that; a public officer is personally liable for any loss sustained by a County Government and is attributed to;
 - (i) The fraudulent or corrupt conduct, or negligence of the officer or,
 - (ii) The officer's having done any act prohibited by Sections 196, 197, and 198

The Committee considers these legal provisions as the basis for holding accounting and public officers directly and personally liable for any loss of Public Funds that may occur under their watch.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE KISUMU COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30, JUNE 2022

Hon. Speaker, CPA Martin Okode, the fund administrator and the Accounting Officer appeared before the Committee on 31st January, 2024 at 9.30am to adduce evidence on the Audited Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30, June 2022.

The following officers represented the Office of the Auditor General in the meeting of 31st January 2024;

1. Mr. Kennedy Ongoi – Office of the Auditor General
2. Mr. Anthony Maina – Office of the Auditor General

The opinion of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Kisumu County Emergency Fund FY 2021/2022 was Qualified, meaning that except for issues discussed under the basis for opinion, the financial statements of the fund represented a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity/fund.

Hon. Speaker, the following issues formed the basis of Qualified Opinion;

1. Failure to Remit Statutory Taxes – the Auditor General highlighted that an amount of Kshs. 2,577,803 had not been remitted to Kenya Revenue Authority or recognized as a payable in the statement of financial position.
2. Unsupported use of goods and services - the management did not provide to the auditors, a list of approved Emergency response and the procurement plan to support expenditures ie Kshs. 35,928,596 and Kshs. 77,091,318 relating to emergency relief foods and civil works respectively. This was contrary to regulation 19(1) of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund regulations, 2020 which states that *upon the Executive Committee member approving emergency response, the fund administration in consultation with the chief officer in charge of the department that has the technical persons with the capability of handling the emergency shall publish a list of approved responses, together with the procurement plans for each response.* In addition, the management did not demonstrate how the relief food procured was received distributed to the beneficiaries
3. Unsupported Cash and Cash Equivalents balance
4. Late Submission of Financial Statements - The financial report and statements for the year ended 30 June, 2022 were submitted for audit on 13 January, 2023 by the Fund Management contrary to Section 10(1) of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund Act, 2018 which states that within 3 months after the end of each financial year, the County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the Auditor General a financial statement in respect of the fund for that year.
5. Lack of Approved Budget -Review of records of the fund by the auditors revealed that the management did not have an approved budget for the year under review contrary to Regulation 50(2) of the Public Finance Management County Governments) Regulations, 2015 which requires that expenditure commitments for goods and services shall be controlled against spending and procurement plans approved by the responsible Accounting Officer, based on allocation and allotments from approved budgets.

Hon. Speaker, after consideration of the management written response, holding a meeting with the fund management and the Office of the Auditor General, the Committee reports the following observations;

OBSERVATIONS

1. That during the FY 2021/2022, the Emergency Fund management was withholding taxes but failed to remit the same as required by the relevant statutes. As a result, Kshs. Kshs. 2,577,803 had not been remitted to the Kenya Revenue Authority.
2. That as at the time of committee deliberations, the management had not fully remitted

- the outstanding statutory taxes.
3. That the management failed to recognize the unremitted tax of Kshs. 2,577,803 as payables in the financial statements leading to understatement of payables by the same amount.
 4. That the management failed to adhere to Regulation 19(1) of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund regulations, 2020 on publishing a list of approved responses, together with the procurement plans for each response
 5. The management failed to provide evidence of Kshs. 113,018,914 related to procurement of relief food, distribution of the same and civil works
 6. The management failed to record Kshs. 1,283,995 related to payments in the Cashbook. Further, the details of the payments were not provided for audit review. However, as at the time of committee deliberations, the issue had been explained and supported in the revised financial statements
 7. That the management failed to adhere to Section 10(1) of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund Act, 2018 which states that within 3 months after the end of each financial year, the County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the Auditor General a financial statement in respect of the fund for that year
 8. The management failed to provide the approved budget during the time of audit. However, as at the time of committee deliberation, the approved budget had been provided for audit review
 9. That by failing to provide documents to the auditors at the time of audit, the management failed to adhere to Section 62(c) of the Public Audit Act, 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That going forward, the management must adhere to set deadlines on remittance of taxes as required by the relevant statutes
2. That the management of the Emergency Fund clear the outstanding statutory taxes in the subsequent disbursement and submit the report on the same to this Assembly in a period of 90days upon of this report
3. That going forward, the management must ensure that the financial statements reflect the true and fair position of the fund as required by Section 164(3) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, on financial reporting
4. That going forward, the management must adhere to Regulation 19(1) of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund regulations, 2020 on publishing a list of approved responses, together with the procurement plans for each response
5. That going forward, the management must ensure timely provision of information required by the auditors to avoid committing an offence under Section 62(c) of the Public Audit Act, 2015

6. That going forward, the management must adhere to Section 10(1) of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund Act, 2018 which states that within three months after the end of each financial year, the County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the Auditor General a financial statement in respect of the fund for that year.

CONCLUSION

Hon. Speaker, I hereby request that this House adopts this report of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the consideration of the Auditor General's Report on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30, June 2022. May I call upon Hon James Were to second?

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Yes, Hon Were.

Hon Were (MCA, Nyalenda "B" Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to start by commending this House Committee for thorough work and research. Mr. Speaker, I know that were some concerns that were raised, observations made, and recommendations suggested. Mr. Speaker, when you are a public officer, you are given fundamental rights and tasks of which you must ensure there is prudent management of public funds.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Honourable House that let us put the County Executive to task to ensure that the recommendations are implemented and followed to the letter. I, therefore, beg to second. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Motion on adoption of PIC/PAC Committee report on the Examination of the Auditor General's report on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Referral Hospital FY 2021/2022 has been presented and seconded as per our Standing Orders, I want to propose a question. I propose that the Motion on adoption of PIC/PAC Committee report on the Examination of the Auditor General's report on the Financial Statements of the Kisumu County Referral Hospital FY 2021/2022 is open for debate.

(Silence)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon Chief Whip

The Chief Whip (Hon Kanga, MCA Market Milimani Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of silence in this House Mr. Speaker. I do not know why. In this House, there is a tendency of the same Members to contribute to Motions, Reports and Bills. As the Whip of the County Assembly, we are paid to debate; formulate legislation, debate on oversight and talk representation. When some Members keep quiet in this House, I do not know why they were elected.

Mr. Speaker, you will see Members, rising during our *Kamukunjis* talking about trips outside Kisumu or inductions while when they come to this Assembly, they just keep quiet. Some of the Members are also on our radar with the Leader of Majority. They do not perform in their positions as Chairpersons, they do not even come to the Assembly, they do not want to contribute yet they are paid.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes you complain to me that I am coming to the Assembly but some Members are just coming to this Assembly and they do not want to speak yet they hold serious responsibilities. Yet they fought for these positions to represent others in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I want to contribute to this report. The other day, last Saturday, I was with my brother the Hon Kelvin Oraro in a funeral at his Ward, Kolwa Central. Mr. Speaker, the son of the bereaved talked while eulogizing his father, pensively, talking about issues affecting our health facilities. The father died at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH). MR. Speaker, there were allegations that in our facilities, there is a lot of negligence and the staff in the health facilities are not committed. He alleged that he tried to call one of the leaders who were present in that funeral, who is close to the Governor, yet never responded. I do not know whether it was me. Mr. Speaker, therefore, issues of health are import. Kisumu County Referral Hospital falls within the jurisdiction of my Ward, and the Chairperson PIC/PAC has highlighted to us serious issues in his report; the observation and recommendations touching on financial issues under that facility.

Mr. Speaker, the use of resources in a facility like the Health sector, I believe, enhances service delivery as far as health is concerned. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Chairperson, PIC/PAC Committee, Hon. Ken Ouko. Even in your absence yesterday Mr. Chair, I commended you. You are doing very serious reports; and the issues of health in our facilities, Mr. Speaker, some of them are wanting, not the District Hospital (Kisumu County Referral) alone. There is Ahero Sub County Hospital, Nyakach Sub County Hospital, Muhoroni, Seme, Kisumu East Hospital at Gita, including Chulaimbo in Kisumu West. In all these, serious engagement and commitment is needed. Going by the image in the public, what the people are saying in Kisumu; and the Hon Kelvin Oraro can bear me witness.

Mr. Speaker, the bereaved family said they were trying to reach the hospital staff who were there when their father desperately needed medical attention. Even simple medical equipments were lacking. The Chair is highlighting to us how money is collected in these facilities and lack of attendant prudent use of the same. Mr. Speaker, if you go to these hospitals in Kisumu County, there are questions which need to be addressed. Therefore, going by this report, I support it entirely and Mr. Speaker, you will realize that in some instances, the employees handling cash in these hospitals are neither contracted nor casuals, as indicated by PIC/PAC chair.

Mr. Speaker, these are the issues we discussed yesterday. Who is in charge of these hospitals? This is where the Accounting Officer comes in. All that is done in these hospitals entirely rests

with the accounting officers. When there is a lot of a malpractice in our facilities Mr. Speaker, it is the public which suffer because we are the representatives of the public. Mr. Speaker, sometimes it becomes very difficult or impossible to defend the county government in public functions this is because, people are talking about glaring mistakes in this county. These people were there with the patients, they also visit these facilities as patients; they go to visit their patients admitted in the wards, and they are witnessing these issues.

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Chair is informing this House that there were instances where there were Salary Arrears for six months for Contracted Staff. How can somebody work without salary for six months and yet you expect our residents to get efficient services as far as health is concerned?

Mr. Speaker, there are areas where there are no proper records of Daily Revenue Collections according to the report, yet we are saying that we cannot meet our targets as far as the budget proposals are concerned. So, if we do not enhance these areas as far as the daily collections like in some areas the CCTVs are there but with no controls and yet the County Government procured these CCTVs using public money but they cannot monitor what is happening in those facilities. Mr. Speaker, according to the report of Hon. Ouko, something needs to be done in this County. The Governor, Prof. Anyang' Nyongó had a very good vision if you look at the CIDP II, CIDP III on the review of what we are implementing now, the ADPs, have very good visions and objectives. However, those who are implementing these issues commit mistakes in this Department and are promoted to other departments and nothing is done.

Mr. Speaker, I am urging this Honourable House to adopt this report with good recommendations so that this County may move forward as far as delivery of health services is concerned. Mr. Speaker, the Government is talking about zero debts in our facilities and the County Government is trying to meet this but, we can't achieve this because service delivery in our hospitals is wanting. With those few remarks, I support this report, thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Central Kolwa Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I want to thank the Chair of the Committee of PIC/PAC, for a good work done and for being consistent.

Mr. Speaker, for the past few days in this plenary, we have been discussing reports by PIC/PAC. Mr. Speaker, during the '*Kamkunji*' you even talked about House Committees and one of the House Committees that needs more funding is that of Select Committee of PIC/PAC because it is the backbone of the oversight in this Assembly as a Select or Investigative House Committee. True to my words, if you were to give a picture or the number of reports that we have received from various committees, you will realize that the Select Committee of PIC/PAC is doing a lot and for that reason you really need to fund this House Committee so that they can do more. I am happy because, before I was given this one House Committee that I have today, I was a member

of this Select PIC/PAC Committee. During my First-Assembly and as one of the pioneering MCA, I served as the Vice Chair of PIC/PAC to the end of that term. I know it can be difficult to come up with reports and write a report with these recommendations given by the House Committee. Mr. Speaker, from the observations you will see a lot of things happening. However, I want to be different with my presentation today knowing that the person who was chairing this House Committee a Clinician by profession and he means well for Kisumu County. His report will also not be that damaging but save for some few areas that can be corrected by the administration and the Board of that hospital. JOOTRH, which the Chief Whip was referring to, is seen to be taking another step because we believe that it would soon be a Parastatal.

Mr. Speaker, the only hospital we will remain with and will be proud of in Kisumu County, will be Kisumu County Hospital, and we believe that some of the recommendations if implemented will make it work effectively and efficiently. The transparency will also make members of the public to feel that the hospital is being operated well, and the issues of finances will also be well accounted for, and that is why we have a report of such magnitude.

Mr. Speaker, one area that is clear, and I hope it is well captured as the Chief Whip also captured it, is the issue of handling finances. When you choose a casual to handle finance, be rest assured that you cannot make that person be accountable and the individual can be fired any minute. So, it is kind of a strategy where somebody makes a decision to use casuals to handle finance, because he knows that the permanent employee or contracted one can have some level of resistance to such temptations. So, this deliberate move to have casuals handling cash should be stopped in order for the person who knows that their job is at stake, to be given the responsibility to handle cash. I believe that the Chair captured it well and brought the idea well.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of CCTVs is also a good move if the cameras are everywhere including the wards. Sometimes there are follow-ups that could be needed due to negligence like the case that Hon. Seth Kanga was referring to.

Mr. Speaker, I want to also acknowledge the Unpaid/Uncollected Bills that were seen in the hospitals and I believe that this is an area that we need to assist the hospital because most of our patients are very poor, and some cannot afford the bills. The program the hospitals has through the social part has done a lot to assist our patients, and that can be witnessed by numerous occasions whereby they waiver the bills to those patients who cannot afford to settle their bills. This is a good gesture, save for the idea that it is the revenue of the County and of the hospital that is being lost. It is my opinion that we should give them the Emergency Fund to cater for these Social Services per year because I see many patients who come to us, and we talk to the hospital management to at least accord them waiver, to allow these patients to be discharged because of lack of NHIF. It is my belief that the hospital and the Assembly should develop an initiative to market the issue of NHIF so that our people sometimes do not have to look for a lot

of money, or even sell their properties in order to settle some bills that have seen the hospital not to operate properly.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I also want to talk about the County not giving the facilities the agreed amount, or releasing the amount that is supposed to be released in full and in time. For hospitals, I can say, after looking at the budget because I am seeing that the Department of Health is really trying to fund a lot of activities in medical services across the County. That is one area that Prof. Nyongó has done a good work, that the Leader of Majority has not highlighted apart from Kisumu being 'Europe'. On the issue of health, the Governor has done greatly and I have seen it across the County as almost all the wards were getting allocations from the Department of Health. It is my considered opinion that we should support them fully, and apart from the correction from the annual report, we need to see that the referral hospital in Kisumu can always being managed well so that it can grow. That is the next hospital after JOOTRH. So, I support the report and the recommendations that have been forwarded, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samuel Onyango.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I first want to commend the Committee for a job well done. Despite the Committee's good job, they always bring good recommendations but I am sorry to say that I have never seen any actions being taken to these recommendations. I heard Hon. Kanga, Chief Whip, saying that sometimes some Members do not contribute. Mr. Speaker, we do not contribute because it is obvious that we just pass anything that comes to this House, but nothing happens after that. So, if we can change the tactics, Mr. Speaker, that in cases such as these touchy ones with good recommendations, we see to it that implementation is done. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, some of us, led by our Chief Whip, are just good here in the House, but whatever he is saying here he cannot even say it outside this House.

(Laughter)

So, if he can stand by our word Mr. Speaker, then we can change this Kisumu County. As it stands now Mr. Speaker, we have so much English in the County but nothing is being done. Even my friend Hon. Oraro has a lot to write in our Assembly WhatsApp page complaining how his budget was slashed but here he is now saying that the Governor is working well.

(Laughter)

So, Mr. Speaker, we are not being real, but the day that we will be honest with ourselves, then we will have a great Kisumu. Consequently, the other reason we do not talk here sometimes is because it will be used to witch-hunt you. You will talk here but as soon as you will be done with your speech, you will be called to be confronted on the same. There was a time a talked about the City Manager, he later informed me that I will be whipped from the Committee of Lands,

Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development. Truly, the week that followed, I was removed.

(Laughter)

So, it is not that we cannot talk. We know how to debate, but, if we do so, is it necessary? To everyone, let us do our oversight role. If we can do it independently, we will have a very good debate. That is because if we debate and then you see your debate is not necessary, you just sit down and say ‘yes, yes’ and life continue. However, on this one, I support the report fully, thank you.

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani Ward): On a point of information Mr. Speaker. I want to inform my friend Hon. Samuel Onyango.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samuel Onyango, the Chief Whip wants to inform you.

(Hon. Samuel Onyango bows in agreement)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Honourable Chief Whip, the Member has agreed.

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I agree with what Hon. Samuel Onyango is saying. But, I am outspoken within this House and outside the Assembly precincts. Some of us like The Majority Whip and the Leader of Majority have responsibilities to talk about Government issues and defend Government positions in this House as per the nature of our job. That is a requirement by the Law or by the Standing Orders or by the norms of this House. However, when something is wrong as highlighted by Hon. Ouko constructively, Mr. Speaker, we have to be in agreement whether we are with the Governor or whether we are with the County Executive Committee Member for Finance or whether we are with the Deputy Governor. We have to inform the Governor that there are glaring problems Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I always inform the Governor like in this case Mr. Speaker although it has not been brought in this Honourable House. The Deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Lumumba Owade found problems within the road sector in the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works whereby fuel was being siphoned and sold. It was explained to the Governor and thereby the Chief Officer in the said department together with the Director have been transferred. Mr. Speaker, there are things which we do not need to talk about in this Honourable House. Transferred but, now it is upon the Standing Committee of the Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works to dig deeper and bring reports in this Honourable House. The Hon. Rakwach. Hon. Samuel Onyango, when a crime has been committed, talk about it. Say that Hon. Seth Ochieng, you have said so and so, you have done this; then, the House adopts. We will not defend people who are failing the Governor in this House. I will not. That is because come the year 2027, the people of Kisumu County or wherever the Market/Milimani Ward People will judge me on how

I performed and that includes you. It is not Adui Nyang' (Hon. Seth Kanga) alone. It is neither the Governor alone, it is everybody.

Honourable Members, as the Chief Whip of this House, if there is a problem please bring it accompanied with concrete evidence; we will concur with you and then tell the Governor that this is wrong. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Bennie Oiko Pete.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, at times it is very interesting and jovial for Members to contribute the way the debate is going on. Hon. Nyang' (Hon. Seth Kanga) has open up and told you what Hon. Lumumba did. To some extent, Hon. Owade saved some of us. That is because if it could have not been Hon. Owade, that thing could have gone under the table. So, we must give Hon. Owade some credit.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, some of us could have not talked about it. We are happy that the Governor is acting not just for the sake of it. It is also good that the Chief Whip has also whipped his Members to be active. That is good. In the National Assembly, Kimani Ichungwa also whips his Members to be active. That is normal. But, know there are times that you may also find the report difficult to contribute to it as a whole and at time you may find it easy.

Mr. Speaker, I want to give a little contribution on this report. The office of the Auditor General has given this report a Clean Bill of Health. That means, the Financial Records that they found at the Kisumu County Referral Hospital were not in bad shape. That is the picture we are given here. The financial reports were properly kept and presented to the Auditor General for a few areas that they said they must also pin point for the management to change. That would be a credit if the entire department would behave like that. Some issues raised here; the staffs employed in the Accounts Department at Kisumu County Referral Hospital are Casuals – Handling Finances.

Mr. Speaker, in this County, we know that the Wage Bill is more than what it should be. It is at 35% going to 50% and a picture is coming to this House and it is not the first time that there is a problem with the employment of technical staffs. When the Accounts Department is manned by Casuals and the collection is manual, how do we expect to receive money Hon. Chief Whip? It cannot be successful. That is where we are.

(Laughter)

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): That is where we are...

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker, we must ask the County Executive why the Wage Bill is high and the technical staffs are not there. It is not only here but also other departments such as Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation. This is an area that we need to look at.

Mr. Speaker, the other issue is that this Health Facility is now being audited as an entity because it has Facility Improvement Fund. That record should have come out here clearly. How much does this hospital collect in a financial year? So that we get impressed that the hospital is doing well on its Own Source Revenue Collection. We are also told that they get less by 10% of their allocation from the executive. When they get less, how do they go about with their budget? That needs to be looked into.

Mr. Speaker, there is the issue of Historical Pending Bills and we are being told here that it is Kshs 82 Million yet the one at the County Treasury; how do they relate? We need to find out about this. Mr. Speaker, this is because, you know something has also come up in the management of finances of Kisumu County. We had assumed that the matter of pending bills was being handled at the County Treasury. Then, the department is now crying foul that they are now being ordered to pay some of their pending bills. The allocations they are using to pay the pending bills were meant for the Recurrent Expenditures for this Financial Year. For instance, in the hospital, they had budgeted for pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical commodities. When part of the money is used to pay the pending bills this mean that, the pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical commodities will not be adequate in our hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, another issue that we need to raise here is that once the auditor has flagged off a matter, it is not the responsibility of the Assembly to give a grace period for financial records to be brought here. That is the work of the Auditor. The Assembly can send a warning to the department if they continue failing to give all the financial records to the auditor. The Assembly will act which they do so by advising or to call for the office of Ethics and Anticorruption Commission or the or Director of Criminal Investigation to do further investigation if the department is unwilling to cooperate with the office of the Auditor General. This comes about because the office is supposed to handle their financial records as per the requirement of Public Finance Management Act. All the necessary records that should be availed to the Auditors should be made available. Failure to which that means that there are some items or some transactions which were not procedurally done and they want to hide. So, once they reach with us that point and a report has come, we have no business giving them grace period.

Mr. Speaker, what the Law allows us to do is to forward the matter to the next Government institution authorized for investigation not the Assembly. I so submit, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Zachary Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Kisumu Central Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the report. Before I say something, allow me to defend some of our Members who were being

accused for not contributing on the floor of this House. Mr. Speaker, this calls for the procurement officers to hasten the procurement process so that we can get the tablets. Some of us who have poor eyesight have problems in following or reading the soft copies from our phones. So, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Zachary, I believe that sometimes we did allow that those who are not allowed to work with the soft copies can be given a hard copy. I believe that Hon. Oiko can testify to that. There is always a provision for a hard copy for Hon. Oiko because he formerly requested that he is not tech survey so he wants to use a hard copy.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Kisumu Central Ward): Then I think...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): So, Honourable Member, that one cannot be an excuse.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Kisumu Central Ward): Mr. Speaker, then, I request that should be added in that list together with Hon. Oiko. To be precise, I really support the report. This is to say that I wonder why sometimes I do not even feel proud to be an MCA because of so many Adverse Reports that comes from the Committee of PIC/ PAC. Since the inception of this Third Assembly, I have not heard of one report which was brought to the House that supported the work that the County Executive had done. The rest of the report which I have had coming from the PIC PAC committee are adverse and need something to be done. Mr. Speaker, it's really wanting in our health facilities and sometimes, we as Hon. Members, we are forced move and support some.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Point of order Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is the point of order Hon. Okumu?

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): (On a point of order) Mr. Speaker on Statement of Facts which is Standing Order No. 89. The Honourable Member is alluding to the fact that the report we are discussing is adverse but the Auditor general gave a Qualified Opinion on this report. Hon. Speaker it is not right for the Member to continue misleading this House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okoyo you need to substantiate that the report that is being discussed is not an advanced report.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Mr. Speaker I withdraw but what I was trying to allude is that we have been having adverse reports from the Select Committee of PIC/PAC which shows that this House should stand tall and be counted to make sure the County Executive work as per the norms and the required standards, so that we can also be seen as one of the Assemblies which put the County Executive to task. So, Mr. Speaker, I stand support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. James Omollo.

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I want to commend the Chairperson, Select Committee of PIC/PAC for this kind of good report that they have presented.

Mr. Speaker, the “*elephant in the room*” is the implementation of such reports. We really do give very good recommendations, like yesterday; I believe that we gave 90 days for the other reports, but after 90 days, what next? No implementation at all. So, I believe that it is important that the other House Committee, for example the Select Committee on Implementation, should take up all matters that have been highlighted in the this reports. So that, we get to the bottom of these matters because in the next financial year or next report for the same facility will have the same recommendations if nothing is done. So implementing of these recommendations is paramount for us to move as a county because if we don't do that, then there is nobody who will do it. Mr. Speaker, it is upon us to really stamp our authority as the Committee on Implementation so that we ensure that everything that we recommend is done.

Mr. Speaker, very many facilities are bringing the Audit reports to PIC PAC and the trend is that they are same for some of them. I believe that, there are some gaps in financial management that needs to be managed well for our facilities, especially the Level IV facilities, the one like Chulaimbo, Pap Onditi, Muhoroni and the rest. It is my belief that it's important that these gaps once we got them from the Auditor's report, it is upon this House to ensure that these financial gaps are really blocked so that we have prudence in terms of usage of our resources. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ratib Boitone.

Hon. Ratib (MCA, Nyalenda “A” Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support this report. But, I want to mention one aspect that I need to echo. Mr. Speaker, The report in its recommendation mentioned something about the County Treasury to ensure that the budget is transferred as it is budgeted. This is quite important because we realize that when the department give out their budget and to a greater extend sometimes, their budget are slashed by the County Treasury. This actually hinders operationalization of this department.

Mr. Speaker, in the Department of Health, we are all aware that it is the department that always take the big chunk of our budget allocation. It is important that we have a healthy society. I agree, as many Members have also put across that health is paramount and must be given the necessary effort that it requires.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost lives in this county because of what we term as over the counter kind of services. Many people would prefer to go and buy medicines in the pharmacies when they fall sick. Why do they do that? They do this because in most cases they do not get proper services at our public hospitals and this is a worrying trend and by the time they realize this, lives are lost.

Mr. Speaker, this department should also ensure that during their budgeting, they factor in pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical commodities that our common people would need so that they bring back that kind of trust in our public hospitals. This is also very evident why private hospitals are doing better than public hospitals because trust has already been lost in this public sector. If at all budgetary allocations will be given to our health sector. Then, it is my considered opinion that all other departments will be of benefit because the nation is a healthy nation is a productive nation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu?

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the adoption of this report with its recommendation. Mr. Speaker other than its recommendation, this report has highlighted so many issues that are happening in this particular hospital, the Kisumu County Referral Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, with a funding of Kshs 12 million, it is hard for the hospital to meet the needs that the Honorable Boitone is talking about and their constituents running for waivers at the hospital to a tune of close to Kshs 5 million. It means that the services have been reduced to the cost of Kshs 5 million. Honourable Members, as we urge these hospitals to perform, as we put stringent measures to ensure that the resources that they have prudently use lets also remember that we addressed this issue of underfunding in these hospitals and the issue of waivers. If we need waivers in this hospital then, we need to put money to cushion these hospitals during their financial expenditures.

Mr. Speaker, I want to agree that some of the recommendations can be addressed very fast. Like the issue of having Cashiers who are neither on Contract or Casuals or Permanent Employees. Hon. Speaker such people are prone to temptations, especially when they're handling cash. So those are some of the things that I believe with these report need to be addressed very fast. So that we have people who value the monies and they know and appreciate that the monies that they collect from those pay points, are supposed to be ploughed back to our institution so that people can get proper services.

Mr. Speaker, we have had issues with Assets in our county and to be specific in Kisumu County Referral Hospital. Mr. Speaker, there is no clear indication on the assets that they hold in trust as a facility. Mr.; Speaker, from this Auditor's Report, it has been mentioned that those assets are

not properly recorded. Hon. Speaker without which we can lose so many things we can keep buying equipment without knowing. As a recommendation, that has been put by this House Committee. I want to emphasize that this should be done immediately, that all Assets and Liabilities of the hospital need to be recorded and we have their record kept properly.

Mr. Speaker, as i conclude, on the prolonged or Accrued Pending Bills. Our hospitals really suffer when we were implementing Universal Health Coverage in the whole country, especially Kisumu being one of the pilot counties and during such times, the hospitals were mandated to give services with a promise that the National Government was going to fund such service. So as they were giving the services they did not charge and in that manner Hon. Speaker, our hospitals have incurred huge amount of pending bills. As we go in the next process of budgeting, lets also consider that so that we address the pending bills at our hospitals especially Kisumu County Referral Hospital.

Hon. Speaker, other than that I want to agree with the recommendations made by this House Committee and I want to emphasize on what the Members have said that the best motivation you can give this House Committee and its Members and the House is implementing the recommendation made by this House Committee. It will bring changes to service delivery in Kisumu County and also motivate Members to do much more when they are in their deferent committees. Otherwise, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Looks like there is no Member who wants to contribute, therefore, the Chair can give reply.

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker I respond by highlighting issues that have been raised Honourable Members during their contributions. The Honourable Chief Whip was concern with finding a problem in an entity like the hospital we are discussing now. We have dissected the patient which is now the hospital. It is now upon the County Assembly to act on these matters. We have been encouraging you to come up with motions on amendments. We have never gotten any kind of amendments from you Members but we expect that and that is why we are bringing this report to you so that we can put our heads together for the betterment of Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, a member raised the issues to do with Casual Employees and we were trying to expose these issues so that you understand what is happening in our health facilities. It is unfortunate that somebody is handling cash within the hospital and that person is not being paid a salary. Where do you expect the person to get the his/her salary? It's also evident that the cash boxes were tampered with. That is why we came up with some recommendations.

Hon Kelvin Oraro, it is true that at times we do recognise the work of PIC/PAC. We have a lot of work to do and the funds that we are allocated for as a House Committee is not adequate to finance our activities. I am happy to report that, I heard the Chairperson of Liaison Committee

responded so nicely and promised to add us more monies in the Proposed Supplementary Budget to enable us finish the tasks that are pending in the committee. I hope that this is a collective responsibility and not only for this House Committee but for the House as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, there was an issue raised by the Chief Whip on the installation of CCTV cameras for enhanced efficiency and measures to safeguard public funds. The significance of Kisumu Referral Hospital cannot be overstated, and if we were to remove JOOTRH, we would be left solely with Kisumu Referral Hospital as a referral hospital for the County and some other sub-county hospitals. So, these hospitals must show that they truly represent the face of Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Samuel Onyango addressed the issue of Implementation of House resolutions. Mr. Speaker, as you may recall, I previously raised concerns about implementation challenges. Despite making significant recommendations in accordance with the law, we continue to face hurdles, particularly with another committee tasked with implementation. Therefore, I urge you that if this committee fails to deliver, we request your intervention to push forward our recommendations. It is essential for the County Assembly to be proactive and demonstrate its commitment to effective governance.

This is to Hon. Oiko; we have to be proactive on matters like these. Remember that this is where we are dealing with the County Executive on financial matters. I also want to encourage you to be responding to these issues especially during debates. I must confirm that we have never encountered any kind of threat from the County Executive or from the House leadership to doctor a result or to do anything which favours or goes contrary to the law. I also want to applaud the leadership starting with the Honourable Speaker and the Governor for not interfering with our mandate since we have been very much independent and doing things according to the law.

Mr. Speaker, we likewise have a grace period which was given to the hospital and i believe that the Speaker will rule on that and we are stating that at least someone must be given an opportunity to be heard. For us to summon someone then we must invite the person thrice so that they can also defend themselves.

Hon. Okoyo, we are ready to give you the soft copies from the Clerk's office so that you can emulate Hon. Pete. We agreed that we will be reading the moving notes and that is what we are doing right now.

Hon. James Omollo also addressing the issue of implementation and emphasizing the significant concerns surrounding it. While we have formulated commendable recommendations, the challenge lies in their actual implementation of House resolutions.

Hon. Ratib, the reduction of the budget is a pressing concern. We have taken action by sending a letter to the Director of Budget, requesting their presence alongside another team to investigate these matters further. There have been reports that the funds defended during budget presentations are not being disbursed as promised. It is crucial that when funds are allocated to an entity, they fulfill their obligations, even if it's at a certain percentage. So don't be afraid to give your recommendations when you are before the House since that is part of your work.

Hon. Okumu emphasized the interdependence of services and resource provision. Without adequate resources allocated to the County, the level IV hospitals will struggle to deliver essential services to the people. This is why we summoned that the Director of Budget to explain why the full budget for these hospitals is not being provided. Additionally, there are concerns regarding hospital Assets and Liabilities; many hospitals lack Title Deeds, despite promises to process them. It is imperative to conduct a Valuation to determine the status of these assets and whether they are suitable for disposal. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that PIC/PAC Committee has moved a motion on adoption of the report by the Auditor General's report on the Financial Statement of the Kisumu County Referral Hospital FY 2021/2022, seconded and debated with so many recommendations therein, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the report by the Auditor General's report on the Financial Statement of the Kisumu County Referral Hospital FY 2021/2022 is hereby adopted today Wednesday, 13th March, 2024 at 16:12 hour.

Honourable Members, I direct just like I did in the morning that the Hansard report and the recommendations of this report be communicated to the relevant sections for action. The Select Committee on Implementation to equally follow up on the implementation of the said recommendations.

Honourable Members, as I conclude, I also want to bring to the attention of Chairpersons of various House Committees that are in the House that, when the Chairperson of PIC/PAC Committee was reading the report, you could understand that it is not only the Implementation Committee that is touched with regards to recommendations made in this report but, there are equally other House Committees that should pick up issues from the report that was read. I listened and heard that there are issues to do with Human Resource, Wage Bill, Medical, Supplies and such likes. So, it is not only the Implementation Committee that is touched in this report but, there are other House Committees that should also pick up from this report and see areas that there is need for further interrogation in line with our oversight role. Thank you.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Thursday, 14th March, 2024 at 02:30 p.m.

(House rose at 4.15 p.m.)

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