

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

#### *Official Report*

#### THIRD ASSEMBLY – THIRD SESSION

Tuesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Emily Oginga) in the Chair)

### PRAYER

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, as per the provisions of Standing Orders No. 32 (2), I would like to request that the quorum bell be rung for the first five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rang for first five minutes)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Leader of Majority, can you please confirm if we have quorum?

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Madam Speaker, we have quorum.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Clerk, take us through Order Paper of today.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

### PAPERS LAID

THE REPORT OF DELEGATED COUNTY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON THE  
PENDING REGULATIONS

BY

HON. MIRAIM ABEID, NOMINATED MEMBER

(CHAIRPERSON, DELEGATED COUNTY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE)

LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT ON ITS BENCHMARKING  
EXERCISE WITH HOMA BAY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

*(Laid by Hon. Ooko on behalf of Hon. Okoyo)*

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE BENCHMARKING EXERCISE AT MIGORI  
COUNTY ASSEMBLY

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF HOUSE RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF  
MEDICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE ON THE  
STATUS OF SUB COUNTY HOSPITALS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF  
PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

BY

HON. HENRIETTA BODO, NOMINATED MEMBER

(CHAIRPERSON, IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE)

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Hon. Abeid the Floor is yours.

**Hon. Abeid** (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provision Orders No. 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today, Tuesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 the Report of Delegated County Legislation Committee on the pending regulations. Thank you.

*(Hon. Abeid lays the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Zachary Okoyo.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes leader of majority.

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Madam Speaker, allow me to lay this Paper on behalf of Hon. Zachary Okoyo.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Proceed.

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provision Orders No.182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today, Tuesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 the Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on their Benchmarking Exercise with Homa Bay County Assembly. Madam Speaker, I still have another paper to lay.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Proceed.

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you. Pursuant to the provision Orders No. 182(6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 the report of Selection Committee on the Benchmarking Exercise at Migori County Assembly.

*(The Leader of Majority lays the two reports before the House for consideration)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Henrietta Bodo.

**Hon. Bodo** (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provision Orders No. 182(6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 the Reports of Implementation Committee on:

- a) The Implementation Status of House Resolution on the report of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation Committee on the status of Sub county hospitals and
- b) The Implementation Status of projects approved in the fiscal year 2022/2023.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Thank you, Honourable Members. I confirm receipts of the said Papers and since they are already before the House Business Committee, we will not refer them back to the same House Business Committee for consideration.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### THE REPORT OF DELEGATED COUNTY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON THE PENDING REGULATIONS

BY

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BY

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**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Hon. Abeid.

**Hon. Abeid** (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. That, pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 45(1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, this House adopts the report of Delegated County Legislation Committee on the pending regulations.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next, Hon. Bodo.

**Hon. Bodo** (Nominated Member): That, pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 45(1) of the Standing Orders, this House adopts the Report of Implementation Committee on the implementation status of House Resolution on the report of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation Committee on the Status of Sub county hospitals. Similarly, that, pursuant to the provisions of Orders No, 45(1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, this House adopts the Report of Implementation Committee on the Implementation Status of Projects approved in the fiscal year 2022/2023.

Consequently, that, pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, this House adopts the report of Implementation Committee on the Implementation Status of the Projects Approved in the Financial Year 2022/2023. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

## STATEMENTS

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Hon Members, it is Statement Hour. Yes, Leader of Majority Hon Kennedy Ooko. I saw you up.

**Leader of Majority** (Hon Ooko, MCA Ahero): Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I rise while citing the provisions of Standing Orders No. 42 (2) (c), to present and lay on the Table of the County Assembly, a Statement informing the County Assembly of the Business coming before the House on the following week. That for the week commencing;

Wednesday, 4th September 2024 to Tuesday 10th September 2024, the Select Committee on Assembly House Business at its last meeting approved the following tentative Businesses to appear in the Order Paper as follows:

Wednesday, 4th August 2024 at 9:00 am,

#### PAPERS TO BE LAID

The Leader of Majority will lay the following papers

1. The Notification of Nomination for Appointment of Dr. Joyce Okayo to the position of County Executive Committee Member for Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate change; Dr. Rose Olayo to Kisumu City Board as a representative of an Association of professionals in the area;
2. The report of the Auditor-General on Kisumu Lakefront Development Cooperation for the year ended 30th June 2023;
3. Allocation of parcel of land, Kisumu Municipality block 1143 to EACC.

#### SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS OF THE DAY

The Chairperson, committee on Delegated County Legislation will Move a Motion for the adoption of the committee report on the pending regulations.

Wednesday, 04th August 2024 at 02.30 p.m.,

#### PETITION

The Hon Speaker will report to the County Assembly, a Petition on the consideration of Kisumu County Universal Health Coverage interns for consideration.

#### PAPERS TO BE LAID:

1. The Chairperson of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee will table a report on the Cleanliness and Storm Water Management at Ahero and Sondu markets.

2. The Chairperson of Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works Committee will table a report on the Matter of Construction of Ongoi bridge along Chemelil- Oduwo road in Chemelil Tamu Ward.
3. The MCA for Kajulu Ward will table a report on the County Assembly delegation to Arendal city, Southern Norway, from 14th to 18th August 2023 for the Arendalsuka conference 2023.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

1. The Chairperson of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee will give a Notice for adoption of a report on the cleanliness and storm water management at Ahero and Sondu markets.
2. The Chairperson of Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works Committee will give a Notice for adoption of the report on the matter of construction of Ongoi bridge along Chemelil-Oduwo- Muhoroni road in Chemelil Tamu Ward.

#### STATEMENT TO BE SOUGHT

A Statement will be given by MCA of Kolwa East Hon. Reuben Rakwach that will seek a Statement pursuant to Orders No. 41 (2) on the Matter of Tendering Process in the Water Projects of Kabonyo Kanyagwal, Kolwa East and Kolwa Central.

#### SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS OF THE DAY

The Chairperson of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Committee will Move a Motion for the adoption of a Report on the Cleanliness and Storm Water Management at Ahero and Sondu markets.

Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

#### SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS OF THE DAY

The Chairperson of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development Committee will move a Motion for Adoption of the Report on the Deplorable Status of Mamboleo Market in Kajulu Ward

Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 2.30p.m.,

The Leader of Majority will issue a Statement pursuant to Orders No. 41 (2) (c) on the Business upcoming before the County Assembly for the week commencing Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

### SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS OF THE DAY

The Chairperson Implementation Committee will Move a Motion for the Adoption of the Report on the Implementation Status of the House resolution on the report of Medical, Public Health and Sanitation Committee on the status of the sub-county hospitals. Thank you Hon Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Hon Abeid. I saw you on your feet

**Hon Abeid** (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Orders No. 42, I want to give a personal Statement to the House. My Statement is on the issue of insecurity in Kisumu County, specifically Kisumu Central and Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward. We the people of Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward noticed with a lot of sadness that during the President's visit on Friday, there was power in Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward for the first time in years. As soon as the President left, there was no power again.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Oginga): Order!! Hon Abeid. Your Statement is a matter of topical concern. It is my opinion that you are aware of the right way to bring a Statement of such matters to the Floor of the House. I guide that you follow the right procedure.

**Hon Abeid** (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Oginga, (Nominated Member): Next order!!

### MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF SPORTS, CULTURE, GENDER AND YOUTH AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF VARIOUS CULTURAL SITES AND FOOTBALL  
PITCHES WITHIN KISUMU COUNTY

BY

HON. NANCY MATARA, NOMINATED MEMBER

(CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON SPORTS, CULTURE, GENDER AND  
YOUTH AFFAIRS)

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Oginga): Yes, Hon Matara

**Hon Matara** (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. It is my prayer that this House adopts the reports on the Culture, Sports Culture, Gender and youth affairs on the status of various cultural sites and football pitches within Kisumu County. Honorable speaker and members, the report outlines the findings from the sites conducted by the committee on its own initiative during the extended visits. The committee visited the multiple locations throughout the county to gather first-hand information and evaluate conditions, thereby fulfilling its oversights and responsibilities. These visits were part of the committee's proactive efforts to ensure comprehensive monitoring and assessment of the county's various sites. Honorable Madam Speaker, the committee visited the following sites in the county.

1. Abindu Shrines in Kisumu West sub-county
2. Got ka Daniel Shrine in Kisumu East
3. Kit-Mikai in Seme
4. Kombewa football pitch in Nyakach
5. Alango football pitch in Kisumu East
6. Muhoroni Stadium in Muhoroni
7. Nanga football pitch in Nyakach Central.

Observation:

During the site visit, the committee noted the following issues;

1. Poor road accessibility to the sites and most pitches
2. Undefined boundaries
3. Most pitches are not well levelled and lack essential facilities such as goal posts, terraces, and changing rooms.
4. Absence of the proper structure for generating revenue.
5. Most of the sites lack proper fencing.
6. Most of the sites are located on private lands.

General recommendations

1. Infrastructure enhancement.

That the department should invest in the development and upgrading of the essential amenities such as restrooms, terraces, changing rooms, across all the football pitches constructed by the County.

2. Accessibility improvement.

The department should prioritize the construction and maintenance of access roads leading to the various sites within the County. This will ensure the smooth and safe passage for the visitors including tourists, worshippers, and sportsmen.

3. Security measures.

Install study fencing and implementing security measures to safeguard the integrity and sanctity of the sites, protecting them from encroachment, vandalism, and unauthorized access.

4. Revenue generation

The Department of Revenue should deploy staff to various tourism attraction sites to monitor and manage the revenue generated from these locations. This will ensure that the funds located, funds collected, are effectively utilized to benefit the County of Kisumu. By having dedicated personnel at these sites, the department can better oversee revenue collection, prevent potential losses, and enhance the financial resources available to community development and tourism infrastructure in the County.

5. Tourism promotions.

Develop comprehensive tourism promotion strategies and marketing campaigns to raise awareness of the cultural and natural significance of the sites. Target both domestic and international audience through digital platforms, travel agencies, and cultural events to increase visitations and economic impact.

6. Signage installation and refurbishment.

Erect clear informative signage at strategic location to enhance the visibility, recognition, and accessibility of the sites and cultural, religious, recreational landmarks. Refurbish existing signage to maintain relevance and effectiveness in guiding visitors.

Finally, Mr. Madam Speaker, I want to acknowledge all the stakeholders who participated in this exercise for their cooperation and contribution that have made preparation of this report possible. Furthermore, the committee appreciates the office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly for the continued support and steadfast support extended to the committee in fulfillment. May I also take this opportunity and thank Members and secretariat of the Standing committee for their tireless commitments in conducting of the sites visits and compilations of this report. On behalf of the committee and pursuant to the provision of Standing order No. 193 (5)(a), it is my duty and privilege to present to the County Assembly the committee report of the status on cultural sites and football pitches in Kisumu County.

It is now my pleasure and my prayer to move this motion that this House adopts the report by the Committee on Sports, Gender, culture and youth affairs on the status of various cultural sites and football pitches within Kisumu County. May I call upon Honorable Adegba to second.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Hon. Benson Adega.

**Hon. Adega** (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you Madam Speaker. First of all, I want to appreciate my able Chairperson for giving the report, which shows how we went around the county to inspect the sports and cultural centres. I therefore request the Implementation Committee to start doing its work following up. I therefore second.

*(Laughter)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honorable Members, now that the report by the Standing Committee on Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs on the Status of various Cultural Sites and Football Pitches within the county has been presented and seconded as per our Standing orders.

*(Hon. Rakwach interjects with a Point of Order)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Order!! Hon. Rakwach, you are consulting in a very loud tone. I would like to propose that the report by the Committee on Sports, culture, Gender and Youth Affairs on the Status of various Cultural Sites and Football Pitches within the county is now open for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Hon. James Were of Nyalenda “B”.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to appreciate this House Committee for having done their homework and their report so well. Madam Speaker, after going around in these different cultural centers and sports facilities that we have, we realize that there is a lot more that needs to be done. We have several facilities that are supposed to be upgraded so that they can help the county generate revenue.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the raft of recommendations that have been put forward by this House Committee, I believe that the County Executive should do much so that they can improve the access to those places, the titles for the places that do not have titles be fast-tracked. I can say major upgrades needs to be done on these facilities, then we will be sure of collecting revenue. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, I beg to support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Majority Whip, Hon. Seth Ochieng.

**The Majority Whip** (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to oppose this report but to comment on the report because the report is not comprehensive. Madam Speaker, when we talk about issues of land, we cannot just adopt reports for the sake of adopting them because when you talk about land, they have given us a report where they have indicated and stated that some of these sites are without mentioning the land numbers, the search on the names of which the lands are registered on, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, this House Committee has support staff who can visit the land offices and authenticate whether the said parcels are registered on the names of the County Government, Madam Speaker. When we talk about Abindu Shrine, Kit-Mikayi, these are parcels of land which are situated in various blocks. When the County Assembly moves further to adopt this report without the requisite instruments to gauge whether the said parcels belong to the County Government or not, then as an Assembly, I believe that we are failing the residents of Kisumu County because the report goes further to inform this House that money should be appropriated towards fencing, building of public amenities on these said parcels. Are we allocating funds to private entities or public entities? That element is lacking in this report. Madam Speaker, I believe that this House Committee still has time, with your guidance to further inform this House whether the said parcels of land belong to the County Government or not.

Otherwise, passing this report the way it was prepared, I believe that we will be failing the residents of Kisumu, the residents who are living in these areas, Madam Speaker. So, with your guidance, I believe we should give this House Committee time to give us an elaborate report, a comprehensive report with land titles, parcel numbers, block numbers, and everything. Madam Speaker rather than just passing this report like that, in that manner, I believe that we as an Assembly, we are not doing the right thing, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, when it comes to matters of land, you remember when Kofi Annan visited Kenya on the issues of land, it was Agenda 5 or Agenda 4? Whichever Agenda 4. It was never touched. Madam Speaker, there are even public amenities like hospitals, like somewhere in Hon. Dede's Ward, that is Nyahera Sub-County Hospital, which was building a private entity and it is an issue up to the moment. The County Government cannot do anything in that land because the County Government has not compensated the land owners the individual. The County Government went further to, that was during the tenure of the defunct Municipal Council then, went further to allocate money, and a hospital was built on a private land. And it is an issue which the County Government has not dispensed with.

So, Madam Speaker, this House Committee should go in and dig deeper into these matters. Let this House Committee go to the Department of Land. Land is equally a devolved function. Why did they not send some of the Chief Officers of Land to authenticate to them whether these said

parcels are registered in the County Government names or individual names? With those few remarks Madam Speaker, I rest my case. Thank you.

*(Hon. Okombo speaks off the record)*

**The Majority Whip** (Hon. Kanga, MCA Market/Milimani): Madam Speaker, I oppose the Report this is because the report is not comprehensive. The Report is half-baked and as an Assembly, we should not pass half-baked Reports. Madam Speaker, as I had said earlier, we will be doing a great disservice to the people. The committee has got all the latitude. They have got the time. There are no timelines over this report so the committee, under our able Chair, Madam Nancy Matara, and the Vice-Chair, Hon. Were, whom I believe is the member of the Assembly representing Nyalenda “B”, where land issues are very serious. The Kapuothe issue, you know about it. So I believe that this House Committee should go further and bring to us a comprehensive report. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, I oppose the report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Tom Nyaoke.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am persuaded to agree with my brother, Honourable A.K.A. Adui Nyang. Madam Speaker based on the part of the report talking about Kombewa football pitch, Kombewa is in Nyakach for clarity it is not situated in Seme.

Madam Speaker, the second paragraph on that section is saying, and I read ‘upon investigation, this House Committee uncovered that the individual responsible for this conversion asserts ownership of the land, citing possession of a valid title deed.’ Madam Speaker, if indeed this House Committee did any investigation, we very as a House expect that the appendices to that effect should have been attached to show that indeed they did some investigation. Just by visiting that site is not adequate. Again, this House Committee is saying they found out that that field, the person or the owner of the land has already planted maize in that field. Madam Speaker, this report does not mention any person or the person who is claiming to be the owner of that land.

Madam Speaker, the third paragraph is also talking about this House Committee having agreed with the area MCA to follow up and have that land reverted back to the county or to public use. Madam Speaker, there is no document to that effect and it is only not possible to interrogate the quoted MCA here to have been involved in that agreement, Madam Speaker.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, supporting this motion, just as my colleague had mentioned before, that this House Committee has got time and the prerogative to give us a complete document with pieces of necessary evidences to make us approve or support this motion for further action to be taken. Madam Speaker, if we support this motion the way it is, then possibly nothing will be able

to take place because even if we say that we will refer this matter to maybe to the Select Committee on Implementation that House Committee will have nothing to lay their hands in trying to dig in much to this particular document. Madam Speaker, it is my prayer that this House Committee look at ways and means of getting a proper report regarding the same. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to oppose this particular report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Abeid.

**Hon. Abeid** (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to add my two cents on this matter. But, mostly, I want to echo the sentiments of Hon. Kanga. I believe that we are all aware that anywhere in this country, the issue of land ownership and title deed is one of the most emotive issues that any county faces today. So I'm in agreement that this House Committee, while they did an excellent job, they should go back and bring the details just so we don't get into future confrontation with the issue of the ownership.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Dede.

**Hon. Dede Samuel Otieno** (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to speak. First, I would like to commend this House Committee for their thorough investigation during the site visits. As previously mentioned, the issue of land is highly sensitive.

Madam Speaker, I have faced similar challenges in Kisumu North Ward, where our health facility which is the Nyahera Sub-County Hospital, lacks proper land ownership by the county government. Attempting to implement projects within the facility has been problematic, forcing us to follow due processes to secure county ownership. We have been working diligently to ensure that land ownership is restored to the county, as it was previously privatized.

Madam Speaker, on the same note, take Abindu Shrines for example, which is equally situated in Kisumu North Ward, there have been issues with Abindu Shrines, where the ownership of the land does not indicate that it belongs to the county. This facility sits on private land. Again, after our visit to the Shrine, we noticed that a church has been built in that site, which you claim to be the property of the county government. Investing further in the shrine site would be a waste of resources for the Kisumu County Government. The department should prioritize projects within the area by first conducting site visits to assess the current land ownership status before proceeding with any projects. For instance, if we visit Abindu now, we will observe significant encroachments on the land.

Madam Speaker, as a County Government, we do not have the title deed for the land, and we are not fully aware of the boundaries, size, or the full extent of what Abindu encompasses. Madam

Speaker, when discussing the ownership of county properties, it is crucial that we first address the issue of land ownership before making any further investments as a county government. Madam Speaker, I oppose this report and recommend that the responsible House Committees first address the issue of land ownership before bringing it to this assembly. Therefore, I stand in opposition, Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honorable Kizito.

**Hon. Kizito** (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to call the mover to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga Nominated MCA): Yes, Honorable Nancy Matara.

**Hon. Matara** (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I take this opportunity to appreciate Members of this House for debating this report. Regarding the issue of title deeds, it is important not to single out this vibrant community, as many institutions and entities within Kisumu County also lack title deeds. We are still facing challenges in obtaining title deeds for dispensaries, cultural sites, and other entities across the county. Therefore, the issue of title deeds should not be solely attributed to this community.

Secondly, the concern arose when we discovered that the Kombewa Football Pitch had been turned into a garden where maize is now being grown. Upon investigation, we found out that the land belongs to the county, yet it is currently being used by someone else to cultivate maize. This is why we have tasked one of our members, who is also part of this House Committee, to engage with the County Executive Committee of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban development to resolve this issue. Our investigation, including visits to cultural sites and football pitches, was aimed at understanding the value for money injected to these facilities and what is required and how well to improve on them. We need to evaluate why we continue investing funds in areas where we are unlikely to generate any revenue.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, this is why we are not investing further in the Abindu Shrines at this time until some of these matters are resolved. Instead, we are focusing on finding ways to enhance these sites as a House Committee or with the department to ensure they become valuable cultural assets and assist enhance our Own Source Revenue. Currently, our investments are concentrated in Kit Mikayi and potentially Muhoroni. I've not heard anybody mentioning all those areas.

Secondly, I urge all Honorable Members to be realistic about where our funds are being allocated. We should not place undue blame on specific areas when we know where the real issues lie. Let us focus on addressing the core problems. I beg to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, now that the report by the Standing Committee on Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs on the Status of various Cultural Sites and Football Pitches within the county has been presented, seconded, and debated, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

*(Question put and negative)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, the report by the Standing Committee on Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs on their Site Visits to various Cultural Sites and Football Pitches within the county has been rejected today on Tuesday the 03<sup>rd</sup> of September 2024 at 15:23 hours. I therefore direct that this House Committee to go back and conduct further investigation and consider all matters raised by Members and report back to the House within the period of 14 working days.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next Order!!

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to consider this House stands adjourned until Wednesday the 04th of September 2024 at 09.00 a.m.

*(House rose at 03.24 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

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